

2025 The Car Crash Seminar
August 28-29, 2025 • AT&T Conference Center • Austin, TX
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Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 28, 2025

Presiding Officer:

Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon LLP - Dallas, TX

11:30 am In Austin Only	Registration Opens Includes light refreshments.
12:20 pm	Welcoming Remarks
12:30 pm 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Texas Auto Policies Statutory and case law that impact different coverage under Texas automobile policies. Henry L. Moore, Moore Bomben - Austin, TX
1:15 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	What's New in UM/UIM Law: Case Law, Strategy, and Pitfalls 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 Crosley, Crosley Law - San Antonio, TX Co-Author: Shawn Mechler, Crosley Law - San Antonio, TX
1:45 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Avoiding Difficult Clients Lawyers are faced with many ethical challenges both in representing, and in deciding whether to represent, all kinds of people and entities. Identify what lawyers need to know to hopefully prevent, or if necessary disengage from, inappropriate representations involving difficult clients. William J. Chriss, The Snapka Law Firm - Corpus Christi, TX
2:15 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Negotiating with Insurance Adjusters 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. Nadia Bettac, Bettac Advocacy and Mediation, PLLC - Austin, TX
2:45 pm	15-Minute Break
3:00 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Fifth Amendment: The Right Way and The Wrong Way This presentation focuses on the application of the Fifth Amendment in a discovery context. Anjali Nigam, The Nigam Law Firm, PLLC - Houston, TX

3:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Low Property Damage Cases</p> <p>Prosecuting and defending personal injury cases with minor property damage can present challenges. Hear about the experiences and strategies from the plaintiff and defense perspectives.</p> <p>Brian L. Mincher, Burrell Law PLLC - McKinney, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Non-Economic Damages, Post-Gregory v. Chohan</p> <p>In June of 2023, the Texas Supreme Court issued <i>Gregory v. Chohan</i>, 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 <i>Gregory</i>?</p> <p>Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, Aug. 29, 2025

Presiding Officer:

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

8:00 am In Austin Only	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Discovery in Car Crash Cases: Navigating Discovery to Avoid Another Crash</p> <p>A discussion about the discoverability and admissibility of medical records and medical bills, discovery involving non-retained experts, handling adverse medical exams, responding to discovery requests and motion for protection practice.</p> <p>Paul N. Gold, Aversano & Gold - Houston, TX</p>
9:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>Medical Bills in Car Crash Cases</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Hon. Peter M. Kelly, Kelly Watkins McPheeters LLP - Houston, TX Morgan A. McPheeters, Kelly Watkins McPheeters LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
10:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>Using Medical Illustrations to Advocate</p> <p>Explore how to create accurate and effective medical demonstrative aids that can be utilized to communicate the mechanism of injury and convey complex medical issues in a clear and simple way. Through visual presentation, learn the process of how to create and incorporate medical illustrations to educate adjusters, judges, and juries.</p> <p>Justin B. Demerath, O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo, PC - Austin, TX Lindsay Coulter, ION Medical Designs, LLP - Castle Rock, CO</p>
10:30 am	15-Minute Break

10:45 am 0.75 hr ethics	Serving Two Masters: The Ins and Outs of the Tripartite Relationship Hear an analysis of the relationship between the insured, insurer, and attorney, conflicts that arise in the relationship, <i>Tilley</i> and subsequent case law, and the ethical dilemmas in knowing who you really represent. Christy Amuny, Germer PLLC - Beaumont, TX
11:30 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Subrogation and Liens: Medicare, Medicaid and Hospitals Does Medicare require a set aside? Does Medicaid get the child's recovery? Are you familiar with hospital lien legislation in 2019 and 2021 and whether a freestanding ER can file a lien? If you don't know the answers to these questions, come learn these issues and more! Judy Kostura, Sorrels Law - Austin, TX
12:15 pm In Austin Only	Pick Up Lunch (in Austin) Included in registration.

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Price Ainsworth, Lorenz & Lorenz LLP - Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:35 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	If I Knew Then What I Know Now Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself. Dicky Grigg, Law Office of Dicky Grigg, PC - Austin, TX
1:05 pm	15-Minute Break
1:20 pm 0.50 hr	Trying the Case with No Economic Damages Trying a car crash case without presenting economic damages has become more common in recent years. There are many reasons to do this. Learn the benefits and ways to successfully present your case to a jury without medical bills and lost wages. Adam J. Blake, Blake Law PLLC - Houston, TX
1:50 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	How to Defend a Corporate Representative for Deposition or Trial An examination of the strategies and techniques to effectively prepare and protect a company representative during a deposition or trial, including thorough pre-deposition preparation, understanding relevant legal rules, making strategic objections to improper questions, and ensuring the witness provides accurate and limited testimony that aligns with the company's interests. Jeff Ray, Ray Peña Law Firm - San Antonio, TX

2:20 pm 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>View From the Bench</p> <p>Practical advice for how to conduct effective, ethical, and efficient discovery.</p> <p>Moderator: Justin Hill, Hill Law Firm - San Antonio, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Hon. Amy Clark Meachum, 201st Judicial District Civil Court - Austin, TX Hon. Leah Robertson, Judge of the 385th District Court - Midland, TX Hon. Manpreet Singh, Harris County Civil Courthouse - Houston, TX</p>
3:20 pm	15-Minute Break
3:35 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Commercial Vehicle Accidents 101</p> <p>Learn about commercial vehicle litigation from the plaintiff and defense perspective. The presentation includes litigation involving tractor-trailers, commercial vehicles, and commercial buses.</p> <p>Shelly Tomlin Greco, Dallas, TX William M. Toles, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
4:35 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Combining Storytelling and Themes for Successful Outcomes</p> <p>Review strategies for storytelling that resonate with the jury and judges and aligns with legal principles of negligence, liability, and compensation.</p> <p>Will Moye, Moye Law Firm - Houston, TX</p>
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