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The New Lawyer Course **Thursday** Houston LIVE, September 20

The mandatory four-hour “Guide to the Practice of Law” course required to be taken by all Texas lawyers within twelve months of licensure is only offered by the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism (call 800-204-2222, ext. 1477 for dates and locations). This nonmandatory “New Lawyer Course” was designed to provide additional, essential information to newly-licensed lawyers and this is an excellent complement to the mandatory course.



- 8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Welcoming Remarks Course Director**
Kelly-Ann F. Clarke, *Galveston*
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- Course Director**
John D. West, Jr., *Beaumont*
Pate & Spivey
- 8:45 **The Image and Role of the Lawyer** .5 hr ethics
Gib Walton, *Houston*
Vinson & Elkins
- William W. Miller, Jr., *Texarkana*
Greer, McCasland & Miller
- 9:15 **Negotiation Techniques for the New Attorney** .5 hr
Will Pryor, *Dallas*
Will Pryor Mediation & Arbitration
- 9:45 **How to Keep Breathing When You're In Over Your Head** .5 hr ethics
Rachel Madorsky, LCSW, *Austin*
Peer and Employee Assistance Professional
Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program
- 10:15 **Break**
- 10:30 **Effective Client Communication** .75 hr (.5 hr ethics)
Michael P. Maslanka, *Dallas*
Ford & Harrison
- 11:15 **Dealing with Difficult Opposing Counsel** .75 hr ethics
David S. Coale, *Dallas*
Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal
- Paul Miller, *Texarkana*
Miller, James, Miller & Hornsby
- Ruben G. Duarte, *El Paso*
Rincon Mounts
- 12:00 **Break - Lunch Served**
- 12:15 **Lunch Presentation: Judges Panel - New Dog, Old Tricks** 1 hr (.25 hr ethics)
Hon. Jennifer L. Walker Elrod, *Houston*
Judge, 190th District Court
- Hon. Mary L. Murphy, *Dallas*
Judge, 14th District Court
- Hon. Xavier Rodriguez, *San Antonio*
Judge, U. S. District Court
Western District of Texas
- 1:15 **Break**
- 1:30 **Credible Writing, Credible Associate** .75 hr
Terri LeClercq, Ph.D., *Austin*
Senior Lecturer and Fellow,
Norman Black Professorship in
Ethical Communication in Law
Univ. of Texas School of Law
- 2:15 **Making the Most of Limited Resources** .5 hr
Cynthia J. Barela, *Amarillo*
Law Office of Cynthia J. Barela
- Maureen Garrett, *Houston*
Attorney at Law

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2:45 **Starting Your Own Practice**
.5 hr
Mark J. Oehl, *Houston*
Attorney and Counselor at Law

Chad P. Ellis, *Richmond*
Ellis & Irwin

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **How to Succeed in Your First Trial or Transaction - Keys to Victory in the Courtroom or in the Boardroom** .75 hr
Lynne Liberato, *Houston*
Haynes and Boone

4:15 **Real World Ethics - How to Do the Right Thing** .5 hr ethics
John A. Neal, *Austin*
Chief Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar of Texas

Thomas H. Watkins, *Austin*
Brown McCarroll

4:45 **Striking a Balance - How to Salvage Your Life and Sanity as You Strive to Get Ahead at Work** .5 hr (.25 hr ethics)
Lisa Sanders Richardson,
Round Rock

Office of the Attorney General
Natural Resource Division

Gindi L. Eckel Vincent, *Houston*
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw
Pittman

5:15 **Adjourn**

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7.5 HOURS (3.25 HOURS ETHICS)

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Practice Skills for New Lawyers **Friday** Houston LIVE, September 21

8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

William W. Miller, Jr., *Texarkana*
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Moderator

Kelly-Ann F. Clarke, *Galveston*
Greer Herz & Adams

Moderator

John D. West, Jr., *Beaumont*
Pate & Spivey

9:00 **Attorney-Client Relationships That Work** .75 hr *ethics*

Practical advice on establishing and documenting the relationship properly, with an emphasis on avoiding payment disputes down the road.

Mark D. White, *Amarillo*
Sprouse Shrader Smith

9:45 **Preparing for Trial** .5 hr

Trial notebook, dealing with witnesses.

Dale Jefferson, *Houston*
Martin Disiere Jefferson & Wisdom

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Working with County, District and Federal Clerks** .75 hr

Filing procedures, types of records found in the courthouse.

Moderators

Kelly-Ann F. Clarke, *Galveston*
Greer Herz & Adams

John D. West, Jr., *Beaumont*
Pate & Spivey

Panelists

Charles Bacarisse, *Houston*
District Clerk
Harris County District Clerk's Office

Michael N. Milby, *Houston*
Clerk of Court
U. S. District Court
Southern District of Texas

Dr. Dianne Wilson, *Richmond*
County Clerk
Fort Bend County

11:15 **Break - Lunch served**

11:30 **Luncheon Presentation: How to Avoid Common Mistakes in the Courtroom** 1 hr

