



2013 HBA Spring/Summer Seminars

COST

For HBA Members: No admission charge; written materials are \$15

For Non-HBA Members: \$50 admission charge at the door per program; fee includes written materials.

Total CLE Hours for March 2013 - August 2013 Seminars:

~~28.5 hours MGLE credit~~
~~4.0 hours ethics credit~~

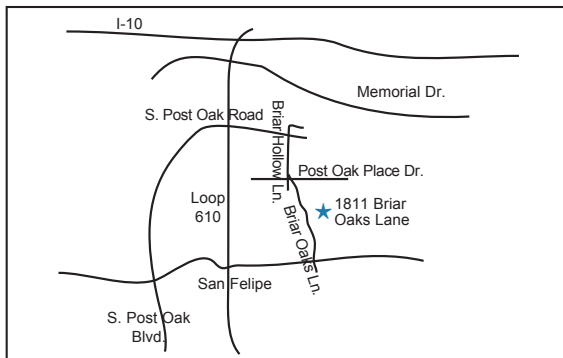
Thursday Morning

West Loop Area Seminars

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

1811 Briar Oaks Lane

The Junior League of Houston



Friday Afternoon

Downtown Area Seminars

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

1201 Congress

Harris County Jury Plaza

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| Franklin | | | 1201 Congress ★ HC Jury Plaza | Civil Courtthouse |
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| | Harris County Administration | | Juvenile Justice Center | |
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March 2013

Friday, March 1, 2013

Basic Estate Planning

This seminar covers basic estate planning strategies including an overview of the current Federal Estate and Gift Tax regimes, testamentary planning (including tax-planned wills), life insurance and gift planning, and special circumstances to consider when implementing estate planning for clients. Designed as an introduction for those who are interested in going beyond the “basic” will.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Arielle Prangner
Davis & Wilms,
PLLC

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Social Media

Can you be fired for your Facebook postings and Tweets? This presentation will cover recent cases and developments in employment law dealing with social media. Learn what the federal government has said about social media policies.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



J. Alfred “Alf”
Southerland
Attorney at Law

Friday, March 8, 2013

Ipad and the Attorney

Learn how to use your Ipad to enhance your legal practice.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Robin K. Barry
Flowers Barry, P.C.

Thursday, March 28, 2013

The Departing Texas Employee: Noncompetes, Trade Secrets, Fiduciary Duties and the “Inevitable Disclosure” Doctrine

This seminar is an update on Texas law regarding noncompete agreements, trade secrets, fiduciary duties, and the “inevitable disclosure” doctrine. Best practices for the both the employer and employee.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Mark J. Oberti
Oberti Sullivan LLP

April 2013

Thursday, April 11, 2013

What the Frack is Going On?

This seminar is an introduction to the hydraulic fracturing process, an overview of the regulatory scheme governing hydraulic fracturing, and an update on litigation regarding the hydraulic fracturing.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Nicholas Deutsch
Shook, Hardy &
Bacon L.L.P.

Friday, April 12, 2013

“Story Telling” The Greatest Tool of Persuasion

Trial lawyers should use the greatest tools of persuasion that they have in the courtroom. Story telling is the most powerful form of persuasion. This presentation shows you how to better connect with jurors through the power of story telling.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Tyrone C. Monciffe
Tyrone C. Monciffe
& Associates

Friday, April 19, 2013

Employment Law Litigation: The Addition of Spice, Drama, and Danger to Employment Law Cases

Most employment related lawsuits start with statutory discrimination claims. Tort claims such as negligent hiring, defamation, and assault are added for tactical reasons. This presentation will focus on court decisions relating to tort theories that add spice, drama and danger to employment litigation.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .25 ethics credit.



Diana Perez Gomez
Martin, Disiere,
Jefferson & Wisdom,
L.L.P.

Friday, April 26, 2013

The Ethics of Cloud Computing

As more lawyers move an increasing amount of their work product to the cloud – email, document management, task lists, contacts, etc. – the challenges of protecting client information has increased. This presentation will look at various cloud options with a view toward the ethical implications of each.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including 1.0 ethics credit.



