

# 2008 The Car Crash Seminar: From Sign-up to Settlement

## August 14-15, 2008 • Hyatt Regency Austin • Austin, TX

### Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 14, 2008

#### Presiding Officer:

**Lesley Ann Howe Lorenz**, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX

12:00 pm	<b>Registration Opens</b>  Includes complimentary refreshments.
1:00 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Texas Auto Policy</b>  General coverage issues.  Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
1:30 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<b>To File Suit or Not to File Suit</b>  Overview of issues related to pre-suit settlements from the plaintiff lawyer's perspective.  Donald H. Kidd, Perdue & Kidd LLP - Houston, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Damages: Proof, Problems and Possibilities</b>  Proof of elements of damages, causation problems, strategy and mindset.  Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices Of Frank L. Branson PC - Dallas, TX
2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm 0.50 hr	<b>The Effective Demand Package</b>  Investigating and preparing for an effective car wreck settlement package. Learn where to get the choice pieces of information to set your case apart from the others.  Leonard B. Gabbay, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
3:15 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Don't Forget the Evidence!</b>  How and where to get the evidence you need for depositions, mediation and trial.  Allen Rogers, Dunham & Rogers - Austin, TX
3:45 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Liens and Subrogation</b>  This is the last word on the subject of liens and subrogation. No practitioner should be without it.  <b>This session time has changed - it was originally scheduled on Thursday at 3:45 p.m.</b>  Judith A. Kostura, Judge, Kostura & Putman PC - Austin, TX

4:30 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Truck Wrecks</b>  Anatomy of a truck wreck.  Frank L. Branson, The Law Offices Of Frank L. Branson PC - Dallas, TX
5:00 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

## Friday Morning, Aug. 15, 2008

### Presiding Officer:

**Price Ainsworth**, Law Offices of Price Ainsworth - Austin, TX

8:00 am	<b>Conference Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.75 hr	<b>Discovery and Depositions</b>  Do's, don'ts, what you want to get and what you want to avoid.  Brent Carpenter, Carpenter & Carpenter PC - Sugar Land, TX
9:15 am 0.50 hr	<b>Voir Dire in 30 Minutes</b>  Effective jury selection on a short clock.  Wade A. Barrow, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX
9:45 am 0.50 hr	<b>Opening and Closing</b>  Defining the case, stealing the thunder and closing the deal.  Stephen G. Boutros, Stephen Boutros, Ltd. - Houston, TX
10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Mediation</b>  How it's different from trial, strategic issues, what weight does a mediator have with an adjuster.  Moderator: Price Ainsworth, Law Offices of Price Ainsworth - Austin, TX J. Williams Coates, Attorney and Mediator - Austin, TX Randy Howry, HowryBreen LLP - Austin, TX
11:15 am 0.50 hr	<b>Direct and Cross Examination of Medical Experts: Who Will the Jury Believe?</b>  William H. Liebke, Attorney at Law - Tyler, TX

## Friday Afternoon, Aug. 15, 2008

### Presiding Officer:

**Mike Davis**, Slack & Davis LLP - Austin, TX

	<b>LUNCHEON PRESENTATION</b>
11:45 am	<b>Pick up Box Lunch</b>  Included in conference registration fee.
12:00 pm 0.75 hr ethics	<b>The Noble Lawyer and the Ignoble Client: The Ethics of Communicating Well and Managing the Client's Expectations</b>  What you always wanted to know about the ethical rules and psychology associated with various types of difficult clients. How do we ethically and effectively manage client communication and obtain justice?  William J. Chriss, of counsel to Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P. - Austin, TX
12:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
1:00 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Paid or Incurred: Recovery of Medical Expenses</b>  The presentation will focus on recent developments concerning section 41.0105 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and the practical application of the statute at the trial level.  Kirk Pittard, Durham & Pittard LLP - Dallas, TX
1:30 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Proving Medical Care in Car Wreck Cases: Problems and Pitfalls</b>  An examination of the governing evidentiary requirements and techniques used for proving up medical care expenses in automobile collision cases. The presentation highlights common obstacles and unexpected problems that arise in establishing the reasonableness of medical costs and the necessity of medical care for car wreck victims.  Sonia M. Rodriguez, Branton & Hall PC - San Antonio, TX
2:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:15 pm 0.75 hr	<b>UM/UIM: A Prelit and Litigation Overview</b>  Includes recent developments concerning causes of action, defenses, and attorneys fees.  <b>This session time has changed - it was originally scheduled on Friday at 2:15 p.m.</b>  Thomas A. Crosley, Attorney at Law - San Antonio, TX

3:00 pm  
1.00 hr

### **Do's and Don'ts in Car Wreck Cases: A Judges Panel**

Moderator:

Mike Davis, Slack & Davis LLP - Austin, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Carlos R. Cortez, 44th State Civil District Court - Dallas, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Mark D. Davidson, 11th District Court - Houston, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Carl H. Ginsberg, 193th Civil District Court - Dallas, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Martha Hill Jamison, 164th Judicial District Court - Houston, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Eric M. Shepperd, County Court at Law No. 2 - Austin, TX

4:00 pm

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