Moderator

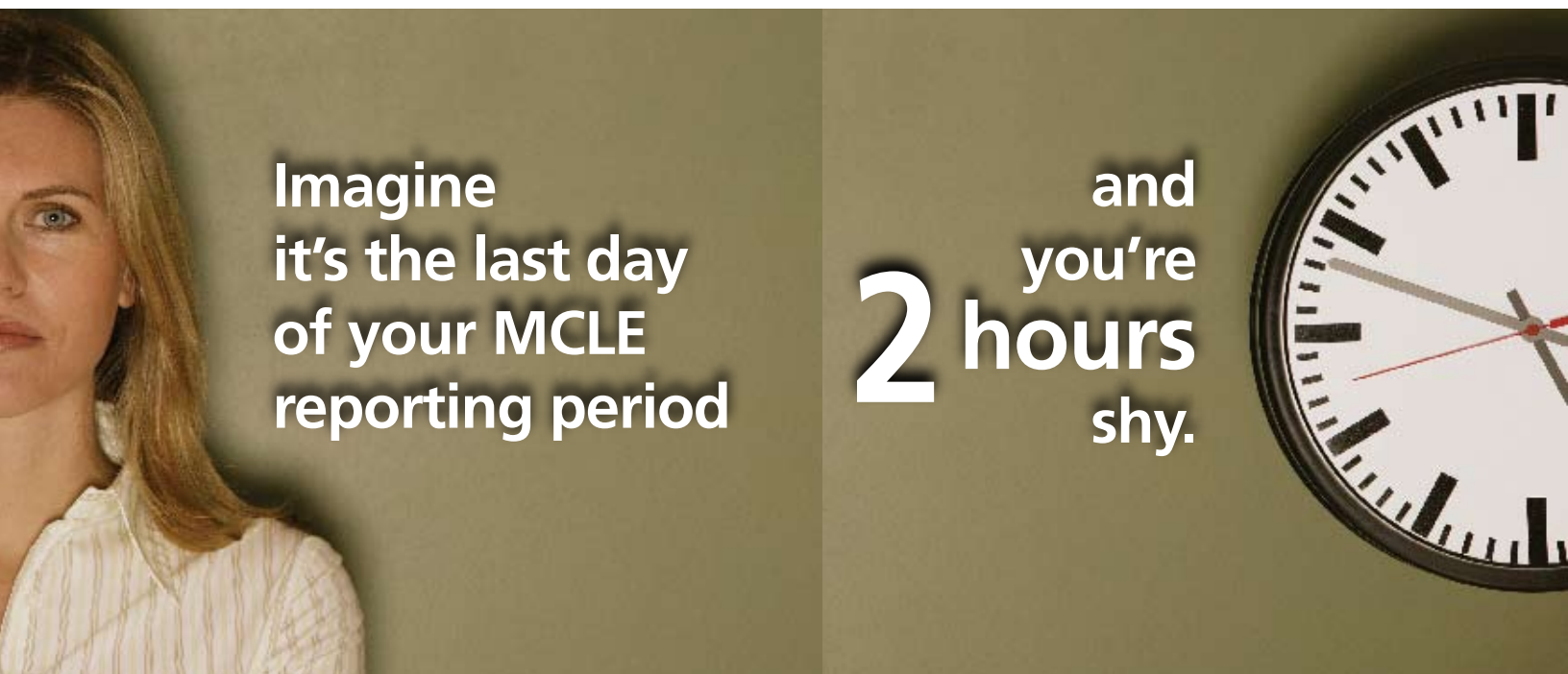
William W. Miller, Jr., *Texarkana*
Greer, McCasland & Miller

Hon. Ben W. 'Bud' Childers,
Richmond
County Court at Law #1

Hon. Jeffrey V. Brown, *Houston*
Judge, 55th District Court

Hon. Donald Ross, *Texarkana*
Justice (ret), Sixth District Court of Appeals
Haltom & Doan

12:30 **Break**



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it's the last day
of your MCLE
reporting period

and
you're
2 hours
shy.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS — Choose one track or mix and match topics.

SESSION I

- 12:45 **The Basics of Criminal Cases** *.5 hr*
Criminal appointments, pre-trial motions, negotiating pleas, guilty pleas.
Mike Watkins, *Amarillo*
Woodburn, Watkins and Jackson
- 1:15 **Break**
- 1:20 **Simple Family Matters** *.5 hr*
How to do an uncontested divorce, issues involving children.
Anna McKim, *Lubbock*
Field, Manning, Stone, Hawthorne & Aycok
- 1:50 **Break**
- 1:55 **Handling Guardianships** *.5 hr*
Who needs a guardian, when are they appropriate, attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, power of attorney v. guardianship.
Terry W. Hammond, *El Paso*
Hammond Townsend Allala

2:25 **Break - Return to General Session**

SESSION II

- 12:45 **How to Form a Texas Business Entity** *.5 hr*
John R. Williford, *Houston*
Jackson Walker
- 1:15 **Break**
- 1:20 **Fundamentals of Personal Injury** *.5 hr*
Depositions, gathering medical records, pleadings, finding insurance.
Roy Talmadge Hammock, *Houston*
Mills Shirley
- 1:50 **Break**
- 1:55 **Real Estate Transactions** *.5 hr*
James R. Secrest, *Temple*
Secrest Law Firm

2:25 **Break - Return to General Session**

GENERAL SESSION

- 2:45 **Wills and Probate** *.75 hr*
Drafting and probating a simple will, muniment of title.
William D. Pargaman, *Austin*
Brown McCarroll
- 3:30 **Negotiation and Mediation** *.5 hr*
Bob Black, *Beaumont*
Mehaffy Weber
- 4:00 **Handling Pro Bono Matters** *.5 hr*
Jeffrey S. Edwards, *Austin*
Whitehurst Harkness Ozmun & Brees
- 4:30 **Adjourn**

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Houston LIVE *Early Registration Deadline: September 6*

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- \$95** Newly-Licensed Attorney (licensed after Jan 1, 2005)
OR Law Student Graduate (but not licensed)
- \$145** Regular Registrant (licensed more than 2 years)

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- \$145** Regular Registrant (licensed more than 2 years)

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- Subtract \$25** if registering for BOTH courses
(discount not available online)
- Add \$20** if registering **after September 6th.**
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