Sammy Ford IV
Abraham, Watkins,
Nichols, Sorrels,
Agosto & Friend

May 2013

Friday, May 3, 2013

Early Case Dismissals, Expedited Actions and the Ongoing Saga of “Loser Pays”

The Texas Rules of Civil Procedure will soon include new rules regarding the early disposition of cases, expedited actions, and some elements of a “loser pays” system. This seminar will explore these new rules and compare them to similar rules that already exist in federal courts.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Tarush Anand
Brown Sims, P.C.

Friday, May 10, 2013

How to Identify and Address Substance Abuse in Family Law Cases

This seminar is designed to provide an overview of the range of problematic substance, how to identify if this problem exists, and what to do about it if you find it, whether in your client or on the other side. This seminar will also address evidentiary issues with drug testing and challenging expert witnesses.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Les Shireman
Connolly & Shireman, LLP

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Effective Use of Investigators in Litigation

This course will outline specifically how to establish a legal and effective working arrangement with an Investigative Agency, and then use the information and evidence prepared by the agency to strengthen the Client’s position in Pre-Litigation, Litigation and Post-Judgment matters.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .25 ethics credit.



Bill Pellerin
Texas Investigative Network, Inc.

Friday, May 17, 2013

Civil Lawsuits Involving Animals

When is an owner liable if his dog bites a child or horse injures a rider? If a vet negligently kills an animal, what damages can be obtained? Learn about civil cases involving horse, dogs, and other animals.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Zandra Anderson
Attorney at Law

Clarissa Kay Bauer
Harris County Toll Road Authority

Prof. Fran Ortiz
South Texas College of Law

May 2013

Friday, May 23, 2013

Contract Disclaimers & Tort Claims in Texas

Texas law allows contract parties to disclaim tort liability – sometimes. Texas courts and unhappy contract parties have wandered through this legal minefield, attempting to define when tort claims may be effectively disclaimed, and when they are not, with inconsistent results. Should your client agree to that disclaimer? Will a Texas court enforce it?

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .50 ethics credit.



Ken Alexander
Porter Hedges LLP

Friday, May 31, 2013

Tax Controversies

This seminar will provide insight into how the Houston Court of Appeals operate as a case moves from the Notice of Appeal to issuance of Mandate. The clerks for the Houston Appellate Courts will discuss case management, legislative performance measures, e-filing, and best practices to assist the clerk’s office as a case moves through the appellate process.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Tyler Flood
Tyler & Associates

June 2013

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Tax Controversies

This seminar will provide insight into how the Houston Court of Appeals operate as a case moves from the Notice of Appeal to issuance of Mandate. The clerks for the Houston Appellate Courts will discuss case management, legislative performance measures, e-filing, and best practices to assist the clerk’s office as a case moves through the appellate process.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Juan F. Vasquez, Jr.
Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry

Thursday, June 20, 2013

How to Open a Trusts and Estate Law Office

This presentation will cover the nuts and bolts of how to open your own law office, with specific emphasis on the trusts and estates practice. The speakers will cover issues relating to both estate planning and fiduciary litigation practices.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .5 ethics credit.

Joseph R. Marrs
Johns Marrs Ellis & Hodge LLP

Matthew J. White
Matthew J. White PLLC



Thursday, June 27, 2013

Effective Mediation Practice for Lawyers

An experienced trial lawyer and mediator will share effective and ethical strategies that will help you get those most from this important stage of litigation.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .5 hours ethics credit.



Derek J. Lisk
Lisk - Attorney/
Mediator

Friday, June 28, 2013

Operation Information Interception

Operation Information Interception: When it's legal and when it's not. Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets. What married couples can and cannot do with social media.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Hon. Rick Ramos
Jacob, Fritsch, and
Ramos, P.C.

July 2013

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Overview of Social Security Disability Hearings

Have you ever wondered how a person may qualify for social security benefits prior to retirement age? This presentation will cover the basics of a request for social security disability filing. Learn the difference between Title XVI and Title II filings, and why these differences may be very important to your clients. The presentation will also cover ethical and practical considerations in preparing and presenting your clients for their hearings before an administrative law judge, as well as fee agreements and payment for representation.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .50 hours ethics credit.



