

# Handling Your First (or Next) Business Court Case

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## AGENDA

6.25 hours including 1 ethics

- 8:00 **Registration**  
**Coffee & Pastries Provided**
- 8:55 **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Course Director**  
D. Todd Smith, *Austin*  
Butler Snow
- 9:00 **Overview of the Business Court** .5 hr  
Marcy Hogan Greer, *Austin*  
Alexander Dubose Jefferson
- 9:30 **Supplemental Jurisdiction** .5 hr  
Jody S. Sanders, *Fort Worth*  
Kelly Hart & Hallman
- 10:00 **Barista Coffee Bar Service Provided by Our Exclusive Partner Sponsor**
- 10:15 **Contractual Clauses** .75 hr  
Brent Benoit, *Houston*  
National Oilwell Varco  
Michael Tankersley, *Dallas*  
Alston & Bird
- 11:00 **Getting In or Out of the Business Court** .75 hr  
Michael C. Smith, *Marshall*  
Scheef & Stone
- 11:45 **Break - Lunch Provided**
- 12:00 **Luncheon Presentation: Business Court Panel** 1 hr (.25 ethics)  
**Moderator**  
Noelle Hicks, *Houston*  
Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey



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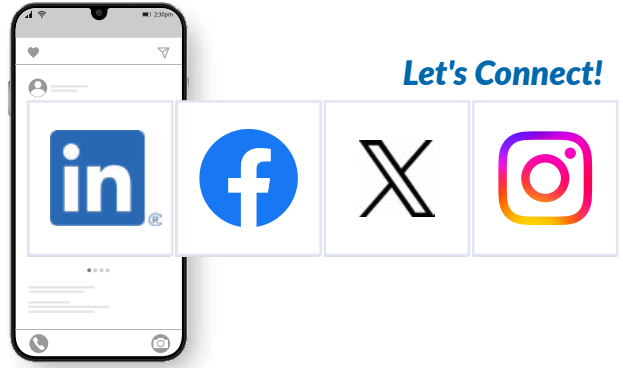
## Panelists

- Hon. Jerry D. Bullard, *Fort Worth*  
Judge, Eighth Business Court Division
- Hon. Grant Dorfman, *Houston*  
Presiding Judge, Eleventh Business Court Division
- 1:00 **Break**
- 1:15 **Judicial Disqualification and Recusal** .5 ethics  
Hon. David Peebles, *San Antonio*  
Retired Presiding Judge  
Fourth Administrative Judicial Region
- 1:45 **Business Court "Update"** .75 hr  
Hon. Sofia Adrogué, *Houston*  
Judge, Eleventh Business Court Division  
Hon. Grant Dorfman, *Houston*  
Presiding Judge, Eleventh Business Court Division
- 2:30 **Networking Break**
- 2:45 **Fifteenth Court of Appeals Panel** 1 hr (.25 ethics)  
**Moderator**  
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Butler Snow
- Panelists**  
Hon. Scott A. Brister, *Austin*  
Chief Justice, Fifteenth Court of Appeals  
Hon. April L. Farris, *Houston*  
Justice, Fifteenth Court of Appeals  
Hon. Scott K. Field, *Austin*  
Justice, Fifteenth Court of Appeals
- 3:45 **Looking to the Future** .5 hr  
Alan Dabdoub, *Dallas*  
Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann
- 4:15 **Adjourn**

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**Live Webcast**  
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**LIVE Austin**  
**Texas Law Center**  
 1414 Colorado Street  
 Austin, TX 78701  
 (512) 427-1574  
[www.TexasBarCLE.com](http://www.TexasBarCLE.com)

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