

# A Primer on Fundamental Insurance Issues

## 2025 On-Demand CLE Seminar

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#### **1. DECONSTRUCTING CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIMS**

*Douglas P. Skelley – Shidlofsky Law Firm, Austin, TX*

- Overview of insuring agreement and common exclusions.
- Duty to defend and trigger
- Anti-Indemnity, trends, and unresolved questions

#### **2. TRYING A UIM/UM CASE**

*Mark Kressenberg – Thompson, Coe, Cousins, & Irons, L.L.P., Houston, TX*

- “Learn the latest on emerging case law on extra-contractual UIM claims.”
- “Attorney’s fees? Should you ask for them?”
- “Is removal worth it?”

#### **3. LITIGATING STORM DAMAGE CASES**

*James W. Willis – Wray Willis, Houston, TX*

*Jamie P. Cooper – Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., Houston, TX*

- Common Policy Issues
- Court Trends and Case Law
- Evaluating Damages and Coverage

#### **4. EXTRA CONTRACTUAL EXPOSURE IN TEXAS: DOES IT REALLY EXIST?**

*Lisa Songy – Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP, Dallas, TX*

- The Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - What exactly is that and what are the consequences of violating it?
- Statutory Claims under The Texas Insurance Code – Is that the way to go and what does it get you?
- Attorney’s Fees – When can you get them and when might you not

#### **5. HANDLING THE UNEXPECTED: HANDLING UNIQUE ISSUES AT TRIAL**

*Christopher W. Martin – Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., Houston, TX*

- Thinking outside the box when it comes to insurance trials
- Handling the evolving landscape of jurors (attention spans and generational changes)

#### **6. AGENT DUTIES AND IMPACT ON INSURANCE**

*Jennifer W. Johnson – The Law Office of Mark Ticer, Dallas, TX*

- The core duties of an insurance agent under Texas law
- Acts constituting an agent and sub-agent under the Texas Insurance Code
- Cases interpreting agent liability and non-liability under specific fact patterns, including representations about coverage and insolvency of an insurer
- Vicarious liability of an insurance agent

#### **7. JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES (.25 ethics)**

*J. James Cooper – Reed Smith LLP, Houston, TX*

*Magistrate Judge Christina A. Bryan –*

*The Southern District of Texas, Houston Division*

*Magistrate Judge Laura Lothman Lambert –*

*The Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division*

- Discovery Disputes (from the Judge’s Perspective)
- Privilege & Relevancy Issues
- Best Practices for the Policyholder & Insurer

#### **8. STOWERS (1.00 ethics)**

*Rodrigo “Diego” Garcia, Jr. – Thompson, Coe, Cousins, & Irons, L.L.P., Houston, TX*

- Fundamental elements of the Stowers doctrine
- Ethical considerations

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