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Thursday, July 27: [405 Minutes]

- 8:00 a.m. Check-In & Walk-in Registration
(Refreshments Served)
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 9:05 a.m. From the Bench: A Practitioner's Guide to Jury Selection
The Hon. Brandon Birmingham, 292nd District Court, Dallas, Texas
- 10:00 a.m. Voir Dire in A Politically Charged Climate: Challenges & Lessons Learned
Nicole Cubbage, The Law Office of Nicole Cubbage, Washington, DC
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Ethics: Managing Burnout in Legal Profession (Virtual)
Michelle Fontenot, J.D., MEd, Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program, Austin, Texas
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00 p.m. Voir Dire in a Family Violence (Abuse) Case
Cody Cofer, Cofer Luster Law Firm, PC, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2:00 p.m. Voir Dire in a Sexual Assault Case
Craig Jett, Burleson, Pate & Gibson, L.L.P., Dallas, Texas
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Voir Dire in a DWI Case
Mimi Coffey, The Coffey Law Firm, Fort Worth, Texas
- 4:00 p.m. Voir Dire Myths, Trends, and Tips
Jennifer Lapinski, Cathy E. Bennett & Associates, Inc., Highland Village, Texas
- 5:00 p.m. Recess, followed by Reception

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– AGENDA, continued –

Friday, July 28: [240 Minutes]

- 9:00 a.m. Trial Technology: Why Try A Case When You Can Present It?
Beth Fein, BWA Video, Inc., Houston, Texas
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:05 a.m. Introduction of the Hypothetical Case
Jennifer Lapinski, Cathy E. Bennett & Associates, Inc., Highland Village, Texas
- 10:20 a.m. Demonstration: State’s Counsel Voir Dire
- 10:50 a.m. Demonstration: Defense Counsel Voir Dire
- 11:20 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Panel Q&A: Notes from the Jurors
Moderator: **Jennifer Lapinski**, Cathy E. Bennett & Associates, Inc.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Presentation: Notes from Counsel
(Includes a 30 Minute Lunch Break. Lunch is Provided)
Moderator: **Jennifer Lapinski**, Cathy E. Bennett & Associates, Inc.
- 1:45 p.m. Final Thoughts: Putting What You’ve Learned into Practice
- 2:00 p.m. Adjourn