Cheryl Love-Hanks
Office of Disability
Adjudication and
Review



Hon. D'Lisa
Simmons
Office of Disability
Adjudication and
Review

Charlotte Newsome
Office of Disability
Adjudication and
Review

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Professional Responsibility Issues in Oil, Gas and Energy Law Practice

This seminar will cover some recent ethics related developments and issues that will have impact on the Oil & Gas industry and other sectors, as well. The course will discuss the Dodd-Frank Whistle Blower Provisions, lessons learned from a recent case about communicating with the government and other important issues.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics.



Kevin McDonald
Marathon Oil
Company

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Cybersleuthing Without Losing Your Law License

Now that the electronic landscape has become a prevalent aspect of client behavior and likewise that e-mail has become a routine aspect of attorney-client communications, cybersleuthing is essential to attorneys' gaining adequate insight into the factual basis and concomitant issues underlying legal matters. Nevertheless, a Texas attorney must be cognizant of and comply with the relevant federal and Texas statutes and implicated Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in order to judiciously implement cybersleuthing protocols without jeopardizing his or her law license.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including 1.0 hour of ethics credit.



Al Harrison
Harrison Law
Office, P.C.

Friday, July 26, 2013

Little Known Retaliation Claims That Bite Back - A Primer on Workers' Compensation, FMLA, and FLSA Retaliation Claims

This seminar will provide a general overview of employment-related retaliation claims, and will focus on little-known claims involving workers' compensation, FMLA, and FLSA retaliation. The seminar will discuss the legal framework for these claims, including potential damages, legal defenses, and practical tips to avoid retaliation claims.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, no ethics credit.



Steve
Shardonofsky
Seyfarth Shaw
LLP

August 2013

Thursday, August 1, 2013

Attacking the Business Valuation Expert: Will Your Expert's Opinion Withstand Scrutiny

To the untrained eye, all business valuations look the same. However, to the trained eye, there are often numerous errors in a business valuation report. This seminar will teach the attorney how to identify problems in both their and the opposing expert's business valuation reports. It is easy to discredit a business valuation report if you can recognize its faults.

1.50 hours of MCLE credit, including .25 ethics credit.



J. Richard
Claywell, CPA

Friday, August 2, 2013

Contracts for the Sale of International Goods

This seminar will cover the fundamentals of contracts for the international sale of goods. There will be an in depth treatment of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), including issues of contract formation, battle of forms, Nachfrist periods, remedies, and other topics specific to the Convention. There will also be brief coverage of dispute resolution issues, including how they relate to contracts for the international sale of goods, use of Incoterms in conjunction with the Convention, as well as how these techniques may be utilized in sales contracts.

1.50 hours of MCLE, no ethics credit.



Stacey L. Barnes
Lewis & Barnes

Friday, August 9, 2013

Preservation of Error

This presentation encompasses trial counsel's ethical duty to preserve potential reversible error for appellate review by making timely and specific objections and obtaining adverse rulings at every stage of the proceedings. It will cover a myriad of areas where the need to preserve potential reversible error is paramount, including pre-trial suppression matters, voir dire, extraneous offenses, the State's right to appeal, admission and exclusion of testimony, the trial court's charge, final argument, and motions for new trial.

1.50 hours of MCLE, including .75 hours ethics credit.



Brian Wice
Attorney at Law

August 2013 continued

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Religious Discrimination in the Age After the Age of Aquarius

Title VII prohibits religious discrimination in the employment relationship, and also requires employers to accommodate religious beliefs and practices of employees, but the devil (so to speak) is in the details. This presentation will focus on significant and/or entertaining court decisions relating to religion (as broadly defined under Title VII) in the workplace.

1.50 hours of MCLE, including .25 hours ethics credit.



W. Jackson Wisdom
Martin, Disiere,
Jefferson & Wisdom,
L.L.P.

Friday, August 23, 2013

Cyberspace & Security for Lawyers

Lawyers are being targeted because they house high value data in less secure, consolidated locations. Lawyers have a duty (ethically & statutorily) to protect client information. Notification statutes are forcing data breaches to become public knowledge. Simple, cost effective tools exist to increase data protection & prevent liability exposure.

