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# ADVANCED CIVIL TRIAL LAW CONFERENCE

**FEBRUARY 17 - 18, 2005**

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**11.25 MCLE HOURS**  
**1.5 ETHICS HOURS**

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## DAY 1 Thursday, February 17, 2005

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:50 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- James J. Alfini, *Dean and President, South Texas College of Law*
  - Professor Olga L. Moya, *Director of CLE, South Texas College of Law*
- Morning Moderator: Sofia Adrogué, Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall, P.C.**
- 9:00 Internal Corporate Investigations** ..... .75 hour
- Daniel K. Hedges, *Porter & Hedges, L.L.P. Houston*
- 9:45 The Name of the Game: What is Your Case Worth?** ..... .75 hour
- Stephen D. Susman, *Susman Godfrey LLP Houston*
- 10:30 Morning Break**
- 10:45 Ethical Considerations and Malpractice Prevention in Business Litigation (Ethics topic)** ..... .75 hour
- S. Shawn Stephens, *Locke Liddell & Sapp, L.L.P. Houston*
- 11:30 Lunch Break** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)
- 11:45 Lunch Presentation**
- Trying a Case for a Successful Appeal** ..... 1.25 hour
- Moderator:**
- Hon. Craig T. Enoch, *Winstead Sechrest & Minick Austin*
- Panelists:**
- Hon. Wanda McKee Fowler, *Fourteenth Court of Appeals Houston*
  - Hon. Kem Thompson Frost, *Fourteenth Court of Appeals Houston*
  - Hon. George C. Hanks, Jr., *First Court of Appeals Houston*
  - Hon. Adele O. Hedges, *Fourteenth Court of Appeals Houston*
- 1:00 After Lunch Break**
- Afternoon Moderator: William Frank Carroll, Winstead Sechrest & Minick**
- 1:15 Top Ten Things Litigators Should Know When a Client or Opponent Goes Bankrupt** ..... .5 hour
- David P. McClain, *McClain, Leppert & Maney, P.C. Houston*
- 1:45 Arbitration** ..... .5 hour
- William Frank Carroll, *Winstead Sechrest & Minick Dallas*
- 2:15 Afternoon Break**
- 2:30 H.B.4 Panel: A Jury Charge Demonstration** ..... 1.0 hour
- Moderator:**
- Hon. S. Grant Dorfman, *129th Civil District Court Houston*
- Panelists:**
- Jim Perdue, Jr., *The Perdue Law Firm, L.L.P. Houston*
  - Vuk Stevan Vujasinovic, *Vujasinovic & Beckcom, L.L.P. Houston*
- 3:30 Keynote Address** ..... .5 hour
- Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson, *The Supreme Court of Texas Austin*
- 4:15 Adjourn**
- 4:30 Judicial Reception**

Total MCLE hours for Thursday = 6, including .75 hour of legal ethics

Thursday continued ►

Reception honoring Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson and the Harris County Judiciary  
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## DAY 2 Friday, February 18, 2005

- 8:30 Continental Breakfast**
- Morning Moderator: Alan Ratliff, Huron Consulting Group**
- 9:00 Martha Stewart, Instinct and Transparency in Leadership (Ethics topic)** ..... .75 hour
- David H. Berg, *Berg and Androphy Houston*
- 9:45 Texas Supreme Court Update** ..... .75 hour
- Hon. Priscilla R. Owen, *Supreme Court of Texas Austin*
- 10:30 Morning Break**
- 10:45 Experts: Current Standards and Trends** ..... 1.5 hour
- Moderator:**
- Hon. Harvey G. Brown, Jr., *Wright Brown & Close, LLP Houston*
- Judicial Panel:**
- Hon. Mark Davidson, *11th Civil District Court Houston*
  - Hon. Andrew S. Hanen, *Southern District of Texas Brownsville*
- Expert Panel:**
- Alan G. Ratliff, *Huron Consulting Group Houston*
  - Andrew L. Strong, P.E., *Campbell George & Strong, LLP Houston*
- 12:15 Lunch Break** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)
- 12:30 Lunch Presentation**
- Top 20 Discovery and Evidentiary Disputes in Court** ..... 1.5 hour
- Moderator:**
- Hon. Eric Andell, *Of Counsel, Nathan Sommers Jacobs + Gorman Houston*
- Panelists:**
- Hon. Caroline Baker, *151st Civil District Court Houston*
  - Hon. David Bernal, *281st Civil District Court Houston*
  - Hon. Jane Bland, *First Court of Appeals Houston*
  - Hon. Jeffrey V. Brown, *55th Civil District Court Houston*
- 2:00 Summing Up Summary Judgements** ..... .75 hour
- Maria Wyckoff Boyce, *Baker Botts L.L.P. Houston*
- 2:45 Adjourn**

Total MCLE hours for Friday = 5.25, including .75 hour of legal ethics

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