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# Seminars

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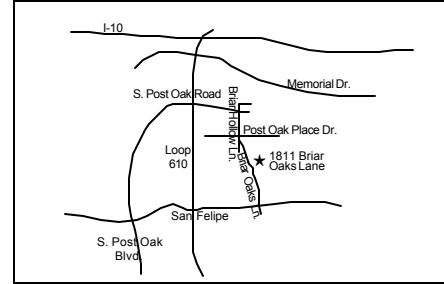
## 2009 Seminars Location & Cost Information

### COST

**For HBA Members:** No admission charge; written materials are \$15  
**For Non-HBA Members:** \$25 admission charge at the door per program;  
fee includes written materials

**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.  
1019 Congress Plaza  
Harris County Jury Assembly  
Room



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Commerce				
Franklin			Criminal Justice Center	
Congress	1019 Congress Plaza	Family Law Center		Civil Courthouse
Preston	Harris County Administration		Juvenile Justice Center	
Prairie	Main	Fannin	San Jacinto	Caroline

Total CLE Hours for  
March 2009 - August 2009 Seminars

34.5 hours MCLE credit  
8.5 hours ethics credit



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## March 2009

**Thursday, March 5, 2009**

### Top Tips for Preserving Error at Trial

This seminar will give strategies for preserving error at trial, with a particular focus on recent changes in the law about jury charges.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.*



W. David George  
Connelly • Baker •  
Watring • LLP

**Friday, March 6, 2009**

### A View From the Criminal Bench

This program will discuss the importance of professionalism and ethics in practicing in the criminal courts.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .50 hours ethics credit.*



Hon. Belinda Hill  
230th District Court

**Thursday, March 12, 2009**

### Asylum Law and Recent Trends

This seminar will address recent administrative and judicial decisions governing applications for asylum. It will also address how to represent an asylum applicant before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or U.S. Immigration Court.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.*



Matthew Nickson  
Matthew P.  
Nickson, P.L.L.C.

**Thursday, March 26, 2009**

### The Ethics of Lawyers on the Internet

To develop business in today's world, every lawyer or law firm must take advantage of the internet and its resources including Web sites, blogs, social media and lawyer review sites. Taking advantage of this new medium raises some ethical issues for lawyers. This seminar will look at available tools, explain them so that even a lawyer can understand them and discuss the ethical issues surrounding them.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .75 hours ethics credit.*



Travis Crabtree  
Looper Reed &  
McGraw, P.C.

## April 2009

**Thursday, April 2, 2009**

### Entertainment Law - Intellectual Property Protection

This seminar will present a practical approach in assisting entertainment clients with the protection of copyrights and trademarks. It will include a discussion of basic copyright and trademark laws along with corporate structuring to protect the intellectual property assets of entertainers and their companies.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.*



Rosylin Bazzelle  
Weycer Kaplan  
Pulaski & Zuber,  
P.C.

**Friday, April 17, 2009**

### Search & Seizure

This seminar will cover the nuts and bolts of search and seizure. There will also be a discussion about common search and seizure issues and how to recognize those issues.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.*



Jane Vara  
Attorney at Law

**Thursday, April 30, 2009**

### The Dirty Dozen: Twelve Things You Should Know Concerning Construction Law

Construction Law is a unique practice that combines every facet of law. This presentation is intended to make you aware of some of the most unusual, unique and obscure areas of construction law.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.*



Gregory Cokinos  
Cokinos Bosien &  
Young

## May 2009

**Friday, May 1, 2009**

### Forensic Mental Health Issues: A Primer

Forensic mental health issues increasingly dominate criminal practice. This seminar will highlight current problems, recent legislative developments and provide a basic look at competency, sanity and other aspects of mental illness in the context of criminal law.

*1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .5 hours ethics credit.*



Staci Biggar  
Guerrero & Biggar  
LLP



Kevin Keating  
Harris County  
District Attorney's  
Office

## HBA/CLE Online

The following HBA/CLE Seminars are available online at CLEonline.com. To receive a **20% discount** on HBA programs online, HBA members must call (512) 778-5665 prior to registering.

**Hot Topics in Texas Appellate Law**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**How the 2007 Legislative Changes to the Texas Youth Commission Have Impacted the Juvenile System**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**How to Deal with Experts from Pre-Trial to Trial**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**How to Effectively Mediate When a Protective Order Has Been Ordered**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Hurricane Ike Legal & FEMA Training for Disaster Relief**  
2.0 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**International Human Rights Law and Enforcement: The Case of Torture**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Is It Time to Kill the Death Penalty?: A View from the Bench and Bar**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**IV-D Child Support: A User's Guide for Working Attorney General Cases**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Lawyers as Employers: Legal Issues in Managing Firms of All Sizes**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Margin Tax: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About the New Texas Franchise Tax**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Mastering the Art of Subrogation**  
1.0 hour MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Mediation: An Update**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Perfecting a Mechanic's Lien When Your Client Calls at the Last Minute**  
1 hour MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Preparing Your Client for Disaster**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Recent Cases on U.S.C. 1983 Claims Against Government Employees**  
1.0 hour MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Recognizing IP Issues that Appear in Business Transactions: A Primer for Non-IP Lawyers**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Securing Hiring Success: Easy Guides to Empower Business**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Sole- Benefit Trusts**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Take It or Leave It: Enforceability of 'No Contest' Clauses in Texas**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Taking an Equity Position in a Client**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/1.25 hours ethics credit.

