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Thursday Morning, Nov. 7, 2013

Presiding Officer:

Jamie Penton Cooper, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. - Houston, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks Jamie Penton Cooper, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. - Houston, TX

How-To Sessions: The Nuts and Bolts of an Insurance Law Practice

8:35 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	How to Select and Manage an Expert Witness In an Insurance Case: The Care and Feeding of Experts Experts cost money. Hear how the relationship between the attorney and the expert needs to develop, strategy decisions the lawyer has to make, document handling and privileges. This session has moved to Friday at 8:35 a.m. Moderator: Stephen E. Walraven, Langley & Banack, Inc. - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Thomas H. Veitch, Langley & Banack, Inc. - San Antonio, TX Walter C. Zimmer, Zimmer Associates - The Colony, TX
9:05 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	How to Handle eDiscovery Issues eDiscovery is now part of insurance litigation as more and more carriers and policyholders utilize digital document storage solutions. Hear a practical examination of potential problems in this area, as well as their solutions. Bryan Foster, Deloitte LLP - Houston, TX Jennifer Mott Williams, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP - Houston, TX
9:50 am	Break
10:00 am 0.50 hr	Generation Gap: Coverage Litigation with Generation X and Y vs. Older Generation Juries Juries are now more diverse than ever before. How do insurance litigators bridge the coverage gap? R. Brent Cooper, Cooper & Scully, P.C. - Dallas, TX

10:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>How to Submit Your Claims and Defenses Based on the New Jury Charges</p> <p>A work-in-progress, the Pattern Jury Charges may soon have insurance-specific forms. This session discusses that effort, and what it means for practitioners and courts.</p> <p>Mark L. Kincaid, George, Brothers, Kincaid & Horton LLP - Austin, TX</p>
11:00 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>How to Sleep Better: Ten Traps for the Weary Insurance Lawyer</p> <p>Would you recognize a coverage issue if you saw one? How about disqualification and being "witnessed out"? Hear a practical discussion of 10 problems, and their solutions.</p> <p>Dale Jefferson, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. - Houston, TX</p>
11:45 am	<p>Pick Up Lunch</p> <p>Included in registration.</p>

Thursday Afternoon, Nov. 7, 2013

Presiding Officer:

Stephen A. Melendi, Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP - Dallas, TX

	<p>Thank You To Our Luncheon Sponsor</p> <p>Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.</p>
	<p>LUNCHEON PRESENTATION</p>
12:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Lessons Learned from <i>Lennar Homes</i></p> <p>Hear from a panel of coverage lawyers and in-house counsel about the lessons and impacts from the Texas Supreme Court's recent decision in <i>Lennar Homes v. Markel</i>.</p> <p>Moderator: Robert M. (Randy) Roach Jr., Roach & Newton, L.L.P. - Houston, TX Jamie R. Carsey, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP - Houston, TX J. James Cooper, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP - Houston, TX Materials By: Ruth Sarah Lee, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
12:45 pm	<p>Break</p>

Policyholder Track

Presiding Officer:

Douglas P. Skelley, Shidlofsky Law Firm PLLC - Austin, TX

	<p>Policyholder Track</p> <p>This series features an expert team of lawyers who provide answers from the policyholders' perspective to the most frequently asked, and not so frequently asked, but possibly more important, questions.</p> <p>Track Faculty</p> <p>Moderator: Douglas P. Skelley, Shidlofsky Law Firm PLLC - Austin, TX Robert J. Cunningham, Roach & Newton, LLP - Houston, TX Stephen L. Moll, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP - Houston, TX Vincent E. Morgan, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP - Houston, TX</p>
1:15 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	How to Draft Claim Communications that Help Win Your Client's Case
1:45 pm 0.50 hr	How to Depose the Carrier's Corporate Representative
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	How to Get Your Claim Paid
2:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	How Claims Can Go Wrong
3:15 pm	Break

Claims Professionals Track

Presiding Officer:

Stephen A. Melendi, Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP - Dallas, TX

	<p>Claims Professionals Track</p> <p>Experienced faculty provide an eye-opening view of real-life scenarios and answer the difficult questions for claims professionals.</p> <p>Track Faculty</p> <p>George H. Arnold, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP - Houston, TX Amanda J. Kujda, Hall Maines Lugin, P.C. - Houston, TX Brian S. Martin, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, L.L.P. - Houston, TX</p>
1:15 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	How to Document Your Good Faith
1:45 pm 0.50 hr	How to Investigate a Claim without Looking under Every Rock
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	How to Rescue a Claim with Outside-the-Box Solutions

2:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	How to Tackle Fraud
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	How to Manage Appraisal and Its Aftermath Why is appraisal not the solution everyone hoped it would be? How can it be fixed? How do you properly invoke it and resist it? Dealing with the aftermath of a bad appraisal. Rhonda J. Thompson, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP - Dallas, TX
4:00 pm 1.00 hr ethics	How to Practice in My Court: Judges' Panel Hear from a panel of current and former judges about how you can improve your chances of success in the courtroom. Moderator: Christopher W. Martin, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. - Houston, TX Panelists: Hon. Reece Rondon, Hall Maines Lugin, P.C. - Houston, TX Hon. R. K. Sandill, 127th District Court - Houston, TX
5:00 pm	Adjourn to Reception Thank You To Our Sponsor McGuireWoods LLP

