



14th ANNUAL ULTIMATE TRIAL NOTEBOOK

Presented by Austin Bar Association Civil Litigation Section

October 19, 2018, Hosted by **Vinson & Elkins**, 2801 Via Fortuna, Suite 100

AUSTIN JAVA BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY PATRICK KEEL & STEPHEN YELENOSKY 8:30-9:00

1. Initial Case Evaluation: *Creating a Road Map for Success* 9:00-9:30
Ryan Botkin, Wittliff, Cutter, Austin, PLLC
Jeff Edwards, Edwards Law
Christopher L. Rhodes, Holstein & Associates
2. Mediation: *Are you Just Checking the Box?* 9:30-10:00
Jo Ann Dalrymple, Dalrymple ADR
Christopher L. Elliott, Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody
Patrick Keel, Mediator/Arbitrator
Stephen Yelenosky, Mediator/Arbitrator
-----Break----- 10:00-10:15
3. Pre-Trial Practice: *Tips for Preparing Exhibits, Witnesses, and Pre-Trial Documents* 10:15-10:45
Jay D. Ellwanger, Ellwanger Law LLP
Hon. Andrew W. Austin, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Western District of Texas
Reid Wittliff, Wittliff, Cutter, Austin, PLLC
Hon. Amy Clark Meachum, 201st Judicial District Court, Travis County
4. Voir Dire: *Juror Elimination* 10:45-11:15
Perry Minton, Minton, Burton, Bassett & Collins, PC
Hon. Karin Crump, 250th Judicial District Court, Travis County
James M. (Jim) Richardson, Richardson Firm, PLLC
Hon. Alan D. Albright, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
5. Opening Statements: *Facts versus Persuasion* 11:15-12:00
Stephen E. McConnico, Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP
Rikky Rivers, Rivers McNamara
Hon. Mark Lane, US Magistrate Judge, Western District of Texas
Jason W. Snell, The Snell Law Firm PLLC
-----Lunch Break---On Your Own-----
6. Presentation of Evidence: *Seeing is Believing* 1:30-2:00
Ranelle Meroney, Hawkins, Parnell, Thackston & Young, LLP
Andrew L. (Drew) Harris, Office of the Attorney General
Hon. Betsy F. Lambeth, 425th Judicial District Court, Williamson County
Michael Golden, Boulette, Golden & Marin, LLP
7. The Side Bar: *Keeping Secrets from the Jury* 2:00-2:30
Hon. Melissa Goodwin, Justice, Third Court of Appeals
Marcy H. Greer, Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend LLP
James A. (Jim) Hemphill, Graves Dougherty Hearon Moody
Hon. Rick Kennon, 368th Judicial District Court, Williamson County

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8. Closing Arguments: *Arming Jurors for Deliberations* 3:00-3:30
Tom Watkins, Hush Blackwell, LLP
Jim Ewbank, Cokinos Young
Terri S. Harris, Steed Dunnill Reynolds Bailey Stephenson LLP
Kathryn Allen, Law Office of Kathryn E. Allen, PLLC
9. Real Trial Experience in the Age of the Vanishing Jury Trial: *Mentors and Opportunities* 3:30-4:15
Karen Burgess, Burgess Associates, PC
Shannon Ratliff, Davis, Gerald & Cremer, PC
Stefanie Scott Shah, Scott Shah Law
Marisa S. Secco, Vinson & Elkins

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4:15-5:00