

# 2021 Winning at Deposition: Skills and Strategy

## April 21, 2021 • Live Webcast

**Wednesday Morning, Apr. 21, 2021**

**Presiding Officer:**

**Shane Read**, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX

8:20 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
8:30 am 0.75 hr	<b>Developing a Winning Strategy</b>  Discuss the fail-safe tricks to ensure you have a winning strategy at depositions.  Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX
9:15 am	<b>10-Minute Break</b>
9:25 am 0.50 hr	<b>Developing Your Trial Cross Through the Adverse Deposition?</b>  Learn to take admission-seeking depositions of adverse witnesses so that they are effectively limited in their testimony at trial.  Tracy Walters McCormack, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX
9:55 am	<b>10-Minute Break</b>
10:05 am 0.50 hr	<b>Deposing for the Defendant</b>  Effective deposition preparation and technique help achieve the dual goals of securing important admissions and discovering the Plaintiff's case such that the Defendant is not surprised at trial. This topic covers best practices for both aspects of taking depositions on behalf of a defendant.  Elizabeth M. Fraley, Baylor Law School - Waco, TX
10:35 am	<b>10-Minute Break</b>
10:45 am 0.50 hr	<b>Overcoming the Problem Witness</b>  How to handle the difficult witness, yours or theirs.  Paula Fisette Sweeney, Slack Davis Sanger LLP - Dallas, TX
11:15 am	<b>5-Minute Break</b>
11:20 am 0.25 hr	<b>Morning Q&amp;A</b>  Take a break from formal instruction as the program co-chairs answer your questions about deposition strategies.  Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon Rogers, LLP - Dallas, TX Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX

11:35 am

**Break for Lunch —Presentations Resume at 12:05 p.m.**

## **Wednesday Afternoon, Apr. 21, 2021**

### **Presiding Officer:**

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

12:05 pm  
1.00 hr

### **Keynote**

Basic and Advanced Skills Workshop with Quentin and Shane.

Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX

1:05 pm

### **10-Minute Break**

1:15 pm  
0.50 hr

### **Depositions in Business Litigation**

Discuss strategies for securing the testimony you need in complex business cases.

Karen C. Burgess, Burgess Law PC - Austin, TX

1:45 pm

### **5-Minute Break**

1:50 pm  
0.75 hr

### **Beating the Expert**

Find out how to take an expert's deposition—how to avoid being intimidated and how to set realistic, attainable goals when you depose the "expert."

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

2:35 pm

### **10-Minute Break**

2:45 pm  
0.50 hr

### **Taking Depositions in Tort Cases**

Strategic case building and effective discovery with lay witness and expert depositions.

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

3:15 pm

### **5-Minute Break**

3:20 pm  
0.25 hr

### **Afternoon Q&A**

Take a break from formal instruction as the program co-chairs answer your questions about deposition strategies.

Quentin Brogdon, Crain Brogdon Rogers, LLP - Dallas, TX  
Shane Read, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Texas - Dallas, TX

3:35 pm

### **5-Minute Break**

3:40 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Zoomba: Learning to Stay Fit and Take Effective Depositions in the Age of Social Distancing</b>  The presentation will provide observations and insights into scheduling and taking depositions remotely from practical experience. It will also discuss case law dealing with deposition practice during the COVID pandemic.  Paul N. Gold, Aversano & Gold - Houston, TX
4:10 pm	<b>10-Minute Break</b>
4:20 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Some Depositions are Hard to Overcome</b>  Arthur Godfrey had a TV show once called "Kids Say the Darndest Things". The same can be true with witnesses in depositions.  Frank L. Branson, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson, P.C. - Dallas, TX
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