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DAY 1

7.5 hours including 1 ethics

8:55 Welcoming Remarks Course Directors

Jason P. Fulton, *Dallas*
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Hon. Robin Malone Darr, *Midland*
Senior Judge, 385th District Court

9:00 U.S. Supreme Court Update 1 hr

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, *Berkeley, CA*
University of California, Berkeley School
of Law

10:00 Personal Injury Update .5 hr

Cade W. Browning, *Abilene*
Browning Law Firm

10:30 Break

10:45 Legislative Update and Practices After COVID-19 .75 hr (.25 ethics)

David E. Chamberlain, *Austin*
Chamberlain McHaney
Guy Choate, *San Angelo*
Webb Stokes & Sparks

11:30 Attorneys' Fees After *Rohrmoos* *Venture* .5 hr (.25 ethics)

Robert Ford, *Houston*
Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings

12:00 Break for Luke Soules Award

12:15 Luncheon Presentation: Texas Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit Update 1 hr

Hon. Craig T. Enoch, *Austin*
Justice (Ret.), Enoch Keever

Hon. Thomas R. Phillips, *Austin*
Chief Justice (Ret.), Baker Botts

1:15 Break

1:30 Business Torts Update .5 hr

Joe Escobedo, *Edinburg*
Escobedo & Cardenas

2:00 Oil and Gas Litigation Update .75 hr

Timothy S. McConn, *Houston*
Yetter Coleman

Reece Rondon, *Houston*

Judge (Ret.), Hall Maines Lugin

2:45 Malpractice and Ethics War Stories .75 hr (.5 ethics)

Randy Johnston, *Dallas*
Johnston Tobey Baruch

3:30 Break

3:45 Simplifying the Complex for Trial Preparation and Presentation .5 hr

Chip Brooker, *Dallas*
Brooker Law

4:15 Family Law Litigation Update in Light of COVID-19 .5 hr

Sally Pretorius, *Plano*
KoonsFuller

4:45 The Impact of COVID-19 on Employment Law: What Litigators Need to Know .75 hr

Amy Gibson, *Dallas*
Gibson Wiley

Christie A. Newkirk, *Dallas*
Carrington Coleman Sloman &
Blumenthal

5:30 Adjourn

DAY 2

6.5 hours including 1.75 ethics

8:55 Announcements

9:00 Judges' Panel: COVID-19 Discovery and Trial Procedure Disputes 1 hr Moderator

Michael Murphy, *Houston*
Winston & Strawn

Panelists

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

10:00 Avoiding the Traps: Key Differences Between State and Federal Civil Procedure .75 hr (.25 ethics)

R. Layne Rouse, *Odessa*
Shafer Davis O'Leary & Stoker

10:45 Break

11:00 2021 Discovery Update: Full Disclosure and Other Changes in a Post-2020 Texas .75 hr (.5 ethics)

Monica W. Latin, *Dallas*
Carrington Coleman Sloman &
Blumenthal

11:45 Preservation of Error .5 hr

Mary Margaret Steinle, *Austin*
Baker Botts

Macey Reasoner Stokes, *Houston*
Baker Botts

12:15 Break

12:30 Luncheon Presentation: Be Your Own Director - 10 Practical Tips and Tricks for Appearing via Zoom 1 hr

Hon. Chari L. Kelly, *Austin*

Justice, Third Court of Appeals

Prof. Tracy W. McCormack, *Austin*
University of Texas School of Law

Amy M. Stewart, *Dallas*

Stewart Law Group

1:30 Break

1:45 Bankruptcy Update for the General Litigator .5 hr

Paul D. Moak, *Houston*
Gray Reed

2:15 Negligence and Premises Liability Update .5 hr

Christine L. Stetson, *Beaumont*
The Bernsen Law Firm

2:45 Preparation of the Jury Charge and Objections .5 hr

Marie Jamison, *Houston*
Wright Close & Barger

3:15 What Every Lawyer Should Know About Mental Health and TLAP .5 hr ethics

Chris Ritter, JD, M.ED., *Austin*
Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program

3:45 Ethics & Technology: Practical Considerations for Litigators in the COVID-19 Era .5 hr ethics

Nathaniel (Nate) St. Clair II, *Dallas*
Jackson Walker

4:15 Adjourn

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