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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUG. 15, 2024

Presiding Officer:

Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon LLP, Dallas, TX

11:30 a.m. Registration Opens Includes light refreshments.

12:20 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

12:30 p.m. .75 hr

Non-Economic Damages, Post-Gregory

In June of 2023, the Texas Supreme Court issued *Gregory v. Chohan*, a blockbuster new opinion on non-economic damages that raised as many questions as it provided answers. Where do we now stand in the wake of *Gregory*?

Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon LLP, Dallas, TX Mitzi S. Mayfield, Underwood, Amarillo, TX

1:15 p.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

Texas Auto Policies

Statutory and case law that impact different coverage under Texas automobile policies.

Henry L. Moore, Moore Bomben, Austin, TX

2:00 p.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

Important Cases in the Prosecution and Defense of UM / UIM Cases Session

This presentation addresses recent cases impacting UM/UIM cases, as well as strategies and tips for prosecuting and for defending uninsured and under-insured motorist claims and bad faith litigation.

Thomas A. Herald, Thomas A. Herald, P.C., Dallas, TX Robert E. Valdez, Valdez & Treviño, San Antonio, TX

2:45 p.m. 15-Minute Break

3:00 p.m. .50 hr

Pre-Suit Negotiation Strategies: Working with your Adjuster

Learn how to ensure you have properly prepared your adjuster, and the insurance company, to get the case settled for your client before mediation or negotiations.

Jennifer Mauer Lee, Fee Smith & Sharp, LLP, Dallas, TX

3:30 p.m.

.75 hr

.50 hr

Low Property Damage Cases

Prosecuting and defending personal injury cases with minor property damage can present challenges. This presentation discusses the experiences and strategies from the plaintiff and defense perspectives.

Kathryn P. Anderson, Anderson & Truitt, Houston, TX Brian L. Mincher, Burress Law PLLC, McKinney, TX

4:15 p.m.

Anatomy of a Police Report

Police reports are often the beginning of your case, not the end.

Damian N. Williams, Hamilton Wingo, LLP, Dallas, TX

4:45 p.m.

Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, AUG. 16, 2024

Presiding Officer:

Price Ainsworth, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP, Austin, TX

7:30 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. .50 hr

Medical Bills in Car Crash Cases

Whether you're an experienced trial lawyer or tackling your first car crash case, proving and challenging medical expenses can be daunting. Break down the nuts and bolts of this critical damages element, as well as more advanced strategies and recent case law impacting this ever-evolving area of the law.

Morgan A. McPheeters, McPheeters Law, PLLC, Dallas, TX

9:00 a.m.

.75 hr ethics

Stowers, Soriano, and Dealing with Policy Limits

Stowers and Soriano are well-recognized cases dealing with the payment of policy limits, but other case authorities have impacted those decisions including in bankruptcy. This presentation addresses Stowers and Soriano principles, recent decisions involving policy limits, and dealing with excess policies in the context of policy limits.

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9:45 a.m.

.50 hr

What Happens After the Counter Affidavit?

Pulling back the curtain on the pros and cons of filing and fighting a defense counter affidavit.

Garrett Wilson, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP, Austin, TX

10:15 a.m. 15-Minute Break

10:30 a.m. .75 hr ethics

Serving Two Masters

Discuss conflicts that arise between "clients," the tripartite relationship, *Tilley* and its aftermath, the ethical dilemmas lawyers face, and knowing who you really represent.

Christy Amuny, Germer PLLC, Beaumont, TX

11:15 a.m.

.75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Subrogation and Liens: Medicare, Medicaid, and Hospitals

It's not what they pay, it's what your client keeps that matters.

Guy D. Choate, Webb, Stokes & Sparks, L.L.P., San Angelo, TX

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 p.m.

.50 hr

How to Use Your Expert Witness as a Fact Witness and Find Other Valuable Damages Testimony

Get the most out of the plaintiff's healthcare providers by changing your approach to which ones you use and how you use them. Develop a stronger damages model by getting creative with how you mine the case for witnesses and testimony.

Michael Ray Clinton, Perdue & Kidd, Houston, TX

1:00 p.m.

15-Minute Break

1:15 p.m.

1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

Proving Causation and Sufficiency of **Evidence**

Ever wonder why great verdicts get reversed and rendered? Don't learn the hard way: we'll show how to meet your burden of proof, present your expert, when to object, and what ipse dixit means!

Moderator:

Judy Kostura, Sorrels Law, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Hon. Manpreet Singh, Harris County Civil Courthouse, Houston, TX

Hon. Gisela D. Triana, Third Court of Appeals of Texas, Austin, TX

2:15 p.m.

.75 hr | .25 hr ethics

How to Defend a Corporate Representative

Joseph Cuellar, Valdez & Trevino, Attorneys at Law, P.C., San Antonio, TX

3:00 p.m.

15-Minute Break

3:15 p.m.

1.00 hr

Commercial Vehicle Accidents 101

Learn about commercial vehicle litigation from the plaintiff and defense perspective. The presentation includes litigation involving tractortrailers, commercial vehicles, and commercial

Greta M. Braker, Braker White, Odessa, TX William M. Toles, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C., Dallas, TX

4:15 p.m.

.50 hr

Storytelling and Themes

This presentation includes real-world, trial-tested stories and story techniques that have been successfully used for car wreck verdicts big and (relatively) small.

Steven C. Laird, Attorney at Law, Fort Worth, TX

Adjourn

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KEY DATES

July 31, 2024

Last day for early registration rates

August 9, 2024

Last day for full refund cancellation

August 12, 2024

Last day for partial refund cancellation \$50 processing fee applied

August 15, 2024, 12:20 p.m., CT Seminar begins

August 16, 2024

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