

44th Annual Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference

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Thursday Morning, Apr. 22, 2021

Presiding Officer:

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

8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 0.50 hr	Picking the Jury During COVID and the Post-COVID World Challenges and strategies for <i>voir dire</i> and jury selection for physical distanced in person jury trials to virtual trials during and post-COVID. Jennifer Doan, Haltom & Doan - Texarkana, TX
9:00 am	10-Minute Break
9:10 am 0.50 hr	Trial Witnesses: Suggested Changes for the Post-COVID Trial The effective use of exhibits, demonstratives and deposition testimony when presenting your case in the aftermath of COVID 19, including tips on adjusting to new precautions unfamiliar to the courtroom. Muhammad S. Aziz, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Agosto, Aziz & Stogner - Houston, TX
9:40 am	10-Minute Break
9:50 am 0.50 hr	Legislative Update The Texas Legislature is in the middle of its biennial session. Find out the status of pending legislation that affects civil litigation of all types. COVID liability, medical expense damages, and insurance issues are certain to be on the agenda. Jim M. Perdue Jr., Perdue & Kidd - Houston, TX
10:20 am	10-Minute Break
10:30 am 0.50 hr	Preparations for Trial: Suggested Changes for the Post-COVID Trial Tips for not just surviving your remote proceedings but thriving--from demonstratives and handling witnesses to combating Zoom fatigue. Tracy Walters McCormack, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Sherrie Wirth, The Exhibit Company - Austin, TX
11:00 am	10-Minute Break

11:10 am 0.75 hr	Zoom Trials: Obstacles and Opportunities Trying a Zoom case from start to finish, what you need to know in order to be successful. Jamie Goldstein, Arias Sanguinetti Wang & Torrijos, LLP - San Francisco, CA Elise R. Sanguinetti, Arias Sanguinetti Wang & Torrijos, LLP - San Francisco, CA
11:55 am	Break for Lunch - Presentation resumes at 12:30

Thursday Afternoon, Apr. 22, 2021

Presiding Officer:

Francisco Guerra IV, Watts Guerra - San Antonio, TX

12:30 pm 1.00 hr	Judicial Panel Observations and suggested techniques for ZOOM and socially-distanced proceedings Moderator: Francisco Guerra IV, Watts Guerra - San Antonio, TX Panelists: Hon. Alan D Albright, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas - Waco, TX Hon. Robert Pitman, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas - Austin, TX
1:30 pm	10-Minute Break
1:40 pm 0.50 hr	Texas Supreme Court Update Justice Debra Lehrmann will discuss the latest decisions from Texas's court of last resort on all civil cases. Hon. Debra H. Lehrmann, Supreme Court of Texas - Austin, TX
2:10 pm	10-Minute Break
2:20 pm 0.50 hr	Texas Civil Procedure Update Examine recent judicial decisions affecting Texas litigation practice, including proposed modifications to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Review highlights from the accompanying comprehensive review of recent case law - designed to be a handy reference tool for practitioners. Elaine Grafton Carlson, South Texas College of Law Houston - Houston, TX
2:50 pm	10-Minute Break

3:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>The Impacts of COVID-19 on Open Courts</p> <p>With stay-at-home orders and risks to public health, the primarily virtual Texas court system was challenged to ensure open and accessible courts during the COVID-19 pandemic. This session will discuss how the courts remained open to the public and the policy challenges brought about by the innovations.</p> <p>Maria Elena Ramon, Office Of Ct Admin - Austin, TX Materials By: David Slayton, Office of Court Administration - Austin, TX</p>
3:45 pm	10-Minute Break
3:55 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Remote Proceedings: What's the New Normal, and What Comes Next?</p> <p>Remote Proceedings Task Force members—including Chair, Chief Justice Christopher—will address the state of affairs and expectations relating to remote proceedings in Texas.</p> <p>Moderator: Kennon L. Wooten, Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP - Austin, TX Panelists: Hon. Tracy Christopher, Chief Justice, Fourteenth Court of Appeals - Houston, TX Quentin Smith, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Houston, TX</p>
4:25 pm	10-Minute Break
4:35 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Today's Courtroom: How COVID-19 and the Social Justice Movement Has Changed the Practice of Law in Texas</p> <p>A discussion of remote technology, bias education, and the future of litigation in Texas.</p> <p>Hon. R. K. Sandill, 127th District Court - Houston, TX</p>
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