

35th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships
July 16-17, 2026 • AT&T Conference Center • Austin, TX
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Thursday Morning, July 16, 2026

Presiding Officer:

K. "Andy" Tiwari, CJMA Business Law and Litigation - San Antonio, TX

7:45 am In Austin Only	<p>Registration Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:20 am	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p>
8:30 am 1.00 hr	<p>Case Law Update</p> <p>A survey of recent Texas cases addressing significant issues (fiduciary duties, piercing the entity veil, and more) in the context of LLCs and partnerships (including limited partnerships and LLPs).</p> <p>Elizabeth S. Miller, Baylor Law School - Waco, TX Douglas K. Moll, University of Houston Law Center - Houston, TX</p>
9:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>A Texas Business Court Update: The Court at (Almost) Two Years of Age</p> <p>(Almost) two years in, how goes the Court?</p> <p>Hon. Grant Dorfman, Texas Business Court, Eleventh Division - Houston, TX</p>
10:15 am	<p>15-Minute Break</p>
10:30 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Drafting LLC Agreements Part 1: Formation, Governance, Transfers, and Other Non-Tax Matters</p> <p>Review of key common provisions in company agreements for LLCs, including tips regarding formation, decision-making and other governance matters, transfers of interests, and winding up</p> <p>John C. Ale, Attorney and Arbitrator (Retired) - Houston, TX Cecil (Tres) Bain III, Kreager Mitchell PLLC - Boerne, TX</p>
11:15 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Drafting LLC Agreements Part 2: Tax Matters (Federal, State & Local)</p> <p>A focused look at the tax provisions that distinguish LLC agreements from other entity documents, including allocations of income and loss, capital account maintenance under Section 704(b), tax distributions, and the partnership audit rules.</p> <p>Brady J. Cox, Jackson Walker LLP - Dallas, TX Bill Wilson, Whitley Penn, LLP - Plano, TX</p>
	<p>Asset Protection</p>

12:00 pm 0.75 hr	Joseph Michael Dickerson, The JM Dickerson Law Firm - New Braunfels, TX
12:45 pm In Austin Only	Pick Up Lunch

Thursday Afternoon, July 16, 2026

Presiding Officer:

Cliff Ernst, McGinnis Lochridge - Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

1:05 pm 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Using Technology in Practice</p> <p>Andrew M. Edge, McGinnis Lochridge - Austin, TX</p>
1:35 pm	15-Minute Break
1:50 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Update on Compensatory Payments in Pass-Through Entities</p> <p>This panel examines and contrasts the employment and self-employment tax treatment of owners in limited partnerships, LLCs, and S corporations. It highlights the Tax Court's Soroban decision and the Fifth Circuit's Sirius case, which address self-employment tax for limited partners and LLC members. The panel also explores issues of reasonable compensation in S corporation employment tax rulings.</p> <p>Dan G. Baucum, FBFK Law - Plano, TX Robert R. Keatinge, Holland & Hart LLP - Denver, CO</p>
2:35 pm 0.50 hr ethics	<p>AI Tools and Privacy Risks</p> <p>Andrew M. Edge, McGinnis Lochridge - Austin, TX</p>
3:05 pm	15-Minute Break
3:20 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Family Business and Estate Planning</p> <p>Gene Wolf, Kemp Smith LLP - El Paso, TX</p>
4:05 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p>Ethics: Rule of Law</p> <p>2025-2026 State Bar of Texas President, Santos Vargas, will speak about access to justice and his "Stand With Santos" campaign and share highlights of his presidency of the State Bar.</p> <p>Santos Vargas, Immediate Past President State Bar of Texas - San Antonio, TX</p>
5:05 pm In Austin Only	<p>Adjourn Networking Reception (5:05 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.)</p> <p>Enjoy refreshments and a networking opportunity with colleagues, conference faculty, and planning committee members.</p>

Friday Morning, July 17, 2026

8:00 am In Austin Only	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.75 hr	Texas Secretary of State Update Learn about filing tips and resources that can make your transactions with the Texas Secretary of State (SOS) easier and more predictable; hear updates on the agency's ongoing system modernization program, including an overview of online services both available now as well as a preview of the business entity filings component under development in SOSPortal. David R. Eskew, Texas Secretary of State - Austin, TX
9:15 am 0.75 hr	Issues in Connection with a Capital Contribution of Real Property Frank Z. Ruttenberg, University of Texas System - San Antonio, TX
10:00 am	15-Minute Break
10:15 am 0.75 hr	Primexx Energy: the Texas Business Court Looks at Fiduciary Duties, Good Faith, and the Limited Partnership Agreement <i>In Primexx Energy Opportunity Fund v. Primexx Energy Corporation</i> the Texas Business Court discussed the duties of loyalty, care, and to act in good faith of controlling partners and the extent to which such duties could be modified in the partnership agreement. This panel discusses the take aways from <i>Primexx Energy</i> , what it means for those organizing or interpreting limited partnership agreement. Christine Hurt, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law - Dallas, TX Robert R. Keatinge, Holland & Hart LLP - Denver, CO
11:00 am 0.75 hr	Restrictive Covenants in Partnership Agreements This presentation covers unique issues pertaining to restrictive covenants, particularly noncompetes, in the context of partnership agreements. Key topics include: enforceability standards, forfeiture clauses, and the differences from and interplay with employment-based restrictive covenants. We also discuss key case law and recent litigation examples to help frame the key topics in a practical sense. Taylor E. White, Winstead PC - Dallas, TX
11:45 am 1.00 hr ethics	What you need to know about Ethics in 2026, AI, and Protecting You from You! Law school ethics courses taught us to basically just do the right thing and assured us that we would be alright—but that doesn't work anymore. Times have changed, AI is raging through our practices, and ethics rules have changed more in the last decade than in the three previous decades combined! It's a new day and time for an update! Gaines West, West Webb Allbritton & Gentry P.C. - College Station and Austin, TX
12:45 pm	

