



Upcoming Educational Offerings

ARM 204 – Application & Report Writing

Embassy Suites Dulles North Loudoun, Dulles, Virginia

June 11, 12, 13, 14, 2020 -- Register at appraisers.org

ARM 201 -- Introduction, Overview & Development

WEBINAR SERIES

September 29, 30, October 1, 6, 7, 8, 2020 -- Register at appraisers.org

ASA International Conference

October 11-13, 2020 in Chicago

Early bird rate of \$650 until May 1st!

Register at appraisers.org (and check soon for a pre-IC ARM class!)

ARM 204 – Application & Report Writing

WEBINAR SERIES

January 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 2020 -- Register at appraisers.org

The Houston chapter will also offer 201 in fall 2020, and 204 in February 2021.

Check the chapter website soon, HoustonAppraisers.org

Got USPAP? Edition 2020-21 is HERE—get yours already!

Register for your update today! Appraisers.org

The Houston chapter is hosting the

Expert Witness Workshop & Mock Trial

on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at the

South Texas College of Law, in downtown Houston.

Register at HoustonAppraisers.org

This workshop is offered in conjunction with the

Forensic Expert Witness Association's National Conference

on August 28 & 29, 2020, same location. FEWA rates for ASA members!

Register at Forensic.org

--also see FEWA webinars listed at the end of this file--

Expert Witness Workshop & Mock Trial

New Date: August 27, 2020, Houston
Hosted by the American Society of Appraisers
Houston Chapter



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Hon. Devon Anderson

CEO of the Harris County Drug Court Foundation and former Harris County District Attorney

Participating Attorneys & Session Topics Include



Matthew A. Copeland, JD

Depositions & Testimony Disasters
Partner, Adams and Reese LLP

Joshua Wood, JD, MAI, AI-GRS

Expert Witness Report
Valbridge Property



Stephanie M. Harp, JD

Lead Attorney for Mock Trial Panel
The Harp Law Firm

Denise Peterson, JD, FCI Arb

Implicit Bias on the Stand
PetersonADR



Nick Rishwain, JD

Social Media & The Expert
Experts.com

Location: Garrett Townes Auditorium, South Texas College of Law

1303 San Jacinto Street, in downtown Houston, 77002

Education Credits: CE/CPE: 9 Hours; FEWA CFLC: 9 Hours; MCLE Credits: 8 Hours
State Bar of Texas MCLE Accreditation Course #174079218

Early Bird Rate \$250

(\$350 after July 31, 2020) Includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Happy Hour

Workshop & Mock Trial 8:00am-5:30pm, Happy Hour 6:00-7:00pm

register: HoustonAppraisers.org

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Plan for 3 days of informative expert witness training

Attend this workshop plus the 2 day FEWA conference!

Forensic Expert Witness Association National Conference

Friday & Saturday, August 28-29, 2020

Same Location. Register for the FEWA conference at forensic.org





2020 FEWA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Join us **April 17-18, 2020** in Houston
at the South Texas College of Law for the
2020 FEWA National Conference!

Learn more and register at www.forensic.org

2020 FEWA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday, April 17, 2020 - Saturday, April 18, 2020

This two-day educational event is intended to **address key topics and issues of importance to attorneys and expert witnesses**. The program features a faculty of 18 outstanding speakers including Chief Justice Nathan Hecht and keynote speaker Benny Agosto Jr., a personal injury trial lawyer in Houston and author of over 30 published works on law topics. Don't miss this fast-paced program designed for both seasoned experts and beginners, with ample opportunities for interacting with faculty and experts throughout the event.

Earn up to 12.75 hours, including 1 hour of Ethics in MCLE credits.
State Bar of Texas MCLE Accreditation Course #174075233



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For registration and
event information:
forensic.org



SPEAKERS & TOPICS

Explore the topics and speakers of the
FEWA 2020 National Conference educational program.

April 17 Speakers



Benny Agosto, Jr.

Role of the Expert in American Justice

Benny Agosto Jr., a partner with Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Aziz of Houston, will remind attendees of expert witness duty, emphasizing necessary attributes such as independent and objective assistance to the court and provision of specialized, legally reliable knowledge applicable to a particular subject matter, and more.

