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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 30, 2015

Presiding Officer:

Lesley Howe Lorenz, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP, Austin, TX

12:00 p.m. Registration Opens Includes complimentary refreshments.

12:50 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

1:00 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Texas Auto Policies

Getting the most from your coverage.

Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law, Austin, TX

1:30 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Managing Client Expectations—Should I Take the Case?

How to manage your practice in terms of client expectations and case selection, and how to make a case rejection a win/win.

Brent Carpenter, Carpenter & Carpenter, P.C., Sugar Land, TX

2:00 p.m. .50 hr

Effectively Negotiating with the Insurance Adjuster

Maximizing case value through preparation and presentation of the demand package.

Lesley Howe Lorenz, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP, Austin, TX

2:30 p.m. .75 hr

Effective Demands for Settlement and Coverage Considerations in Personal Injury Litigation

Explore effective demand strategies from the plaintiffs' side, the *Stowers* demand as it operates within captured firms, and various coverage issues arising commonly in the course of the personal injury suit.

Scott F. DeShazo, DeShazo & Nesbitt LLP, Austin, TX J. Luke Dow, Law Offices of J. Luke Dow, Austin, TX Ashley E. Todd, Liberty Mutual Group, Inc., San Antonio, TX

3:15 p.m. Break

This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 11.00 hours, of which 2.00 credit hours will apply to legal ethics/professional responsibility credit. The University of Texas School of Law is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider (#1944), and an Oklahoma Bar Association MCLE presumptivelyapproved provider (#169).

3:30 p.m.

.50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Uninsured and Under-Insured Motorist Claims: Recent Cases with a Legislative Update

Learn strategies to present and defend uninsured and under-insured motorist claims.

Thomas A. Herald, The Noteboom Law Firm, Hurst, TX

4:00 p.m. .75 hr

Truck Wrecks

Analyze the anatomy of a truck wreck.

Frank L. Branson, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C., Dallas, TX

4:45 p.m. .50 hr

Legislative Update

A discussion of current legislative issues and outcomes affecting personal injury attorneys.

Jay Harvey, Winckler & Harvey LLP, West Lake Hills, TX

5:15 p.m.

Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 31, 2015

Presiding Officer:

Price Ainsworth, Law Offices of Price Ainsworth, P.C., Austin, TX

7:30 a.m. Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m.

.50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Deposing the Doctors and Testifiers

A car crash lawyer's guide to questioning the treating doctors and the defense paid medical opinion witness.

Will Adams, The Adams Law Firm, Katy, TX

9:00 a.m. .75 hr

Distracted Driving

Many motor vehicle collisions involve either distracted driving or misjudging the circumstances. It is important to understand both the role the distracted driver plays in a collision as well as when other factors must be evaluated.

John J. Smith, Raymond P. Smith & Associates, Parker, CO

9:45 a.m.

.75 hr

Recognizing and Preserving Auto Product Liability Cases

Nuts-and-bolts for handling auto product liability and crash-worthiness claims.

Mike Davis, Slack & Davis LLP, Austin, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.

.75 hr

Damages: Proof, Problems & Possibilities

Proof of elements of damages, causation problems, strategy and mindset.

Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C., Dallas, TX

11:30 a.m. .75 hr

Preparing for and Trying the \$5K-\$50K Car Crash Case

Learn financially affordable ways to try cases, preparation tips before trying cases and how to maximize the value of cases.

Shelly Tomlin Greco, Eberstein & Witherite LLP, Dallas, TX

12:15 p.m.

.75 hr | .25 hr ethics

Subrogation and Liens: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Learn the ever-changing rules regarding Medicare, Medicaid, ERISA, worker's comp, hospital liens, state employees, local employees, and disability plans, including safeguards created by a new state law which protects first party and portions of third party recoveries created by Ch. 140A.

Judy Kostura, Judge, Kostura & Putman, P.C., Austin, TX

1:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Rachael Klipp, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

1:20 p.m. .50 hr ethics

Lawyers and Happiness

It is well known that lawyers have one of the highest rates of depression for any field, which can affect their work and clients. Discover practical ways to find happiness in this demanding and stressful profession.

Paul Wingo, Law Offices of LAWRH, Garland, TX

1:50 p.m. Break

2:05 p.m. .75 hr

Defending Car Wreck Cases

Representing the defendant in a car wreck case—from the initial assignment to closing the file.

Ross S. Crossland, Dorsett, Johnson & Swift, LLP, Austin, TX

2:50 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Smart Tools for Smart Presentations

How you can use technology for effective courtroom presentations.

Christopher A. Meuse, KoonsFuller, P.C., Plano, TX

3:20 p.m. 1.00 hr

Story Time

Experienced practitioners share their stories and experiences on voir dire, and opening and closing arguments.

Price Ainsworth, Law Offices of Price Ainsworth, P.C., Austin, TX

Randy Howry, Howry Breen & Herman, LLP, Austin, TX

4:20 p.m. Adjourn

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CONFERENCE LOCATION



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111 E. Cesar Chavez Street Austin, Texas 512.478.9611

Special Room Rate: \$172

good through June 29 (subject to availability)

Parking:

\$5 daily self-parking; \$24 valet \$10 overnight self-parking (subject to change)

KEY DATES

July 22, 2015

last day for early registration add \$50 for registrations received after this date

July 24, 2015

last day for cancellation (full refund)

July 27, 2015

last day for cancellation (partial refund) \$50 processing fee applied

July 30, 2015, 12:50 p.m.

Conference begins

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