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## Wednesday

6.25 hours including 1 ethics

7:30 **Registration**  
**Coffee & Pastries Provided**

8:55 **Welcoming Remarks**  
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Carlos R. Soltero, *Austin*  
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**Dallas Course Director**

Quentin Brogdon, *Dallas*  
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**Houston Course Director**

Hon. Tracy E. Christopher, *Houston*  
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals

9:00 **Texas Supreme Court Update**  
.75 hr (.25 ethics)  
Constance H. Pfeiffer, *Houston*  
Beck Redden

### Beginning Stages of the Dispute

9:45 **Extraordinary Remedies** .5 hr  
Karen C. Burgess, *Austin*  
Richardson + Burgess

10:15 **Networking Break**

10:30 **Venue and Jurisdiction - Where Does the Case Belong?** .75 hr (.25 ethics)  
David Lopez, *San Antonio*  
Pulman Cappuccio Pullen Benson & Jones  
Michael C. Smith, *Marshall*  
Siebman Burg Phillips & Smith

11:15 **Summary Judgments** .5 hr  
David F. Johnson, *Fort Worth*  
Winstead

11:45 **Break - Lunch Provided**

12:00 **Luncheon Presentation: Federal and State Judges Panel** .75 hr (.25 ethics)

**San Antonio**

**Moderator**

Carlos R. Soltero, *Austin*  
McGinnis Lochridge

Hon. Elizabeth S. Chestney, *San Antonio*  
U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court  
Western District of Texas

Hon. Donna S. Rayes, *Jourdanton*  
Judge, 81st District Court

**Dallas**

**Moderator**

Quentin Brogdon, *Dallas*  
Crain Lewis Brogdon

Hon. Barbara M.G. Lynn, *Dallas*  
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court  
Northern District of Texas

Hon. Craig Smith, *Dallas*  
Judge, 192nd Civil District Court

Hon. Ken Molberg, *Dallas*  
Judge, 95th Civil District Court

**Houston**

**Moderator**

Hon. Sylvia Matthews, *Houston*  
Judge, 281st Judicial District Court

Hon. Alfred H. Bennett, *Houston*  
U.S. District Judge  
Southern District of Texas

Hon. Patricia J. Kerrigan, *Houston*  
Judge, 190th Civil District Court

Hon. Larry Weiman, *Houston*  
Judge, 80th Civil District Court

12:45 **Break**

1:00 **Interlocutory Appeals** .5 hr  
Stacy Obenhaus, *Dallas*  
Gardere Wynne Sewell

1:30 **Minding Insurance Coverage in Civil Trial** .5 hr

**San Antonio and Dallas**

Andrew B. Sommerman, *Dallas*  
Sommerman McCafferty & Quesada

**Houston**

J. James Cooper, *Houston*  
Reed Smith

2:00 **Networking Break**

2:15 **Parallel Civil and Criminal Proceedings** .75 hr (.25 ethics)

David K. Isaak, *Houston*  
Smyser Kaplan & Veselka

Karima G. Maloney, *Houston*  
Smyser Kaplan & Veselka

3:00 **Threshold Dispositive Motions** .75 hr

Gregory P. Sapire, *Austin*  
K&L Gates

Mark C. Walker, *El Paso*  
Dykema Cox Smith

### Civil Litigation Challenges in the 21st Century

3:45 **Going Paperless** .5 hr

Trey Peacock, *Houston*  
Susman Godfrey

D. Todd Smith, *Austin*  
Smith Law Group

4:15 **Adjourn**

## Thursday

6.5 hours including 2.5 ethics

8:00 **Coffee & Pastries Provided**

8:25 **Announcements**

8:30 **Cyber Security for Lawyers**

.75 hr (.5 ethics)

John M. Hardy, *Tyler*  
Hardy Cook & Hardy

Giana Ortiz, *Arlington*  
The Ortiz Law Firm

9:15 **Confidentiality and Rule 76A in Your Law Practice** .5 hr ethics

**San Antonio**

Mitzi S. Mayfield, *Amarillo*  
Riney & Mayfield

**Dallas and Houston**

Christina A. Bryan, *Houston*  
Smyser Kaplan & Veselka

9:45 **Social Media for Litigators**

.5 hr (.25 ethics)

