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17th Annual Forensics

October 10-11, 2019
Wyndham Garden Hotel
Austin, Texas

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Course Directors

The Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78741. Room rates are \$109 single/double room. Call (512) 448-2444 to make a reservation; mention TCDLA to receive the special group rate. Hotel deadline is September 18, 2019, or until room block is full, whichever comes first.

Overview

The number of changes in sciences over the past few years, especially those associated with criminal trials, has exploded. Judges who have, for years, admitted bitemark and hair microscopy evidence are now being faced with the battle between stare decisis and scientific progress. The responsibility of teaching the Court what the science is, why it is better, and why evidence should be admitted where it previously wasn't or vice versa, such that it can perform its gatekeeping function, falls to defense counsel. Rules 702 and 705 deal not only with scientific evidence but also knowledge of "technical, or other specialized knowledge," if it will be helpful to the jury. Many times, we aren't able to exclude this type of evidence but we must be prepared to explain how the testimony must be restricted and how the jury must be instructed. This program features presentations by both scientists and trial attorneys on topics as varied as DNA and crime scene reconstruction. Divergent views on the utility of some of the disciplines will be represented at the program. Trial attorneys must refresh themselves on forensics regularly or stare decisis will prevail when it shouldn't!

Thursday

	Track 1	Track 2	Track 3	Track 4
8:45 AM	Opening Remarks			
9:00 AM	Hacking and Tracking: Cell Phones for Lawyers—Frank Sellers			
10:15 AM	Computer and Cell Phone Forensics—Lance Sloves & E. X. Martin		Cell Phone Tracking—Sal Nolasco	
11:15 AM	Break			
11:30 AM	Gun Shot Wounds—Martin Dante		SANE, Sex Assault Nurse Examiner—Kim Basinger	
12:30 PM	Lunch on your own			
	Crime Scene Processing	Examining Experts	Technology	Assorted Topics
1:15 PM	Ballistics and Tool-marks—Martin Dante	The Polygraph in the Criminal Case—Rick Holden	Fingerprints—Simon Cole	Audio & Video Evaluation—Herbert Joe
2:15 PM	Eyewitness Identification & Memory—Michael Davis	Sex Offender Risk Assessment—Stephen Thorne	The Other Side of Blood Spatter Evidence—Louis Akin	Child Pornography—Marty Purselley
3:15 PM	Break			
3:30 PM	Understanding, Evaluating & Cross-Examination on the Forensic Autopsy—Sridhar Natarajan		Lab Quality Control—Janine Arvizu	
4:30 PM	Adjourn			

Friday

	Track 1	Track 2
8:45 AM	Opening Remarks	
9:00 AM	Why Jurors Seem to Think That Facts Don't Matter—Jack Gorman, MD	
10:30 AM	Break	
10:45 AM	Preparation for and Conduct of the Effective 702–705 Hearing—Michael Mowla	Website & Technology Compliance with the Texas Rules of Professional Responsibility—E. X. Martin
11:45 AM	Lunch Presentation: Junk Science Strikes Again: the Exoneration of Steven Mark Chaney—Julie Lesser & Steven Mark Chaney	
12:30 PM	Blood Spatter Workshop—Larry Renner	Defending the Shaken Baby Case—Keith Findley
1:30 PM	Blood Spatter Lecture—Larry Renner	False Confessions—Kate Houston
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	DNA in the Courtroom—Greg Hampikian	
4:15 PM	Adjourn	

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