**Ten Rules for Great Jury Selection**  
1.0 hour MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**The Call in the Night: Criminal Answers for Civil Attorneys**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**The Prosecution and Defense of Mortgage Fraud in Both Civil and Criminal Court**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Trade Secret Protection in the Digital Age and Texas Non-Compete Update**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**What Corporations and Executives Need to Know About White Collar Criminal Investigations**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**What Every Lawyer Should Know about Bankruptcy**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Will Drafting**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Wills & Probate Institute 2008 - Advance Topics**  
4 hours MCLE credit/no ethics.

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**10 Winning Summary Judgement Appeals**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**2008 Experts Institute  
Pre-Trial and Trial Issues**  
6 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**2008 Real Estate Institute - Commercial Issues**  
3.5 hours MCLE credit/.75 hrs ethics credit.

**2008 Real Estate Institute  
Residential Issues**  
3.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**2008 Texas Family Law Institute  
Children Issues**  
3.75 hours MCLE/no ethics credit.

**2008 Texas Family Law Institute  
Property Issues**  
3.75 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Accord and Satisfaction, Novation,  
Releases, and Other Contracts Issues**  
1 hour MCLE credit/ no ethics credit.

**Avoiding Grievance Traps: An Overview  
of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure**  
1 hour MCLE credit/ 1 hour ethics credit.

**Business Torts**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Collecting the Judgment: Receivers  
and Other Post-Judgment Remedies**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Comparing Court Created Trusts to a  
Guardianship for the Estate: Apples to Oranges**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Complete Guide to Real Estate Foreclosures:  
The Rules, The Law & The Procedure**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Consent to Medical Treatment**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**E-Discovery and its Challenges**  
1.5 hours MCLE/no ethics credit.

**Eminent Domain for the General Practitioner**  
1 hour MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Ethics Hot Topics for Civil Law Attorneys**  
3 hours MCLE credit/3 hours ethics credit.

**Ethics in Municipal Courts in Houston**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/1.25 hours ethics credit.

**Ethics Issues Updates: E-Discovery,  
Trial Prep, Advertising, Grievances**  
4.5 hours MCLE credit/4.5 hours ethics credit.

**Ethics Traps and the Texas Grievance System**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/1.5 hours ethics credit.

**Evaluating Car Wreck Cases**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Fee Disputes: Getting and Keeping Your Fees**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Fighting Fires in Pin Stripes or Pajamas:  
Common Criminal Law Emergencies**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Franchise Law for Non-Franchise Attorneys**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**From the Mediator and the Litigant**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Getting Down to the Basics of Family Law**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Guardianship Litigation**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Handling the Initial Interview for  
Potential Family Law Clients**  
1 hour MCLE/no ethics credit.

**Harassment Law:  
It's Not Just Sexual Anymore**  
1.25 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

**Homestead and Home Equity Lending Update**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/ no ethics credit.

**Horse Laws in Texas: What Every  
Cowboy's Lawyer Needs to Know**  
1.5 hours MCLE credit/no ethics credit.

## May 2009 continued

**Thursday, May 7, 2009**  
**Building Your Practice: Internet  
Business Development**



MaryJane Mudd  
Full Tilt  
Communications

In today's very competitive legal service market, it isn't just important to understand how to use the internet to your benefit, it's essential. This course will offer relevant information on effective Web site use and search engine optimization, as well as how to harness social media such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter to build your business.

**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.**

**Friday, May 8, 2009**  
**Building Your Practice: Building and  
Enhancing Client Relationships Ethically**



Debra L. Bruce  
Lawyer-Coach LLC

This seminar will cover tips on building your legal practice while enhancing the reputation of the law profession through more effective client relationships.

**1.5 hours MCLE credit, 1.0 hours ethics credit.**

**Friday, May 15, 2009**  
**Building Your Practice:  
Billing & Collecting**



Randy Claridge  
Harrison Law  
Office, P.C.



Nancy Griffing  
The Griffing  
Network

Building a law practice is synonymous with establishing business protocols such as regular billing and collecting, engagement letters, and recording of time expenses. Besides the popular Thomson-West Prodoc and Lexis-Nexis PC Law applications, solutions invoking spreadsheets and word-processing will be outlined. Billing should be viewed as an integral part of client communications pertaining to case progress and legal fees.

**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .5 hours ethics credit.**



Al Harrison  
Harrison Law  
Office, P.C.

## May 2009 continued

**Thursday, May 21, 2009**  
**Building Your Practice: Fee Dispute  
Issues for the Solo/Small Firm Attorney**



Jennifer Hasley  
Hasley Scarano  
LLP.

