

2015 Winning at Deposition: Skills and Strategy
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Thursday Morning, Sep. 24, 2015

Presiding Officer:

Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX

8:00 am	<p>Registration Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:50 am	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p>
9:00 am 0.75 hr	<p>Developing a Winning Strategy</p> <p>Learn the failsafe tricks to ensure you have a winning strategy at depositions.</p> <p>Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX</p>
9:45 am 0.50 hr	<p>Essential Rules for Deposing on Behalf of the Plaintiff</p> <p>When representing the plaintiff, learn the basic, but essential steps for a successful deposition of defendant's expert, a witness or the defendant.</p> <p>In Dallas: Windle Turley, Turley Law Firm - Dallas, TX In Houston: Jim M. Perdue Jr., Perdue & Kidd, LLP - Houston, TX</p>
10:15 am 0.50 hr	<p>Developing Your Trial Cross Through the Adverse Deposition</p> <p>Discover effective techniques for getting the answers you need from an adverse witness.</p> <p>In Dallas: Stephen C. Rasch, Thompson & Knight LLP - Dallas, TX In Houston: David J. Beck, Beck Redden LLP - Houston, TX</p>
10:45 am	<p>Break</p>
11:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>From the Coach's Corner: Deposition Preparation by a Trial Consultant</p> <p>Learn the secrets of successful witness preparation.</p> <p>Jason S. Bloom, Bloom Strategic Consulting, Inc. - Dallas, TX</p>

11:30 am
0.50 hr

Preparing Your Witness for Deposition

Witnesses win cases, and lose them. Learn how to keep your witness from giving it all up in a deposition and how to use the deposition to help prepare your witness to be a winner at trial.

In Dallas:

Brian E. Robison, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP - Dallas, TX

Materials By:

Robert C. Walters, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP - Dallas, TX

In Houston:

Erica W. Harris, Susman Godfrey LLP - Houston, TX

12:00 pm

Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

Thursday Afternoon, Sep. 24, 2015

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 pm
0.75 hr

Judicial Perspective on Deposition Disputes and the Use of Depositions at Trial

District court judges share their views on how attorneys should handle disputes at depositions and how attorneys should present depositions at trial.

In Dallas:

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Hon. Bonnie Lee Goldstein, 44th District Court - Dallas, TX

Hon. Tonya Parker, 116th District Court - Dallas, TX

Hon. S. Craig Smith, 192nd District Court - Dallas, TX

Hon. Staci Williams, 101st District Court - Dallas, TX

In Houston:

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Hon. Jaclanel M. McFarland, 133rd District Court - Houston, TX

Hon. Michael D. Miller, 11th District Court - Houston, TX

Hon. Robert K. Schaffer, 152nd District Court - Houston, TX

1:05 pm

Break

1:20 pm
0.50 hr

Beating the Expert

Find out how to take an expert's deposition—how to avoid being intimidated and how to set realistic, attainable goals when you depose the "expert."

This session has moved to 2:20 PM Thursday.

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

<p>1:50 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p>Defending the Expert Deposition</p> <p>There is an art to preparing an expert for her deposition so she succeeds. Learn how to successfully prepare the expert and defend her once the deposition begins.</p> <p>In Dallas: Dawn Estes, Estes Okon Thorne & Carr PLLC - Dallas, TX In Houston: Adam P. Schiffer, Schiffer Odom Hicks & Johnson PLLC - Houston, TX</p>
<p>2:20 pm 0.50 hr ethics</p>	<p>Overcoming the Problem Witness</p> <p>Acquire the techniques to use against witnesses who feign ignorance, are evasive and are combative.</p> <p><i>This session has moved to 1:20 PM Thursday.</i></p> <p>Frank L. Branson, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
<p>2:50 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p>How to Take a Deposition in a Contract Case</p> <p>Understand the unique strategies for taking a deposition in a contract case.</p> <p>In Dallas: Eric W. Pinker, Lynn Tillotson Pinker & Cox, LLP - Dallas, TX In Houston: Christopher W. Martin, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. - Houston, TX</p>
<p>3:20 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:30 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p>Taking the Deposition of a Corporate Representative</p> <p>A review of the rules plus discussion of practical ways to maximize testimony from a corporate representative.</p> <p>In Dallas: Robert D. Crain, Crain Lewis Brogdon, LLP - Dallas, TX In Houston: Paul N. Gold, Aversano & Gold - Houston, TX</p>
<p>4:00 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p>Using Documents to Win Your Case</p> <p>Master the skills necessary to authenticate documents and use them at a deposition to win your case.</p> <p>In Dallas: Heather A. Kanny, Fraley & Fraley, LLP - Dallas, TX In Houston: Don Jackson, Ware, Jackson, Lee, O'Neill, Smith & Barrow, LLP - Houston, TX</p>
<p>4:30 pm 0.50 hr ethics</p>	<p>Putting Combative Lawyers in Their Place</p> <p>Do not get intimidated by overzealous opposing counsel. Instead, use these techniques to defuse a potential disaster in an ethical and professional manner.</p> <p>In Dallas: Charla G. Aldous, Aldous Law Firm - Dallas, TX In Houston: Michael T. Gallagher, The Gallagher Law Firm - Houston, TX</p>

