


# 2020 Texas NAELA Summer Conference

## July 29, 2020 • Live Webcast

### Wednesday Morning, July 29, 2020

**Presiding Officer:**

**Lori A. Leu**, Leu & Peirce - Plano, TX

8:00 am	<p><a href="#">Virtual Exhibit Hall Open</a></p> <p>Please take time to visit our sponsors and exhibitors in the <a href="#">virtual exhibit hall</a>. You have the opportunity to meet with sponsors and exhibitors in our Zoom room to hear about their products and services and also possibly win some great prizes.</p>
8:50 am	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Thank You to Our Exclusive Webcast Sponsor:</b></p> 
9:00 am 1.00 hr	<p><b>Elder Law Practice Management</b></p> <p>Remote work, parking lot signings, and Zoom calls, Oh My! Explore hot topics of running an elder law practice in the current environment, this session will cover creative marketing, technology, and staffing. Please submit your questions in advance to <a href="mailto:ConferenceQA@utcle.org">ConferenceQA@utcle.org</a>.</p> <p>Kelley M. Bentley, The Bentley Law Firm - Houston, TX          Bryn A. Poland, Mayo &amp; Poland PLLC - Baytown, TX          P. James Rainey, Rainey &amp; Rainey LP - Waco, TX</p>
10:00 am	<p><b>5-Minute Break</b></p>
10:05 am 0.50 hr	<p><b>MERP - Collaboration with HHSC for Optimal Results</b></p> <p>Examine an overview of MERP, documentation requirements, and when collaboration is needed.</p> <p>Jennifer Ann Lusk, HMS - Irving, TX</p>
10:35 am	<p><b>5-Minute Break</b></p>
10:40 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p><b>COVID-19 Panel - Changes in Times of Uncertainty</b></p> <p>Explore ways to pivot a practice during unprecedented business environments, as well as how to prepare documents for clients who can't meet in person to execute, and current and potential future relief from physical execution requirements.</p> <p>Monica A. Benson, Katten &amp; Benson - Fort Worth, TX          Eric Reis, Thompson &amp; Knight LLP - Dallas, TX</p>

11:40 am

**Break for Lunch - Presentations Resume at 1:00**

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**Wednesday Afternoon, July 29, 2020**

**Presiding Officer:**

**John R. McNair**, J. McNair Dallas Law P.C. - Dallas, TX

1:00 pm  
0.75 hr

**StarPlus Waiver Benefits: The Greatest Home Care Program Ever! (AKA Making It Happen With StarPlus Waiver)**

StarPlus Waiver (a Texas Medicaid home care program) can provide 30-50 hours a week of home care services to clients. StarPlus Waiver can help prevent placement of the client into a nursing home. To successfully obtain benefits for clients, the StarPlus Waiver program requires pre-planning for the attorney and client. Explore the financial and medical requirement for StarPlus Waiver benefits, examine an overview of the StarPlus Waiver application process from interest list to benefits, and review common StarPlus Waiver application challenges and care provider challenges and how to work through them.

Christina Leshner, The Law Office of Christina Leshner, PC - Houston, TX  
Robert Pierce, The Law Office of Christina Leshner, PC - Houston, TX  
Mayte Alvarez, Law Office of Christina Leshner, PC - Houston, TX

1:45 pm

**5-Minute Break**

1:50 pm  
0.75 hr ethics

**Attorney Wellness: Speaking Up, Reaching Out**

Mental health issues are taboo discussions at the workplace, yet when attorneys consider suicide, it's often a result of work-related stress. Explore real-world tips and information on how to spot a mental health crisis in someone you work with, and what to do once you are aware of a problem.

Stephanie Townsend Allala, Townsend Allala, Coulter & Kludt PLLC - El Paso, TX

2:35 pm

**5-Minute Break**

<p>2:40 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics</p>	<p><b>Irrevocable Retained Interest Trusts in Medicaid Planning- Is your Home Made of Sticks or Bricks?</b></p> <p>Explore the use of irrevocable trusts for protection of excess resources and avoidance of Medicaid estate recovery for a potential long-term care Medicaid applicant/client while maintaining some elements of control for tax purposes.</p> <p>Michael B. Cohen, Michael B. Cohen and Associates - Dallas, TX</p>
<p>3:25 pm</p>	<p><b>5-Minute Break</b></p>
<p>3:30 pm 1.00 hr</p>	<p><b>Psychological Approaches to Difficult or Impaired Elders and Their Families</b></p> <p>Discuss concepts, insights, and skills for adult children of chronically unpleasant older parents. Gain insight on assessing various capacities in older adults, such as financial management, contractual, and testamentary.</p> <p>Paul K. Chafetz, Paul K. Chafetz, Phd PLLC - Dallas, TX</p>
<p>4:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Adjourn to Annual Meeting</b></p>
	<p><b>Join TX NAELA at 5:30 p.m. for their virtual Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held in Zoom and you will receive more information by email.</b></p>