

Seminar Agenda

Understanding Texas Personal Injury Law

B. Humphrey

The development of personal injury law in Texas
Statutes and regulations which impact liability law
An overview of liability law in different types of personal injury cases

- Automobile accident
- Medical malpractice
- Slip-and-fall
- Product liability

The law of damages

Recent developments and anticipated changes in Texas law

Investigating and Evaluating a Personal Injury Claim

J. Ramsey

Obtaining information from/about the plaintiff

Using (and not using) investigators

Identifying and locating parties and witnesses

Investigating/documenting the incident

Interviewing witnesses

Obtaining information on damages

Identifying and obtaining other relevant information

Helpful resources

Understanding Indemnity, Subrogation and Contribution

J. Flynn

Types of indemnity, indemnity claims, defenses to indemnity claims

Overview of subrogation, asserting subrogation rights, defenses to subrogation claims

Right to contribution, bringing a claim for contribution, defenses to contribution claims

Litigating Personal Injury Cases

E. Copeland

Drafting, filing and serving initial pleadings

Participating in the discovery process

- Drafting admissions, interrogatories and requests for production of documents
- Responding to discovery requests

Deposition practice: preparing for, attending and reviewing

Working with expert witnesses

Preparing for and assisting at trial

Handling Ethical Issues in Personal Injury Practice

J. Fultz

Maintaining client confidentiality

Avoiding conflicts of interest

Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law

Communicating with clients, the court and opposing counsel

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Identify the statutes and regulations that impact liability law in Texas.

Investigate personal injury claims and obtain information on damages.

Understand indemnity, subrogation and contribution.

Draft interrogatories and respond to discovery requests.

Analyze key ethical issues in personal injury practice.

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Review the development of personal injury law in Texas and examine different types of personal injury cases

Learn to identify and locate parties and witnesses

Understand indemnity, subrogation and contribution

Assist with discovery and prepare for trial

Discuss ethical issues as they relate to personal injury practice

Continuing Education Credits

Texas Certified Paralegals

6.0 Personal Injury Trial Law Hours

6.0 Civil Trial Law Hours

NALA & NFPA

6.0 CLE Hours, Including

1.0 Ethics Hour

Faculty

Brian Humphrey *Attorney at Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend*

Mr. Humphrey's practice is 100 percent devoted to personal injury and commercial litigation. Mr. Humphrey's personal injury practice is focused on representing plaintiffs in a wide variety of cases, including trucking and auto collisions, industrial and workplace accidents, premises liability cases, Jones Act and other maritime injury matters, and dram shop cases. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and the Houston Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Humphrey is a graduate of the Campbell University Law School in Raleigh, North Carolina.

John C. Ramsey *Partner in Ramsey Hill LLP*

Mr. Ramsey focuses his practice on personal injury, wrongful death, product liability and elder abuse and neglect. He was named a Texas Super Lawyer for 2013 and 2014 by Thomson Reuters and a Top Houston Attorney by both *H-Texas* and *Houstonia* magazines in 2013 and 2014. Mr. Ramsey has also been named to The National Trial Lawyers list of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers and the list of Top 40 Under 40 Trial Lawyers in Texas. He received the No. 2 negligence verdict in the State of Texas in 2009 and the No. 2 workplace injury verdict in the State of Texas in 2010. He has litigated product liability and wrongful death cases in 12 different states during his career. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Trial Lawyers Association, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, the

American Association for Justice, and the College of the State Bar of Texas.

Jared Flynn *Trial Attorney with Donato, Minx, Brown & Pool, P.C.*

Mr. Flynn is board certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has been the lead attorney in excess of 25 jury trials which reached a verdict. He has tried cases throughout the southeast part of Texas and represents businesses and private individuals in the areas of general civil litigation, commercial litigation, insurance defense, subrogation, and personal injury. Prior to joining Donato, Minx, Brown & Pool, P.C., Mr. Flynn worked at a civil litigation defense firm and served as staff counsel for a major insurer. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association.

Erin K. Copeland *Partner in Fibich, Leebron, Copeland, Briggs & Josephson*

Ms. Copeland's practice is focused on personal injury, and she represents clients in both state and federal courts across the country. She has been licensed to practice law in Texas, Missouri, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas. She was recently honored to be admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court and has been certified as an Attorney Ad Litem in Texas. Ms. Copeland has handled cases ranging from simple consumer disputes and construction defects to catastrophic injuries and wrongful death. She has worked on behalf of families who have lost

loved ones in nursing homes, hospitals, on the roads, on oil rigs, and in Iraq due to another's wrongful conduct - in some cases earning her clients more than a million dollars in recovery.

Jeffrey P. Fultz *Senior Partner at Willingham, Fultz & Cougill*

Mr. Fultz is primarily engaged in civil defense litigation, focusing on personal injury and insurance matters. He represents insurers and insureds in a broad range of matters, including silica, asbestos, benzene and other environmental exposures; construction defects; products liability; and bad faith and other insurance coverage litigation. Mr. Fultz also has extensive experience in handling cases involving commercial trucking, automobile accidents, catastrophic injury, property damage, cargo, and subrogation. Mr. Fultz serves as national coordinating counsel for his clients who are involved in toxic tort and chemical exposure cases, and he personally litigates cases filed in Texas and Mississippi, where he has been licensed since 1994 and 2003 respectively. Mr. Fultz has also been admitted in asbestos and silica cases to assist local counsel in other states, including Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, California, Pennsylvania, and Florida. He is a frequent speaker at continuing education seminars and classes presented to insurance company professionals on a wide variety of topics, including claims handling, product liability, insurance compliance, insurance coverage, commercial trucking, benzene, silica, and automobile cases.

About the Seminar

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