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AGENDA

6 hours including 1.5 ethics

8:55 Welcoming Remarks

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Ryan S. Henry, *San Antonio*
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Kuruvilla Oommen, *Irving*
City of Irving

9:00 Open Records and Record Retention

.75 hr
Andrew Glass, *Austin*
Texas State Library and Archives Commission
State and Local Records Management
Division
Jahna Ward, *Austin*
Office of the Attorney General
Open Records Division

9:45 Open Meetings Act .5 hr

Kuruvilla Oommen, *Irving*
City of Irving

10:15 Break

10:30 TTCA: Waive Goodbye to Other Claims .75 hr

Francesca Di Troia, *Austin*
Savrick Schumann
Ethan Ranis, *Austin*
Almanza Blackburn Dickie & Mitchell

11:15 What's the Difference Between § 1983 and the Texas Tort Claims Act .5 hr

J. Arnold Aguilar, *Brownsville*
Aguilar & Zabarte

11:45 Break

12:00 Ethics: Who Is the Client? Representing a Governmental Body

1 hr ethics
Thomas Gwosdz, *Victoria*
City Attorney, City of Victoria

1:00 Break

1:15 Employment Law Primer

.75 hr (.25 ethics)
Daniel N. Ramirez, *Houston*
Monty & Ramirez

2:00 Procurement .5 hr

Sandy Hellums-Gomez, *Houston*
Husch Blackwell

2:30 Break

2:45 Contract Issues from a Litigator's Perspective .5 hr

Megan Kateff, *Austin*
Allensworth & Porter

3:15 Social Media and 1st Amendment Issues .75 hr (.25 ethics)

William Christian, *Austin*
Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody
Chelsea A. Mikulencak, *San Antonio*
Law Offices of Ryan Henry

4:00 Adjourn



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DAY 1

6.75 hours including 1.75 ethics

8:30 Government Law Section Annual Meeting

8:55 Welcoming Remarks Course Directors

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9:00 Texas Supreme Court Update .75 hr

Hon. Jeffrey S. Boyd, *Austin*
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

9:45 Legislative Update .75 hr

Bill Longley, *Austin*
Texas Municipal League
Michael Pichinson, *Austin*
Texas Association of Counties

10:30 Break

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10:45 Paramount Purpose in Eminent Domain Proceedings .5 hr

Anthony J. Blazi, *Buda*
Attorney and Mediator

Clint Harbour, *Austin*
Office of Attorney General

11:15 Basics and Pointers of Interlocal Contracting: A Multi-Jurisdictional Look at Issues .75 hr

Moderator

Sandy Hellums-Gomez, *Houston*
Husch Blackwell

Panelists

Sherea A. McKenzie, Esq., *Houston*
Director of Special Projects
Commissioner Precinct 1, Harris County
Kimberley Mickelson, JD, AICP, *Houston*
Senior Assistant City Attorney
Real Estate Section, City of Houston Legal
Department

Y. Nicole Montgomery, JD MPA, *Houston*
Deputy General Counsel
Houston Community College

12:00 Government Law Section Awards Presentation

12:15 Break

12:30 Cybersecurity Is a Risky Business 1 hr (.25 ethics)

Ryan Burns, *Austin*
Texas Municipal League
Intergovernmental Risk Pool

Guillermo (Will) Trevino, *Austin*
Texas Municipal League

1:30 Break

1:45 Conducting Virtual Meetings Under the Governor's OMA Suspensions .5 hr (.25 ethics)

Jennie Hoelscher, *Austin*
Office of the Attorney General

2:15 Qualified Immunity Update .75 hr

Darrell G. Noga, *Dallas*
Brown Fox

3:00 Break

3:15 Employment Law Update .75 hr (.25 ethics)

Jay R. Aldis, *Houston*
Gray Reed

4:00 Ethics from a Government Lawyer's Perspective 1 hr ethics

Jenny P. Dorsey, *Corpus Christi*
Nueces County Attorney

Victor Flores, *Brownsville*
Brownsville City Attorney's Office

Audrey R. Shakra, *Houston*
Spring Branch Independent School District

5:00 Adjourn

DAY 2

5.75 hours including 1.25 ethics

8:55 Announcements

9:00 Recent Federal Cases of Interest to Governmental Entities 1 hr

D. Randall Montgomery, *Dallas*
D. Randall Montgomery & Associates

10:00 Break

10:15 Evolution to Solution - Innovative Ideas for TPDES Compliance .75 hr

Nancy Belinsky, *San Antonio*
San Antonio Water System

Edward F. Guzman, *San Antonio*
San Antonio Water System

11:00 Improving Procurement Practices with Contract Management Systems .75 hr (.25 ethics)

Megan J. Mikutis, *Houston*
Randle Law Office

11:45 Break

12:00 Firearm Regulation with a Government Perspective 1 hr

Scott N. Houston, *Austin*
Texas Municipal League

1:00 Break

1:15 Making Your Point: Effective Legal Writing Tips .5 hr

Chad Baruch, *Dallas*
Johnston Tobey Baruch

1:45 Attorney Wellness 1 hr ethics

Michelle Fontenot, J.D., M.Ed., *Austin*
Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program

Erica Grigg, J.D., *Austin*
Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program

Chris Ritter, J.D., M.Ed., *Austin*
Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program

2:45 Transgender Legal Issues of Importance to Governmental Entities: Recent Developments .75 hr

Laura O'Leary, *Dallas*
Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin

Francisco Valenzuela, *Dallas*
Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin

3:30 Adjourn

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- **Advanced:** \$445 per registrant, \$375 for government lawyers, or \$272.50 if licensed 5 years or less
- **101 Course:** \$245 per registrant, or \$195 for government lawyers

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- **Advanced:** \$375 per registrant, \$345 for government lawyers, or \$237.50 if licensed 5 years or less
- **101 Course:** \$225 per registrant, or \$175 for government lawyers

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