2013-2014 HBA Fall/Winter Seminars

COST

For HBA Members: Free for HBA members; written materials are $15
For Non-HBA Members: $50 admission charge at the door per program;
fee includes written materials, if available.

Total CLE Hours for September 2013 - February 2014 Seminars:

36.0 hours of Free MCLE credit
4.00 hours of Free 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

FREE for HBA Members!
September 2013

Thursday, September 12, 2013
Equity Receiverships in Federal and State Law Enforcement Proceedings

This presentation will address the use of equity receiverships as a remedy in federal and state law enforcement actions. Topics will include ancillary orders and remedies including asset freezes and litigation stays. The presentation will also include discussion of remedies available to receivers under the Texas Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act and legal standards for determining the appropriate distribution of assets marshaled through receivership.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Thursday, September 19, 2013
Supreme Court Update

During this year’s United States Supreme Court Update, presenters will discuss noteworthy cases from the Court’s October Term 2012, preview cases that the Court will consider during October Term 2013, and analyze voting and docket trends.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Thursday, September 20, 2013
Legislative Update: What Every Texas Lawyer Should Know

This seminar will provide an overview of important legislation passed and otherwise addressed by this year’s legislative session. This will include an update of bills that passed and could affect practicing attorneys and political insights on why certain bills may have failed.

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

Friday, September 27, 2013
The Recent United States Supreme Court Gay Marriage Decisions and Their Impact on Texas Residents

The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued two landmark decisions on gay marriage. These decisions will have substantial impact on the lives of gay and lesbian people throughout the country and in Texas. This seminar will discuss the decisions and their impact on the legal rights and responsibilities of LGBT residents in Texas.

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

October 2013

Friday, October 4, 2013
Condemnation Case Law Update

This course will provide an overview and discussion of recent federal and state cases relating to various matters in eminent domain and condemnation law.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Thursday, October 10, 2013
Update on Harris County Small Claims Court

This seminar will cover all the new changes that will go into effect on September 1, 2013.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, October 18, 2013
Understanding and Using Financial Statements

This seminar will provide an introduction and basic understanding of financial statements, different methodologies for using/analyzing financial statements, and suggestions for discovery requests.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, October 25, 2013
Basics of Family Law

This presentation will cover the basics of family law - divorce, child custody and child support.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, .25 hours ethics credit.
November 2013

Friday, November 1, 2013
Birthright Citizenship

This seminar will cover four key issues relating to citizenship: 1) acquisition of citizenship with a focus on birthright citizenship and derivative citizenship; 2) naturalization rules – issues and risks; 3) children and citizenship with a focus on Child Citizenship Act and 4) loss of citizenship including immigration impact of tax choices.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, November 8, 2013
Nuts & Bolts of Insurance Coverage

This presentation will focus on the common insurance-related pitfalls lawyers experience with clients’ claims and how to avoid them—and an unhappy client or potential malpractice claim.

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

Thursday, November 14, 2013
When Every Day Counts – Best Practices Regarding Injunctive Relief

Three district court judges will discuss the rules of civil procedure and case law governing requests for injunctive relief. They will also provide practice tips for improving your TRO presentations to the ancillary judge and defending your clients in TRO and temporary injunction proceedings.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Thursday, November 21, 2013
Circumstances that Make a Simple Will Anything But Simple

Your client asks you to draft a simple will. Simple enough right? Maybe not, things can get complicated very quickly as you learn more about your client. This seminar will address common situations that complicate the drafting of a will, trusts and related estate planning documents. Divorce, blended families, non-citizen spouses are just a few of the issues that can come up.

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

December 2013

Thursday, December 5, 2013
From the Pasture to the Show Ring – Utilizing Good Governance to Mitigate Equine Non-Profit Board Risks

This presentation will review risk mitigation processes for equine non-profit boards to establish governance programs which are sustainable based on the size of their organization, the needs of their membership, their underlying mission statement and the regulations which are applicable to the nature of their business.

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

Friday, December 6, 2013
The Affordable Care Act

This seminar will include a brief overview of the Affordable Care Act and how it will impact you and your clients.

