

2019 Car Crash Seminar
August 1-2, 2019 • Norris Conference Center • Austin, TX
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Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 1, 2019

Presiding Officer:

Quentin Brogdon, Crain Lewis Brogdon, LLP - Dallas, TX

12:00 pm In Austin Only	Registration Opens Includes complimentary refreshments.
12:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:00 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Texas Auto Policies Explore how to get the most from your coverage. Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
1:30 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims: The Ultimate Traffic Jam A review of recent cases impacting UM/UIM cases and the strategies for prosecuting and defending uninsured and underinsured motorist claims. Thomas A. Herald, Thomas A. Herald, P.C. - Bedford, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	Recognizing Product Liability Claims Learn how to spot product liability issues in catastrophic injury car crashes and evidence collection and preservation. Muhammad S. Aziz, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz - Houston, TX
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	Insurance and Rideshare Litigation Hear an overview of the law surrounding rideshare insurance and accompanying litigation, common issues encountered when taking on the various types of rideshare cases, and practical tips regarding how to best try these cases from sign-up to resolution. John C. (Jack) Zinda, Zinda Law Group, PLLC - Austin, TX Co-Author: Melinda Wetzel, Zinda Law Group, PLLC - Austin, TX
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm 0.50 hr	Litigating Traumatic Brain Injury Cases Learn about common TBI symptoms and diagnoses, brain imaging technology, expert witnesses used in TBI cases, common defenses, and ethical considerations in settling TBI cases. Thomas A. Crosley, Attorney at Law - San Antonio, TX

3:45 pm 0.50 hr	Autonomous Vehicles Autonomous vehicles no longer exist only in science fiction, and the advent of these vehicles will cause tectonic shifts in auto crash litigation. Quentin Brogdon, Crain Lewis Brogdon, LLP - Dallas, TX
4:15 pm 0.75 hr	Injury Causation in Low Property Damage Cases Hear from plaintiff and defense attorneys on best practices for assessing injuries in low property damage cases, including a review of the rationale behind these assessments. Brian L. Mincher, Eberstein & Witherite, LLP - Dallas, TX Manpreet Kaur Singh, Fanaff & Baldwin - Houston, TX Roger A. Sullivan, Sullivan Trial Lawyers, P.C. - Houston, TX
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Aug. 2, 2019

Presiding Officer:

Rachael Klipp, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX

7:30 am In Austin Only	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.50 hr	Attorney Advertising What every attorney needs to know before spending a dollar on advertising. Paul Wingo, Hamilton Wingo, LLP - Dallas, TX
9:00 am 0.50 hr	Chapter 18.001 Affidavits, Post-HB 1693: What Changed, and What Remains the Same The Texas Legislature just made important amendments to Chapter 18.001. Find out how the amendments will change your practice. Jennifer Mauer Lee, Fee Smith Sharp & Vitullo LLP - Dallas, TX
9:30 am 0.50 hr	From Deposition to Cross-Examination: Finding It, Organizing It, and Using It Cover the nuts and bolts of deposition and cross-examination techniques, including using a deposition to gather the information necessary to prepare a cross-examination strategy in order to control the witness at trial. Mike Davis, Slack Davis Sanger LLP - Austin, TX
10:00 am	Break

10:15 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Defense Perspective on Medical Records Hear from defense attorneys in the purpose, analysis, and use of medical records. Erin L. Westendorf-Boyd, Chamberlain McHaney - Austin, TX Melissa White, The Snell Law Firm, PLLC - Austin, TX
10:45 am 0.50 hr	Turning Weaknesses into Strengths at Trial Hear lessons in overcoming common damages defenses (i.e. pre-existing conditions, low property damage, “gaps” in treatment, criminal records, etc.) and how to embrace your client’s story. Stephanie Baenisch, Loncar Associates - Dallas, TX
11:15 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Subrogation and Liens Examine the ever-changing rules regarding Medicare, Medicaid, ERISA, workers' comp, hospital liens, state employees, local employees, and disability plans. Explore safeguards created by a state law which protects first party and portions of third-party recoveries from many insured plans. Judy Kostura, Judge, Kostura & Putman, P.C. - Austin, TX
12:00 pm In Austin Only	Pick Up Lunch (in Austin) Included in registration.

Friday Afternoon, Aug. 2, 2019

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 pm 0.75 hr ethics	Lawyer Wellness Get evidence-based strategies to help navigate the stress of our extremely demanding profession. Learn how small changes in our daily approach to the practice of law can greatly improve work-life balance. Price Ainsworth, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX Erica Grigg, Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program - Austin, TX
1:05 pm	Break
1:20 pm 0.50 hr	Trying the Car Wreck Case from the Defense Perspective A defense lawyer's opinion about why cases are lost. Bob Grove, Retired, Grove, Ehlinger & Deaderick - Boerne, TX

1:50 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Not Just A Big Car Crash: Yin and Yang Trucking Tips and Pitfalls</p> <p>This presentation focuses on prosecuting and defending a trucking lawsuit from the plaintiff and defense perspective, including a discussion of recent state and national trends in trucking litigation.</p> <p>Todd Clement, Clement + Speer - Dallas, TX William M. Toles, Fee, Smith, Sharp & Vitullo - Dallas, TX</p>
2:50 pm	Break
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Moving the Insurance Adjuster Needle</p> <p>Hear tips for plaintiff and defense counsel to bring the insurance adjuster to a realistic evaluation of the case, for the benefit of not just the plaintiff and counsel, but also the defendant insured and counsel.</p> <p>Ross S. Crossland, The Crossland Law Firm - Austin, TX</p>
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>View From the Mediator</p> <p>Explore effective mediation strategies. What does the mediator need from you? What does your opponent need from you? What helps and what doesn't?</p> <p>John Rubin, Rubin Law Firm, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
4:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>View from the Bench: Trial Basics</p> <p>Hear observations and guidance from a trial judge.</p> <p>Hon. Eric Montgomery Shepperd, Travis County Court at Law No. 2 - Austin, TX</p>
4:45 pm	Adjourn