Through real-life scenarios, this ethics presentation will identify various fee-type issues frequently encountered by attorneys in the daily practice of law (e.g., non-payment of bills for legal services rendered, disputes concerning the value of legal services rendered, referral fees between lawyers, refunds of all or part of a retainer, etc.)

**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including 1.5 hours ethics credit.**

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**  
**Building Your Practice: Persuasive  
Communication**



Robert E. Ray  
Veritas  
Research, LP

Are you comfortable sharing your ideas and positions with clients, counsel and the court? How effective are you in articulating your message and influencing others in your daily practice, both inside and outside the courtroom? A veteran legal strategist will provide tools for enhancing and maximizing your persuasive abilities, whether you are interacting one-on-one with clients and decision-makers or arguing before a judge or jury.

**1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.**

## June 2009

**Friday, June 5, 2009**  
**The City of Houston as Plaintiff:  
Litigation You Never Knew Existed**



Tom P. Allen  
City of Houston

This seminar will discuss deed restrictions, dangerous buildings, sexually oriented businesses, alcoholic beverage sales, and other controversies that affect our city and sometimes your clients.

**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.**

## June 2009 continued

### Thursday, June 11, 2009 Firing Without Fear

Every client has challenging employees. This seminar provides an overview of issues employers should consider before making a decision to fire an employee, including the bases for retaliation claims, new law regarding disability claims, the Family and Medical Leave Act, commonly asserted grounds for wrongful termination, and pay issues including overtime and equal pay. Checklists will be provided.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.**



Katherine T. Mize  
Adams and Reese  
LLP

### Thursday, June 25, 2009 Champion of the Overprivileged: Tricks and Traps in Representing Corporate Executives

This seminar will cover the tricks and traps in representing corporate executives. It will also discuss the ethical considerations when an employer pays an executive's legal fees and what to consider when representing more than one executive from the same company.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .50 hours ethics credit.**



Ashton Bachynsky  
Glickman, Carter &  
Bachynsky, LLP



Darryl Carter  
Glickman, Carter &  
Bachynsky, LLP

## July 2009

### Thursday, July 9, 2009 Texas Attorney Grievance Procedures

This seminar will present an overview of the Texas attorney grievance system and provide guidance to the practitioner who might become involved in the system.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including 1.5 hours ethics credit.**



Timothy Bersch  
State Bar of Texas  
Houston Regional  
Office

## July 2009 continued

### Friday, July 17, 2009 Fundamentals in Real Estate

Whether you practice real estate or not, many lawyers are often asked real estate questions ranging from a simple closing to a commercial lease. This class will discuss the fundamentals of real estate by providing an overview of the basics and answers to commonly-asked questions.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .5 hours ethics credit.**



Antoinette M.  
Jackson  
Coats & Rose

### Friday, July 24, 2009 Nuts and Bolts of Criminal Law

This seminar will review basic practices and procedures in the area of criminal law. It will cover a wide range of topics including the attorney-client relationship, the progression of the criminal case through the court system, as well as practical tips for a successful criminal defense practice.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.**



Michelle Beck  
Attorney at Law

## August 2009

### Thursday, August 20, 2009 Summary Judgment: A View from the Appellate Bench

This seminar will cover the topic of when to file or not file a "no evidence" or traditional motion for summary judgment and when to move to sever a partial summary judgment for immediate appeal. There are no perfect answers, but there are guidelines for the efficient use of summary judgment procedures to avoid the waste of legal and judicial resources.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.**



Hon. Evelyn Keyes  
First Court of  
Appeals

## August 2009 continued

### Friday, August 21, 2009 Fitness to Practice Law: Refocusing Your Life and Livelihood

The practice of law can be a rewarding, stimulating and life-affirming experience. It can also suck the life out of you and leave you feeling lost, lonely, and empty. We will acknowledge the rewards and the challenges and offer tips for achieving a more balanced life that can make you a happier person and a more successful lawyer.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.**



Kevin Dubose  
Alexander Dubose  
& Townsend LLP



Denise Smith  
Attorney &  
Life Coach

### Thursday, August 27, 2009 Income Tax for the Solo/Small Firm Attorney

This seminar will cover recent important tax changes and continuing significant tax issues and considerations that affect the taxation of individual solo and small firm lawyers, the taxation of their law firms and legal business activities, and other tax issues that are of such substantial significance that a lawyer should be able to identify in order to ensure proper advisement and counseling of the lawyer's clients.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.**



E. Rhett Buck  
Attorney at Law,  
CPA

## August 2009 continued

### Friday, August 28, 2009 Juvenile Adjudication, Disposition and Modification

A delinquency overview: handling a juvenile delinquency matter from adjudication through disposition and possibly modification of disposition.  
**1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.**



Joanne Musick  
Musick & Musick,  
LLP

## Upcoming CLE Events

Fridays, February 13 & 20, 2009  
Wills & Probate Institute  
Harris County Jury Assembly Room

Fridays, March 27 & April 3, 2009  
Family Law Institute  
Harris County Jury Assembly Room

2009 Civil/Appellate Bench Bar Conference  
April 24 & 25, 2009  
San Luis Resort & Conference Center