

2014 The Car Crash Seminar
July 31 - August 1, 2014 • AT&T Conference Center • Austin, TX

Thursday Afternoon, July 31, 2014

Presiding Officers:

Rachael Klipp, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX

Lesley Howe Lorenz, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX

12:00 pm	Registration Opens
12:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:00 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Texas Standard Auto Policy What to look for in your client's policy and what to expect from the defendant's. Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
1:45 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Taking the Case Intake—learn how to screen and evaluate the case, including ethical issues to consider. Brent Carpenter, Carpenter & Carpenter, P.C. - Sugar Land, TX
2:15 pm 0.75 hr	Working up the Case and Demand Package Plaintiff's intake through the demand package. J. Luke Dow, Law Offices of J. Luke Dow - Austin, TX Janiella C. Shirley, Law Offices of Kilpatrick, White & Deas - San Antonio, TX
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm 0.50 hr	Negotiating with the Insurance Adjuster Maximizing case values during the negotiation process. Curtis J. Kurhajec, Naman Howell Smith & Lee - Austin, TX
3:45 pm 0.75 hr ethics	Managing Client Expectations How to manage your practice in terms of client expectations and case selection, including how to identify and avoid problem clients and counterproductive undertakings. William J. Chriss, Law Office of William J. Chriss, P.C., Of Counsel to Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P. - Austin, TX

4:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Cost Effective Case Strategies</p> <p>Learn tips, tricks and strategies to minimize the burden on plaintiffs and counsel to litigate small to medium car wreck cases.</p> <p>Justin B. Demerath, O'Hanlon, McCollom & Demerath - Austin, TX Chip Evans, The Evans Law Firm - West Lake Hills, TX Sally S. Metcalfe, Metcalfe Law, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
5:15 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Aug. 1, 2014

Presiding Officer:

Scott F. Deshazo, Deshazo & Nesbitt LLP - Austin, TX

7:30 am	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Distracted Driving</p> <p>Virtually every car wreck case involves distracted driving. Learn ways to combat the distracted driving epidemic one jury at a time.</p> <p>Donald H. Kidd, Perdue & Kidd, LLP - Houston, TX</p>
9:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>When a Car Wreck is Not Just a Car Wreck</p> <p>Automobile litigation is the cornerstone of most personal injury practices. Automobile cases can range in complexity from a single rear-end collision to a multi-party products liability case. And if there is a commercial truck involved, it's a whole new ballgame. This presentation addresses a broad range of litigation issues most likely to be encountered as a result of auto and truck wrecks.</p> <p>Mike Davis, Slack & Davis LLP - Austin, TX</p>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>The Under-insured/Uninsured Motorist</p> <p>Learn strategies to present and defend under-insured and uninsured motorist claims.</p> <p>Thomas A. Herald, The Noteboom Law Firm - Hurst, TX</p>
11:00 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Depositions</p> <p>Depositions are by far the most versatile discovery tool that attorneys have at their disposal. Learn how to use this tool to your maximum advantage.</p> <p>Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
11:45 am	<p>Pick Up Lunch</p> <p>Included in registration.</p>

Friday Afternoon, Aug. 1, 2014

Presiding Officer:

Mike Davis, Slack & Davis LLP - Austin, TX

Luncheon Presentation

12:05 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	A Quick and Dirty Guide to Technology in Law An overview of the ethical obligation for lawyers to stay informed regarding current technology. Dirk M. Jordan, Jordan Law Firm - Austin, TX
12:50 pm	Break
1:05 pm 0.50 hr	Damages Proof of elements of damages, causation problems, strategy and mindset. Jorge A. Herrera, The Herrera Law Firm - San Antonio, TX
1:35 pm 0.50 hr	Defending Car Wreck Cases A nuts and bolts preface for your trial notebook, including topics to consider as you plan your defense of the car wreck case. Ross S. Crossland, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
2:05 pm 0.75 hr	Voir Dire Expanding the strike zone. Price Ainsworth, The Law Offices of Price Ainsworth - Austin, TX
2:50 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Subrogation and Liens: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Learn the ever-changing rules regarding Medicare, Medicaid, ERISA, worker's comp, hospital liens, state employees, local employees, and disability plans, including safeguards created by a new state law which protects first party and portions of third party recoveries. Judy Kostura, Judge, Kostura & Putman, P.C. - Austin, TX
3:35 pm 0.50 hr	Opening and Closing Story-Telling Moving the hearts and minds of jurors. Frank L. Branson, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C. - Dallas, TX
4:05 pm	Adjourn