1.50 hours of MCLE, no ethics credit.

Michael D. Peck
Attorney at Law

HBA/CLE Online

The following HBA/CLE Seminars are available online at CLEonline.com. HBA members receive a **20% discount** on any HBA program available. Call the HBA office at (713) 759-1133 to get the discount code.

10 News Media Trends that Affect Your Clients and Your Law Practice

1.0 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

2012 Texas Family Law Institute - Children Issues

3.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

2012 Texas Family Law Institute - Property Issues

3.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

A Primer on Handling a Personal Injury Case

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Arbitration of Securities Cases

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Bullying in the Workplace

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Choice of Entity: Business and Tax Issues

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Community Association Law

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Cross Border E-Discovery Basics and Ethical Concerns

1.0 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Default Judgments & Services of Process

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Disability Law Update

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Don't Get Caught with Your Pants Down in Tax Court

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

DWI Law: What You Need to Know for Your Clients

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Electronic Evidence in Family Law

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Ethics and Entity Formation

1.25 hours MCLE credit/1.25 hours ethics credit.

Ethics Traps

1.5 hours MCLE credit/1.5 hours ethics credit.

Etiquette and Ethics in the Court Room

1.25 hours MCLE credit/.5 hours ethics credit.

FMLA and ADA: Solving the Most Complex Challenges These Laws Present Employers

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Foreclosures from the Investor's Perspective

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Emerging Trends, Compliance and Ethical Issues

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Guardianship in Texas Probate Court

3.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Health Care Reform - Impact on Employer-Sponsored Group Health Plans

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Horse Law in Texas: What Every Cowboy's Lawyer Needs to Know

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

How to Write a Better Brief

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Immigration Basics: The Crazy World of Foreign Nationals in (and Wanting to Come to) the United States

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Immigration Hot Topics Update

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Investigating, Evaluating and Prosecuting General Aviation Crashes

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Issues for Divorcing Parents with Special Needs Children Under the Texas Family Code and Texas Probate Code

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Legal Issues in Cyberspace: Ethics and Social Media

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Medicare Mysteries and Social Security Secrets

.75 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Meet the New Family Court Judges in Harris County

1.0 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Mental Illness Proceedings in Juvenile Court

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Nothing But Blue Skies: Texas Securities Act Litigation

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Post Death Considerations for the Survivor

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Post-Judgment Strategies and Tactics

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Practicing Before the 1st and 14th Courts of Appeals: The Clerks' Perspective

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Practicing in the City of Houston Municipal Court

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Privacy Issues in the Workplace

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Property Interests in Mexico: Myths v. Realities

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Property Tax Appeals: A Primer for Lawyers

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Protecting Client Data for Professional Responsibility and to Prevent Identity Theft

1.0 hours MCLE credit/1.0 hours ethics credit.

Proving Medical Expenses Post-De Escabedo

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Retaliation Law Update

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Sale of a Law Practice/Death of a Solo Practitioner

1.25 hours MCLE credit/1.25 hours ethics credit.

Small Business and Immigration

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Small Claims Court: An Overview

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Social Media for Employers: Background Checks, Employee Policies and More

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Surviving a Homeland Security I-9 Audit

1.0 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Texas Probate: What You Really Need to Know

1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

The Lawyer's Approach to Trial: What Should be Going Through Your Mind

1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

The Lost Art of Direct Examination

1.0 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

U.S. Supreme Court Update: A Clerk's Perspective

1.0 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

Upcoming CLE Events

~~Family Law Institute~~

~~Fridays, April 13 & 20, 2012~~

~~Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza~~

~~1201 Congress, Houston, TX 77002~~

~~[Click here for agenda.](#)~~

~~2012 Criminal/Appellate Bench Bar Conference~~

~~Thursday, April 19, 2012~~

~~1910 Courthouse, 301 Fannin,~~

~~Houston, Texas 77002~~