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

Thursday, December 12, 2013
International Litigation Strategies for U.S. Proceedings with Connections in Mexico: Perspectives from a Mexican Attorney

As business between Texas and Mexico increases in a wide variety of industries, disputes are common (e.g. breach of contracts, termination of business relations between joint ventures partners; corporate and disputes among shareholders) and there is a need for U.S. clients and attorneys to understand effective procedures for granting powers of attorney, conducting service of process, taking evidence and enforcement of U.S. money judgments in Mexico.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Friday, December 13, 2013
Pets Trusts -- A Bite of Traditional Estate Planning with a Bone Thrown in for Your Pets

This seminar will cover traditional estate planning concepts such as Last Will & Testaments, durable powers of attorney, medical powers of attorney, HIPAA authorizations, Directive to Physicians, plus trusts for those with pets.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 hours ethics credit.
Friday, January 10, 2014
Protecting Confidential Documents, Complying with Federal Standards, and Admission of Seat Belt Nonuse: Current Issues in Product Liability Cases

This seminar will discuss current issues in product liability law, including: Can plaintiffs’ counsel share a defendant’s confidential information with other litigants? Does a manufacturer’s compliance with governmental standards matter? And is evidence of seat belt use admissible?

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

Friday, January 17, 2014
Social Media in Litigation - Plaintiff and Defense Perspectives

The widespread use of social media creates new opportunities—and pitfalls—for litigators of all types. Should you advise your client to stop tweeting while his lawsuit is pending? Can you get discovery of the plaintiff’s Facebook posts about her vacation? Does your litigation hold need to include social media content? Can you look at a juror’s LinkedIn profile? This presentation will address these and other hot social media issues.

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

Friday, January 24, 2014
Cutting Edge Issues and Other Interesting Developments in Employment Law

This seminar will address employment law issues that have arisen due to technological advancements, expansion of social media, and shifting societal norms. Learn how courts, legislatures, and regulatory agencies are dealing with these issues.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Thursday, January 30, 2014
Dirt and Divorce: There’s No Place Like Texas

The value of a home often plays an integral role in the property settlement of a divorce. Learn about the issues that frequently arise including who can determine value, how to determine value, and the implications of home value.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 ethics credit.

Friday, January 31, 2014
What Solos Should Know About Guardianship: How’s Your Mama?

This seminar will summarize a diverse array of issues that a solo attorney should address when a client is considering guardianship for a loved one, or is concerned about caring for elderly parents. Topics will include recognizing cognitive deficits of clients or their loved ones and basic ethical obligations related thereto, basic financial and care planning related to guardianship and incapacity, available resources and practical answers, less restrictive alternatives to guardianship, and basic guardianship law procedure.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, including .25 ethics credit.

Friday, February 7, 2014
Second Amendment “Update”

A review of the history and constitutional and legal background of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, its future, and what Texas practitioners should know about its impact on their clients.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.
Assessment collections, deed restriction enforcement, and Nutty Neighbors - A Day in the Life of an HOA Attorney

Assessment collections, deed restriction enforcement, corporate governance – these are just some of the things that an HOA attorney must contend with on a daily basis (and don't forget those nutty neighbors!). This seminar will discuss the various legal concepts governing the operation of Homeowners Associations (HOAs), the duties prescribed to individuals serving as board members of these non-profit corporate entities, as well as the effect that recent laws have had on the existence of same.

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

Instructing the Jury: How To Craft Proper Jury Instructions in Criminal Court

Incorrect Jury Instructions constitute one of the most common areas of reversible error. A successful criminal lawyer must know how to create a proper jury charge as well as how to spot and preserve charging errors for appeal. This seminar will cover these topics and will introduce the audience to the new SBOT Pattern Jury Charges and emerging trends in jury instructions around the United States.

1.5 hours MCLE credit, no ethics credit.

Lunch & Learn Series - FREE for HBA Members

Join your colleagues at noon at the HBA office for a free hour-long CLE on various topics that are useful in today’s legal practice. Bring your lunch and participate in one of the HBA’s newest CLE offerings! RSVP required.

Visit www.hba.org/cle/lunch-learn/ for RSVP details!

2013 Lunch & Learn Presentations

All presentations are 1.0 hour MCLE, including .25 hours ethics, unless otherwise noted. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch; pizza will also be available for $5.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Wednesday, September 11
- Wednesday, October 9
- Wednesday, November 13
- Wednesday, December 11
- Wednesday, January 8
- Wednesday, February 12
- Wednesday, March 12
- Wednesday, April 9
- Wednesday, May 14
- Wednesday, June 11

Upcoming CLE Events

FREE All Day Ethics
Saturday, November 2, 2013
Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza

FREE All Day Ethics
Saturday, February 1, 2014
Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza

Immigration Institute
Thursday, February 27, 2014
Harris County Jury Assembly Plaza

Visit www.hba.org for registration and detailed information
The following HBA/CLE Seminars are available online at [CLEonline.com](http://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.

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