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# Litigation Update Institute

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# Litigation Update Institute

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each event.



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Texas Board of Legal Specialization  
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## THURSDAY

6.5 hours including 1.25 ethics

- 8:00 **Registration**  
**Coffee & Pastries Provided**
- 8:55 **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Course Directors**  
Lara Brock, *San Antonio*  
Espinoza & Brock  
Mia Lorick, *Houston*  
Troutman Pepper Locke
- 9:00 **Appellate Tips - Part I: Preservation of Error in the Trial Courts** .75 hr  
Hon. Peter Kelly, *Houston*  
Justice (Ret.), First Court of Appeals  
Amy Prueger, *Austin*  
Clark Hill
- 9:45 **Employment Law & Non-Competes** .5 hr  
Geoffrey A. Gannaway, *Houston*  
Beck Redden
- 10:15 **Networking Break**
- 10:30 **Collecting & Admitting Electronic Evidence** .75 hr  
Quentin Brogdon, *Dallas*  
Crain Brogdon
- 11:15 **Technology in Depositions**  
.75 hr (.25 ethics)  
**Moderator**  
Steven Sachs, *San Antonio*  
Espinoza & Brock  
**Panelists**  
Charles E. "Chase" Hardy, Jr., *San Antonio*  
Griffin Purnell  
Karl Seelbach, *Austin*  
Doyle & Seelbach
- 12:00 **Luke Soules Award Presentation**
- 12:15 **Texas Bar College Award Presentation**
- 12:30 **Break - Lunch Provided**
- 12:45 **Luncheon Presentation: Multi-District Litigation Procedures** .75 hr  
Speakers to be announced.
- 1:30 **Break**
- 1:45 **Litigation Ethics Jeopardy** .75 ethics  
Hon. Christine L. Stetson, *Beaumont*  
Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Texas

- 2:30 **The Art of Arguing Damages in Texas Courts: Recent Trends** .75 hr  
Laura Tamez, *San Antonio*  
Herrera Law Firm
- 3:15 **Litigating Declaratory Judgments with an Eye on Attorney's Fees** .5 hr  
Noelle Hicks, *Houston*  
Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey
- 3:45 **Networking Break**
- 4:00 **Women in Litigation: War Stories**  
1 hr (.25 ethics)  
**Moderator**  
Lisa Tatum, *San Antonio*  
LM Tatum, PLLC  
**Panelists**  
Hon. Patricia O'Connell Alvarez, *San Antonio*  
Justice (Ret.), Fourth Court of Appeals  
Nicole Jackson, *San Antonio*  
Rosenblatt Law Firm  
Hella Scheuerman, *San Antonio*  
Scheuerman Law Firm
- 5:00 **Adjourn**
- ## FRIDAY
- 6 hours including .75 ethics
- 8:00 **Coffee & Pastries Provided**
- 8:55 **Announcements**
- 9:00 **Local Procedures and Unique Approaches to Everyday Litigation Headaches** 1 hr  
Hon. Melissa Andrews, *Austin*  
Judge, Third Business Court Division  
Hon. Sue Kurita, *El Paso*  
Judge, El Paso County Court at Law No. 6
- 10:00 **Access to Justice: New Rules to License Legal Paraprofessionals** .75 hr  
Hon. Brett Busby, *Austin*  
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 10:45 **Networking Break**
- 11:00 **Post-Judgment & Collections** .5 hr  
Kiara Gradney, *Houston*  
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough
- 11:30 **Appellate Tips - Part II** .5 hr (.25 ethics)  
Marie Jamison, *Houston*  
Wright Close & Barger

- 12:00 **Break - Lunch Provided**
- 12:15 **Luncheon Presentation: Mandatory Arbitration** .75 hr  
Speaker to be announced.
- 1:00 **Break**
- 1:15 **Supreme Court of Texas Update** 1 hr  
Hon. Jeff Boyd, *Austin*  
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas  
Kurt Kuhn, *Austin*  
Kuhn Hobbs
- 2:15 **Updates to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct** .5 hr ethics  
Robert Valdez, *San Antonio*  
Valdez & Trevino
- 2:45 **Networking Break**
- 3:00 **Business Court Cases** 1 hr  
Speaker to be announced.
- 4:00 **Adjourn**



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Omni Royal Orleans Hotel
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[Live Webcast](#) • February 27-28, 2025
- **Advanced Medical Torts**  
[Live In-Person](#)  
San Antonio • March 20-21, 2025  
Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort
- **Advanced Evidence and Discovery**  
[Live In-Person](#)  
Houston • April 3-4, 2025  
Hyatt Regency Galleria
- **Soaking Up Some CLE: A South Texas Litigation Seminar\***  
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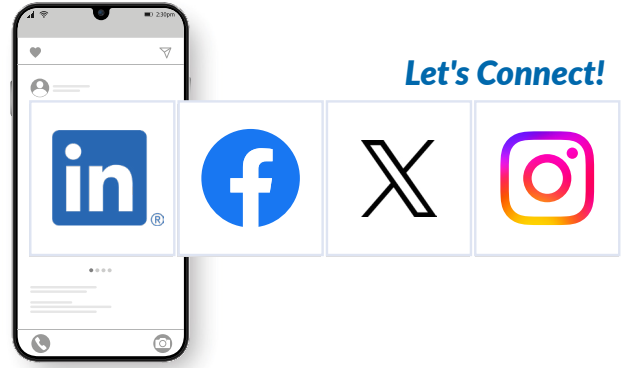
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### Live In-Person

#### San Antonio • Hotel Contessa

306 W. Market Street  
 San Antonio, TX 78205  
 (210) 229-9222  
 \$203 single/double

**Hotel Deadline: January 2, 2025**

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- \$695 Regular Registration Fee  
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- \$347.50\* Lawyers Licensed Five Years or Less (half off)

**Webcast Replay** • March 6-7, 2025

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