Benny is a board-certified personal injury trial lawyer. He has authored more than 30 published works and conducted over 40 presentations on law topics including several addressing expert services. His J.D. is from the South Texas College of Law.



Chief Justice Nathan Hecht

Expert Qualifications, Methodology, and Ethical Performance

Chief Justice Nathan Hecht will discuss the relevant legal precedents and case examples related to the expert's ethical duties to the court and the participants of presenting truthful and well-supported opinions, as well as the role of the courts as gatekeeper to keep unsupported testimony and unqualified or unethical experts out.

Chief Judge Hecht, 27th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, is a distinguished legal scholar and longest-serving Member of the Court in TX history. He served as a past Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps. He holds a B.A. degree with honors in philosophy from Yale University, and a J.D. degree cum laude from the SMU School of Law.



Shannon Lang

How Attorneys Dig Up Dirt on Experts

Shannon Lang of Lang and Associates, PLLC will provide answers to an often surprising concern of experts regarding information on an expert's background or past performance.

Shannon's practice areas include commercial litigation, community association law and labor & employment law. Her J.D. is from the University of Virginia School of Law, and she has attained bachelor degrees in both biology and sociology and a master's degree in forensic science.

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SPEAKERS & TOPICS

April 17 Speakers



Robert Lemus

Communications in the Legal Field

Robert Lemus, senior associate at Hughes Arrell Kinchen LLP will discuss complications and problems that may arise in communications between counsel and experts including such areas as how best to comply with rules of discovery, maintain mutual understanding of the status of litigation, limitations of designation, connection at deposition and trial, and even avoidance of jargon.

Robert specializes in commercial litigation, internal investigation, and consumer protection. His J.D. is from the University of Houston Law Center.



Kelly Prather

Improving your Effectiveness with the Judge and Jury

Learn how to apply storytelling techniques in testimony to educate and inform the factfinder about the subject-matter and your opinions. Our brains are wired to learn easily from hearing stories. Storytelling predates writing.

Ms. Prather is a solo practitioner at The Greenwood Prather Law Firm PC, representing individuals who have been injured by careless and dangerous persons and companies. Areas of practice include oil field and on the job injuries, assault injuries, vehicle incidents, and fires and explosions. Her degrees include a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Houston Law Center.



Joe Jaworski

The Experts Role in ADR

Managing Partner of the Jaworski Law Firm Joe Jaworski will focus on the role of an expert witness in mediation, a preferred way to resolve any dispute even if the entire point of litigation is to prepare for and win at trial, and how expert participation in mediation can help resolve a case.

Joe is a managing partner of The Jaworski Law Firm, headquartered in Galveston, Texas. His bachelor's from North Carolina's Davidson College and his law degree is from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA) Webinar Offerings

REGISTER at Forensic.org

Partnering with ASA to educate experts in all professions!

April 9, 2020, 3PM Central Time

“The Virtual Delivery of Expert Testimony in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond”

- *A current real-time conversation with a Judge, a Litigation and Arbitration Attorney, and a Trial Technology Visual Communications Specialist.*
- *Pre-registrants are invited to submit suggested questions in advance, if they like, by April 3, 2020 for consideration.*

Speakers:

- Judge Peter Flynn, Circuit Court, Cook County Illinois (Ret.)
- Attorney John Sciacotta, Esq., Member, Aronberg Goldgehn law firm
- Roger Holtzen, Director, Visual Communications, Ankura Consulting

Moderator:

John Levitske, Senior Managing Director, Business Valuation Dispute Analysis, Ankura Consulting (and president of FEWA Midwest / Chicago chapter)

April 15, 2020, 3PM Central Time

When Once is Not Enough: Getting More Expert Witness Business

presented by Toby Edwards

May TBD:

Smart Ways to Virtually Market Expert Services during the COVID-19 Era and Beyond

May TBD:

Being an Expert in Arbitration and Mediation

August 19, 2020, 3PM Central Time

What Trial Lawyers Look for When Choosing a Consulting Expert Witness

presented by Terri L. Mascherin