

# Conquering the Courtroom:

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Specialization in Civil Trial, Labor  
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## AGENDA

7 hours including 2.25 ethics

- 8:00 **Registration**  
**Coffee & Pastries Provided**
- 8:55 **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Course Directors**  
Andrew "Andy" Jones, *Dallas*  
Sawicki Law  
V. Blayre Peña, *Round Rock*  
VBPeña Law
- 9:00 **Being a Better Lawyer in the Courtroom**  
.5 hr ethics  
V. Blayre Peña, *Round Rock*  
VBPeña Law
- 9:30 **Litigator's Guide to Pro Se Opposition:  
Techniques, Tips, & Tactics**  
.5 hr (.25 ethics)  
Laura Pratt, *Amarillo*  
Sprouse Shrader Smith
- 10:00 **Writing an Effective Motion** .5 hr  
Stephen Huschka, *Dallas*  
Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr
- 10:30 **Networking Break**
- 10:45 **Preparing Yourself for the Courtroom  
& Virtual Hearings** 1 hr  
Stacey V. Reese, *Austin*  
Stacey V. Reese, PLLC  
Abigail Ventress-Hyde, *Round Rock*  
VBPeña Law
- 11:45 **Luke Soules Award Presentation**
- 12:00 **Break - Lunch Provided**
- 12:15 **Luncheon Presentation: Broader  
Than Trial - Going to & Navigating the  
Courtroom for the First Time** 1 hr  
**Moderator**  
Raymond Baeza, *El Paso*  
Baeza Law Group
- Panelists**  
Hon. M. Sue Kurita, *El Paso*  
Judge, County Court at Law No. 6  
Hon. Mark Lane, *Austin*  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Western District of Texas  
Hon. Jessica L. Mangrum, *Austin*  
Judge, 200th Civil District Court

- 1:15 **Break**
- 1:30 **Exhibit A – A Trial Lawyer's Guide to  
Offering, Objecting to, and Admitting  
Evidence** .75 hr  
Andrew "Andy" Jones, *Dallas*  
Sawicki Law
- 2:15 **Getting & Keeping the Win: Preparing  
Your Record** .5 hr (.25 ethics)  
J. Collin "Jay" Spring, *Dallas*  
Burke Bogdanowicz
- 2:45 **Tips & Tricks for Effective  
Cross-Examination and Witness  
Impeachment** .5 hr  
Hon. Chari L. Kelly, *Austin*  
Justice, Third Court of Appeals
- 3:15 **Networking Break**
- 3:30 **Help for Those Hanging New Shingles:  
Starting a Litigation Practice**  
.75 hr (.25 ethics)  
Nadeen Abou-Hossa, *San Antonio*  
Gonzalez Chiscano Angulo & Kasson  
Steve Chiscano, *San Antonio*  
Gonzalez Chiscano Angulo & Kasson
- 4:15 **War Stories: The Worst I've Ever Seen**  
1 hr ethics  
**Moderator**  
Chip Brooker, *Dallas*  
Brooker Law
- Panelists**  
J. Paul Manning, *Lubbock*  
Field Manning Stone & Aycock  
Sofia A. Ramón, *Edinburg*  
Ramón Worthington Nicolas & Cantu  
Raymond L. Thomas, *McAllen*  
Ray Thomas, PC
- 5:15 **Adjourn**



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**Live In-Person**  
South Padre Island  
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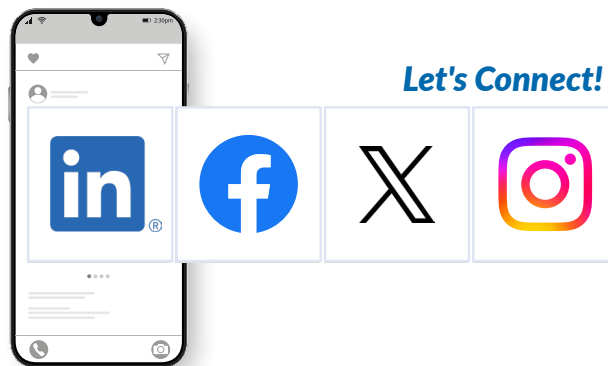
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1414 Colorado Street  
 Austin, TX 78701  
 (512) 427-1574

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Corporate rate includes complimentary Wi-Fi and a discounted parking rate of \$30.

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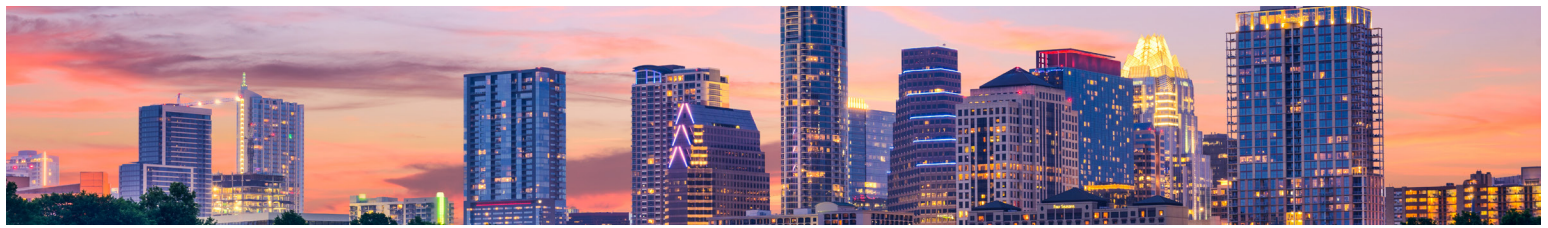
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- ☐ \$50 off • Early Bird Discount (see deadline dates above)  
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