

2020 Car Crash Seminar

August 27-28, 2020 • Live Webcast

Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 27, 2020

Presiding Officer:

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

12:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:00 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Screening and Working Up the Case The do's, don'ts, and maybes. Materials for this session include pre-suit forms, new case sign-up sheets, authorizations and other sample documents. Anjali Nigam, The Nigam Law Firm, PLLC - Houston, TX
1:30 pm	5-Minute Break
1:35 pm 0.75 hr	Texas Auto Policies Explore how to get the most from your coverage. Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
2:20 pm	5-Minute Break
2:25 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Important Cases in the Prosecution and Defense of UM / UIM Cases A review of recent cases impacting UM/UIM cases and the strategies for prosecuting and defending uninsured and under-insured motorist claims. Robert Edward Valdez, Valdez & Treviño - San Antonio, TX
2:55 pm	5-Minute Break
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	Moving the Insurance Adjuster Needle Hear tips for plaintiff and defense counsel to bring the insurance adjuster to a realistic evaluation of the case, for the benefit of not just the plaintiff and counsel, but also the defendant insured and counsel. Ross S. Crossland, The Crossland Law Firm - Austin, TX
3:30 pm	5-Minute Break

3:35 pm 0.75 hr	Injury Causation in Low Property Damage Cases Hear from plaintiff and defense attorneys on best practices for assessing injuries in low property damage cases, including a review of the rationale behind these assessments. R.J. Blue, Fanaff, Hoagland, and Gonzales - Houston, TX Co-Author: Katherine M. James, The James Law Firm - Houston, TX
4:20 pm	5-Minute Break
4:25 pm 0.50 hr	Dram Shop Cases: When the Bar Causes the Crash There's an extra party that often belongs in the car crash case—a dram shop that overserved one of the drivers. Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon Rogers, LLP - Dallas, TX
4:55 pm	5-Minute Break
5:00 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Routine Ethical Issues for the Car Crash Trial Lawyer This presentation addresses the everyday ethical issues that arise in the prosecution and defense of personal injury cases. Price Ainsworth, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX
5:30 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Aug. 28, 2020

Presiding Officer:

Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX

8:30 am 0.50 hr	Chapter 18.001 Affidavits, Post-HB 1693: What Changed, and What Remains the Same The Texas Legislature made important amendments to Chapter 18.001. Find out how the amendments will change your practice. Jennifer Mauer Lee, Fee Smith Sharp & Vitullo LLP - Dallas, TX
9:00 am	5-Minute Break
9:05 am 0.50 hr	Medicine for Lawyers During this presentation, hear a review on the concept of "Pain Generators." Emphasis is placed on anatomic and physiological factors that an expert physician will identify and document (by virtue of training, experience, and physical examination), to either substantiate or refute an injury in the context of a reasonable degree of medical probability. In summary, review the standard definition of a pain generator, followed by examples of pain generators, and a discussion of how these relate to injuries caused by accidents. Dr. Andy Joshi, Pain Care Physicians - Austin, TX

9:35 am	5-Minute Break
9:40 am 0.75 hr	Using the Evidence You Have to get the Causation You Need Cost-efficient ideas on how to use evidence, witnesses and other available resources to prove liability and injury causation without having to pay an expert. Donald H. Kidd, Perdue & Kidd - Houston, TX
10:25 am	5-Minute Break
10:30 am 0.50 hr	From Deposition to Cross-Examination: Finding It, Organizing It, and Using It Cover the nuts and bolts of deposition and cross-examination techniques, including using a deposition to gather the information necessary to prepare a cross-examination strategy in order to control the witness at trial. Mike Davis, Slack Davis Sanger LLP - Austin, TX
11:00 am	5-Minute Break
11:05 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Subrogation and Liens The choice is yours: go crazy trying to learn subrogation and liens on your own; commit malpractice by giving away your client's money; or learn Medicare, Medicaid, worker's comp, ERISA, hospital liens, child support liens, and self-funded vs insured in one relatively painless seminar. Choose door number 3! Judy Kostura, Judge, Kostura & Putman, P.C. - Austin, TX
11:50 am	Break for Lunch—Presentation Resumes at 12:15 p.m.

Friday Afternoon, Aug. 28, 2020

Presiding Officer:

Donald H. Kidd, Perdue & Kidd - Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:15 pm 0.75 hr ethics	Lawyer Wellness Tips on how to better manage our own wellness in our law practices and personal lives. Erica Grigg, Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program - Austin, TX
1:00 pm	5-Minute Break

1:05 pm 0.75 hr	Trial Preparation 101 Stressed in trial prep and at trial? Inevitable? Yes. Manageable? Absolutely. Learn tips and strategies from an experienced plaintiff and defense attorney for developing a case and preparing for trial. Brian L. Mincher, Burress Law PLLC - McKinney, TX Manpreet Kaur Singh, Fanaff, Hoagland, and Gonzales - Houston, TX
1:50 pm	5-Minute Break
1:55 pm 0.50 hr	Not Just A Big Car Crash: Yin and Yang Trucking Tips and Pitfalls This presentation focuses on prosecuting and defending a trucking lawsuit from the plaintiff and defense perspective, including a discussion of recent state and national trends in trucking litigation. Gregory L. Gowan, Gowan Elizondo, LLP - Corpus Christi, TX Marisa Y. Ybarra-Williams, Ray Peña McChristian, P.C. - El Paso, TX
2:25 pm	5-Minute Break
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	Stowers and Soriano: Is There Power in Numbers? A discussion of the latest tactics and strategies for dealing with multiple, competing personal injury claims with inadequate liability policy limits. Michael W. Huddleston, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. - Dallas, TX
3:00 pm	5-Minute Break
3:05 pm 0.75 hr	She Said, He Said: Plaintiff and Defense Perspectives on Damages A plaintiff and defense attorney examine ways to prove, present, argue, and counter damages found on a typical jury charge in a car crash case. Rachel Ambler, AmblerLaw, PLLC - Odessa, TX Denis Dennis, Kelly, Morgan, Dennis, Corzine & Hansen, P.C. - Odessa, TX
3:50 pm	5-Minute Break
3:55 pm 0.75 hr	View from the Bench: Trial Basics Hear observations and guidance from a trial judge. Hon. Eric M. Shepperd, Travis County Court at Law No. 2 - Austin, TX
4:40 pm	Adjourn