Friday Morning, Nov. 8, 2013

Presiding Officer:

Vincent E. Morgan, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP - Houston, TX

8:00 am	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:35 am 0.50 hr	Who Owes What When: Prompt Payment and Reimbursement When a carrier is obligated to pay, there are time limits to do so. This session explores the latest developments on when an insured may be obligated to reimburse those payments. This session has moved to Thursday at 8:35 a.m. Karen K. Milhollin, Hall Maines Lugin, P.C. - Houston, TX

9:05 am 0.75 hr	In-House Panel: What Clients Think Hear from a panel of in-house insurance professionals including a risk manager at a <i>Fortune</i> 500 energy company, a senior claims officer at an insurer and a broker. This group shares their views on a range of topics on how they address coverage issues from the placement process through the claim stage. Moderator: Vincent E. Morgan, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP - Houston, TX Andy Hamilton, Spectra Energy Corp - Houston, TX Kevin Sparks, Marsh Inc. - Houston, TX
9:50 am	Break

Breakout Sessions Group I

10:10 am 0.50 hr	Construction Defect Coverage Lee H. Shidlofsky, Shidlofsky Law Firm PLLC - Austin, TX
10:10 am 0.50 hr	Marketing and Advertising: Social Media for Law Firms Stacey E. Burke, Stacey E. Burke, P.C. - Houston, TX
10:10 am 0.50 hr	Workers' Compensation Case Law Roundup: Herding a Texas Cat or Two Robert F. Josey, Hanna & Plaut, LLP - Austin, TX David L. Plaut, Hanna & Plaut, LLP - Austin, TX

Breakout Sessions Group II

10:40 am 0.50 hr	Owner Controlled Insurance Programs (OCIPs) Beth D. Bradley, Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP - Dallas, TX
10:40 am 0.50 hr	What's In a Name: Making Sure You Have Insurance for the Right Entities and Individuals and What to Do If You Don't Michael W. Huddleston, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. - Dallas, TX
10:40 am 0.50 hr	The Tech-Driven Practice Paul Malouf, Malouf Media - Dallas, TX

Breakout Sessions Group III

11:10 am 0.50 hr	How to Mediate Coverage Issues Cases with coverage issues are notoriously hard to settle. Learn what to look for in a mediator and how to maximize the opportunity for successful resolution of coverage disputes and coverage issues in underlying cases. Vincent E. Morgan, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP - Houston, TX Warren Taylor, Taylor, Taylor & Russell - Houston, TX
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11:10 am 0.50 hr	Malpractice Claims Against Coverage Attorneys J. Mark Lawless, McGuireWoods LLP - Austin, TX
11:10 am 0.50 hr	The Five-Hour Trial and Motions to Dismiss Adam F. Massey, Adams and Reese LLP - Houston, TX Hon. Jeffrey A. Shadwick, 55th District Court - Houston, TX
11:10 am 0.50 hr	Appellate Issues in Insurance Cases Karen A. Conticello, Legge, Farrow, Kimmitt, McGrath & Brown, L.L.P. - Houston, TX
11:40 am	Pick Up Lunch Included in registration.

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Vincent E. Morgan, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP - Houston, TX

	Thank You To Our Luncheon Sponsor Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P.
	Keynote Luncheon Presentation
12:00 pm 0.75 hr	Tackling Disaster Claims Recent years have seen an uptick in the frequency and severity of catastrophe losses. Hear from one of the leading national experts on handling disaster claims who has worked on 9/11 claims, the Boston Marathon bombing, Super Storm Sandy, Hurricane Katrina and other disasters. He brings a unique perspective to the investigation and resolution of these claims. Charles P. Meade, Thornton Tomasetti, Inc. - New York, NY
12:45 pm	Break
12:55 pm 0.50 hr	Coming Attractions: Trends in Insurance Coverage Disputes Want to know where things might be headed in coverage disputes? This session examines new changes to common policy forms, emerging issues and likely areas of dispute over the coming years. Ernest Martin Jr., Haynes and Boone, LLP - Dallas, TX

1:25 pm 0.67 hr	<p>Additional Insured Issues: Lessons Learned from the BP Transocean Litigation</p> <p>Transferring risk through additional insured and indemnity provisions has been around for a long time but getting it right requires a careful approach. This presentation walks through these issues and offers practical tips along the way.</p> <p>Robert J. Cunningham, Roach & Newton, LLP - Houston, TX</p>
2:05 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Case Law and Legislative Updates</p> <p>An update on recent cases and statutory changes that touch on key issues.</p> <p>Catherine L. Hanna, Hanna & Plaut, LLP - Austin, TX</p>
2:35 pm	<p>Break</p>
2:45 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Downhole, Offshore and Blowouts: Primer on Oil and Gas Coverage</p> <p>Oil and gas is back, and this session gives an overview of what you need to know about coverage issues in the oil patch.</p> <p>Claude L. Stuart III, Phelps Dunbar LLP - Houston, TX</p>
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Cyber Liability and Data Loss Claims</p> <p>Insurance claims and litigation have followed high-profile data breaches and other cybersecurity issues. An examination of policy forms, coverage issues and relevant documents to help you get up to speed in this developing area of insurance.</p> <p>Michael Sean Quinn, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX</p>
4:00 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>