Laura Merrit, *Austin*  
Boulette Golden & Marin

Sarah E. Moffett, *Houston*  
LeClairRyan

10:15 **Networking Break**

10:30 **Employment Law Update** .75 hr

**All Sites**

Julie A. Springer, *Austin*  
Weisbart Springer Hayes

**San Antonio**

Andrew S. Golub, *Houston*  
Dow Golub Remels & Gilbreath

**Dallas and Houston**

Philip Durst, *Austin*  
Deats Durst & Owen

### Trial and Discovery

11:15 **Conducting Discovery with an Eye Toward Trial** .75 hr

Paul N. Gold, *Houston*  
Aversano & Gold

12:00 **Break - Lunch Provided**

12:15 **Luncheon Presentation: State Judges Panel - Dos and Don'ts**

1 hr (.5 ethics)

**San Antonio**

**Moderator**

Carlos R. Soltero, *Austin*  
McGinnis Lochridge

Hon. David A. Canales, *San Antonio*  
Judge, 73rd Civil District Court

Hon. Cathy Stryker, *San Antonio*  
Judge, 224th Civil District Court

**Dallas**

**Moderator**

Quentin Brogdon, *Dallas*  
Crain Lewis Brogdon

Hon. Dale Tillery, *Dallas*  
Judge, 134th Civil District Court

Hon. Jim Jordan, *Dallas*  
Judge, 160th Civil District Court

Hon. Maricela Moore, *Dallas*  
Judge, 162nd Civil District Court

**Houston**

**Moderator**

Hon. Tracy E. Christopher, *Houston*  
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals

Hon. Kristen Hawkins, *Houston*  
Judge, 11th District Court

Hon. Daryl L. Moore, *Houston*  
Judge, 333rd District Court

Hon. Robert Schaffer, *Houston*  
Judge, 152nd District Court

1:15 **Break**

1:30 **Cutting Edge Evidence Issues**

.75 hr (.25 ethics)

Quentin Brogdon, *Dallas*  
Crain Lewis Brogdon

2:15 **Emerging Issues and New Procedural Traps in Business Tort Cases** .5 hr

Brian P. Lauten, *Dallas*  
Deans & Lyons

2:45 **Networking Break**

3:00 **Expert Disqualification Issues** .5 hr

Maria W. Boyce, *Houston*  
Hogan Lovells

Erica W. Harris, *Houston*  
Susman Godfrey

3:30 **Avoiding Legal Malpractice During Your Litigation** .5 hr ethics

Mitchell C. Chaney, *Brownsville*  
Colvin Chaney Saenz & Rodriguez

Douglas Dodds, *Austin*  
McGinnis Lochridge

4:00 **Adjourn**

## Friday

3.5 hours including .25 ethics

8:00 **Coffee & Pastries Provided**

8:25 **Announcements**

8:30 **Percolating Conflicts Among the Texas Appellate Courts: Challenges for Trial Advocacy** .75 hr

**San Antonio**

Hon. Brett Busby, *Houston*  
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals

Hon. Scott K. Field, *Austin*  
Justice, Third Court of Appeals

Jeff Oldham, *Houston*  
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**Dallas**

Hon. Jason Boatright, *Dallas*  
Justice, 5th Court of Appeals

Hon. Kem Frost, *Houston*  
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9:15 **Beyond the Basics: Jury Charge Tips for the Experienced Trial Lawyer** .75 hr

Vasu Behara, *Austin*

Staff Attorney  
250th Civil District Court

Kirsten M. Castaneda, *Dallas*  
Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend

10:00 **Attorney's Fees** .5 hr (.25 ethics)

Carlos R. Soltero, *Austin*  
McGinnis Lochridge

10:30 **Networking Break**

10:45 **Effective Voir Dire and Opening** .75 hr

**San Antonio**

**Moderator**

Hon. N. Keith Williams, *Kerrville*  
District Judge, 216th District Court

Francisco Guerra IV, *San Antonio*  
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Ronald E. Mendoza, *San Antonio*  
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Carmen S. Mitchell, *Dallas*  
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Erin E. Lunceford, *Houston*  
Norton Rose Fulbright

Andrew Caplan, *Houston*  
Weycer Kaplan

John Zavitsanos, *Houston*  
Ahmad Zavitsanos Anaipakos Alavi & Mensing

11:30 **Post-Verdict Motion Practice** .75 hr

**San Antonio and Dallas**

Roger W. Hughes, *Harlingen*  
Adams & Graham

**Houston**

Brandy Wingate Voss, *McAllen*  
Law Offices of Brandy Wingate Voss

12:15 **Adjourn**



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