

2018 The Car Crash Seminar
August 9-10, 2018 • Norris Conference Center - CityCentre • Houston, TX
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Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 9, 2018

Presiding Officer:

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

12:00 pm In Houston Only	Registration Opens Includes complimentary refreshments.
12:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:00 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Texas Auto Policies Explore how to get the most from your coverage. Henry L. Moore, Attorney at Law - Austin, TX
1:30 pm 0.75 hr	Red Flag Injuries/Auto Product Liability Learn how to spot product liability issues in catastrophic injury car crashes and evidence collection and preservation. Muhammad S. Aziz, Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz - Houston, TX
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	The Ethics of Redacting Medical Records from Plaintiff's and Defendant's Perspective Do HIPAA, TRE 509, and TRE 510, and other rules allow (or mandate) that attorneys shield medical records from discovery? If so, by what process? Deborah J. Bullion, Gascoyne & Bullion, P.C. - Sugar Land, TX Paul N. Gold, Aversano & Gold - Houston, TX
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	Affidavits and Controverting Affidavits: Uses and Abuses Review best practices for using and defending against controverting affidavits in the recovery of accident-related medical expenses. Sally S. Metcalfe, Metcalfe Law, PLLC - Austin, TX
3:30 pm 0.75 hr ethics	Conflicts in Car Crash Cases Explore how to understand and address conflicts that exist or arise in car crash cases, whether you are plaintiff or defendant. William R. Rustam, Walters Balido & Crain - Houston, TX

4:15 pm 0.50 hr	Transportation Network Companies: A Distinction That Makes a Difference Rideshare businesses are part of our daily lives now. The practical and legal implications of this new industry are important for every car crash case. Heather L. Long, Heather Long Law, PC - Dallas, TX
4:45 pm 0.50 hr	Autonomous Vehicles Auto insurance and litigation will be forever changed. Quentin Brogdon, Crain Lewis Brogdon, LLP - Dallas, TX
5:15 pm	Adjourn
In Houston Only	Networking Reception (5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.) Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres with program faculty and attendees. Thank You to Our Sponsor Crain Lewis Brogdon, LLP

Friday Morning, Aug. 10, 2018

Presiding Officer:

Mike Davis, Slack Davis Sanger LLP - Austin, TX

7:30 am In Houston Only	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.50 hr	Spinal Complications of Car Crashes: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly, and The Confusing Review common injuries of the spine caused by motor vehicle collisions, including current and appropriate acute assessment and treatment, as well as rehabilitation strategies and long-term considerations and challenges. Charlotte H. Smith, M.D., Physician Life Care Planning - Austin, TX
9:00 am 0.75 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Uninsured and Under-Insured Motorist Learn strategies to present and defend uninsured and underinsured motorist claims. Thomas A. Herald, The Noteboom Law Firm - Hurst, TX
9:45 am 0.50 hr	Accident Reconstruction Deconstructed Technology and resources available today can allow post-accident physical evidence to resolve many fact disputes about how an incident happened, who was at fault, and reveal potential gross negligence facts. Learn what top experts can do for the right case, what the law allows you to do with this information, and what reconstruction resources are available for more modest value cases. J. Luke Dow, Luke Dow Law Firm - Austin, TX Danny Phillips, Axiom Reconstruction, Inc. - Allen, TX

10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 0.75 hr	Injury Causation in Low Property Damage Cases Hear from plaintiff and defense attorneys on best practices for assessing injuries in low property damage cases, including a review of the rationale behind these assessments. Brian L. Mincher, Godsey Martin PC - Dallas, TX Manpreet Kaur Singh, Fanaff & Baldwin - Houston, TX Roger A. Sullivan, Sullivan Trial Lawyers, P.C. - Houston, TX
11:15 am 0.75 hr 0.50 hr ethics	Subrogation and Liens Examine the ever-changing rules regarding Medicare, Medicaid, ERISA, workers' comp, hospital liens, state employees, local employees, and disability plans. Focus on safeguards created by a state law which protects first party and portions of third-party recoveries from many insured plans. Judy Kostura, Judge, Kostura & Putman, P.C. - Austin, TX
12:00 pm In Houston Only	Pick Up Lunch (in Houston) Included in registration.

Friday Afternoon, Aug. 10, 2018

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 pm 0.75 hr	The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly in Car Crash Cases Two trial judges with a combined 25 years of judicial experience discuss what they've seen that works and doesn't work in car crash cases. Hon. Robert K. Schaffer, 152nd District Court - Houston, TX Hon. Randall W. Wilson, 157th District Court - Houston, TX
1:05 pm	Break
1:20 pm 0.50 hr	View From the Mediator Explore effective mediation strategies. What does the mediator need from you? What does your opponent need from you? What helps and what doesn't? Hal Hargis, The Law Offices of Hal Hargis, PLLC - Houston, TX
1:50 pm 0.50 hr	Shifting Into First: Early Development of the Commercial Truck Crash Case Review the initial stages of case development, including investigation techniques, tools, and regulatory requirements. Mike Davis, Slack Davis Sanger LLP - Austin, TX

2:20 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Lawyer Wellness Tips on how to better manage our own wellness in our law practices and personal lives. Erica Grigg, Spivey & Grigg, LLP - Austin, TX
2:50 pm	Break
3:00 pm 0.75 hr	Case Study: \$30K Car Crash to \$1 Million Verdict Examine methods and strategies for maximizing value on routine car crash cases. Christopher S. Hamilton, Hamilton Wingo, LLP - Dallas, TX Ray T. Khirallah Jr., Hamilton Wingo, LLP - Dallas, TX
3:45 pm 0.50 hr	Presenting and Crossing Doctors Hear tips for deposing the treating doctors and the testifiers. Will Adams, The Adams Law Firm - Katy, TX
4:15 pm 0.50 hr	Telling the Story of Your Case There are fundamentals of story that apply to almost every aspect of trial. Jurors create narratives, and they are not in the form of “the evidence will show...” Implementing storytelling techniques can help any advocate, in any type of case, present the evidence closer to the form in which jurors comprehend and remember. Jim M. Perdue Jr., Perdue & Kidd - Houston, TX
4:45 pm	Adjourn