

2026 The Car Crash Seminar
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Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 27, 2026

Presiding Officer:

Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon LLP - Dallas, TX

11:30 am In Austin Only	Registration Opens
12:20 pm	Welcoming Remarks
12:30 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Texas Auto Policies Statutory and case law that impact different coverage under Texas automobile policies. Henry L. Moore, Moore Bomben - Austin, TX
1:15 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	UM/UIM This presentation addresses recent cases impacting UM/UIM cases, as well as strategies and tips for prosecuting and for defending uninsured and under-insured motorist claims and bad faith litigation. Robert E. Valdez, Valdez & Treviño - San Antonio, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Negotiating with the Adjuster: Practical Insights into Claim Evaluation Learn how adjusters evaluate claims and assess risk, and discover practical strategies to strengthen negotiations and maximize opportunities for resolution. Katherine M. Wyatt, Skelton & Woody PLLC - Austin, TX
2:30 pm	15-Minute Break
2:45 pm 0.75 hr ethics	Immigration Issues affecting Plaintiffs and Defendants Immigration status affects access to medical care, jobs, and the courts. This presentation focuses on case law, regulations, and statutes regarding due process, lost earning capacity, newly enhanced commercial driving safety regulations, and limits on unethical closing arguments. Judy Kostura, Sorrels Law - Austin, TX
3:30 pm 0.75 hr	Low Property Damage Cases Prosecuting and defending personal injury cases with minor property damage can present challenges. Hear about the experiences and strategies from the plaintiff and defense perspectives. Price Ainsworth, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX Catherine Marsolan, Wright & Greenhill, P.C. - Volente, TX
	Non-Economic Damages

4:15 pm 0.75 hr	In June of 2023, the Texas Supreme Court issued <i>Gregory v. Chohan</i> , a blockbuster new opinion on non-economic damages that raised as many questions as it provided answers. Where do we now stand in the wake of <i>Gregory</i> ? Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon LLP - Dallas, TX
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Aug. 28, 2026

8:00 am In Austin Only	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.50 hr	Medical Expenses in Car Crash Cases This presentation discusses the nuts and bolts of proving or challenging medical expenses in car crash cases, including: the current state of TCPRC Section 18.001 after <i>In re Allstate</i> , strategies for striking (or not striking) 18.001 counter-affidavits, the use of depositions by written questions, and other non-party and expert discovery issues arising from recent Texas Supreme Court case law. Meredith Smith, Law Office of Richard J. Presutti, P.C. - Houston, TX
9:00 am 0.50 hr	DME/IME Paul N. Gold, Aversano & Gold - Houston, TX
9:30 am 0.50 hr	Getting the Records to Testify In minimum-limits and soft-tissue cases, calling a medical expert witness live or by deposition often isn't economically feasible. In this presentation, we tackle arguments for the appropriate and effective use of medical records to prove injury, causation, and damages. With special attention paid to expert disclosures and the role of the treating physician as expert witness. Andy Jones, Sawicki Law - Dallas, TX
10:00 am	15-Minute Break
10:15 am 0.75 hr	Brain Injury in the Car Crash Case: From Concussion to Courtroom This presentation bridges the gap between medical science and trial practice in traumatic brain injury litigation. It covers how brain injuries are defined, how they are diagnosed, and how lawyers can present them persuasively to judges, juries, and adjusters. Thomas Crosley, Crosley Law - San Antonio, TX
11:00 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Subrogation and Liens Does Medicare require a set aside? Does Medicaid get the child's recovery? Are you familiar with hospital lien legislation in 2019 and 2021 and whether a freestanding ER can file a lien? If you don't know the answers to these questions, come learn these issues and more! Guy D. Choate, Webb, Stokes & Sparks, L.L.P. - San Angelo, TX

11:45 am In Austin Only	Pick Up Lunch (in Austin)
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Friday Afternoon, Aug. 28, 2026

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:05 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p>Serving Two Masters: The Ins and Outs of the Tripartite Relationship</p> <p>Hear an analysis of the relationship between the insured, insurer, and attorney, conflicts that arise in the relationship, <i>Tilley</i> and subsequent case law, and the ethical dilemmas in knowing who you really represent.</p> <p>Moderator: Robert E. Valdez, Valdez & Treviño - San Antonio, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Patricia O'Connell Alvarez (Ret.), Fourth Court of Appeals - San Antonio, TX John Martinez, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company - San Antonio, TX</p>
1:05 pm	15-Minute Break
1:20 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Common Grievance Committee Issues in Personal Injury Practice</p> <p>Nicole E. Jackson, Rosenblatt Law Firm - San Antonio, TX</p>
1:50 pm 0.50 hr ethics	<p>The Role of the Guardian ad Litem</p> <p>Michael E. Bourland, Witt, McGregor & Bourland, P.L.L.C. - Waco, TX</p>
2:20 pm 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>View from the Bench</p> <p>Practical advice for how to conduct effective, ethical, and efficient discovery.</p> <p>Moderator: Donald H. Kidd, Perdue & Kidd - Houston, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Rosie Alvarado, 438th District Court - San Antonio, TX Hon. Kristen Hawkins, 11th Judicial District - Houston, TX Hon. Martin J. Hoffman, 68th District Court - Dallas, TX</p>
3:20 pm	15-Minute Break
3:35 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Commercial Vehicle Accidents 101</p> <p>Learn about commercial vehicle litigation from the plaintiff and defense perspective. The presentation includes litigation involving tractor-trailers, and other commercial vehicles.</p> <p>Shelly Tomlin Greco, Dallas, TX Mitzi S. Mayfield, Underwood - Amarillo, TX</p>
4:35 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Combining Storytelling and Themes for Successful Outcomes</p> <p>Review strategies for storytelling that resonate with the jury and judges and aligns with legal principles of negligence, liability, and compensation.</p> <p>Dicky Grigg, Law Office of Dicky Grigg, PC - Austin, TX</p>

5:05 pm

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