



## WAL Law Symposium and Attorney Wellness Retreat

9.75 hours MCLE credit, including 1.5 hours ethics credit

Friday & Saturday, March 28-29, 2025

Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort | 1 Resort Way, Boerne, TX 78006

### Friday, March 28

7 hours MCLE / 1 hour ethics

**7:30 Hiking & Attorney Networking**

**9:00 Introduction to Law Symposium**

Natasha Martinez, McAllen, TX, Tijerina Legal Group

**9:15 Breakfast & Attorney Bonding (Over Cyber Protection)**

.5 hour, including .25 hour ethics

Elizabeth Sandoval Cantu, Edinburg, TX, Ramon Worthington Nicolas & Cantu, PLLC

**9:45 The 4 D's Every Business Should Plan for – Death, Divorce, Disability, and Disagreements**

.75 hour

Deborah Cordova, Edinburg, TX, Walsh, McGurk, Cordova, Nixon, PLLC

**10:30 Family Law Update**

.75 hour

Cindy Tisdale, Granbury, TX, Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC

**11:15 Networking Break**

**11:30 Deposition Bullies and How to Handle Them**

.5 hour, including .25 hour ethics

Andrea Cook, Dallas, TX, Stewart Law Group PLLC

**12:00 Luncheon and Special Guest Speaker**

1.25 hour

Linda Garza, Austin, TX, Siete Foods

**1:15 Texas Supreme Court Update**

.5 hour

Rebeca Martinez, Houston, TX, Chief Justice, Fourth Court of Appeals

**1:45 Appellate Considerations Panel**

.5 hour

Deborah Race, Tyler, TX, Attorney at Law; Justice Meagan Hassan, Houston, TX, (fmr); Justice Diane DeVasto, Tyler, TX, (ret)

**2:15 A Path to Leadership**

1 hour

Sylvia Borunda Firth, El Paso, TX, Sylvia Borunda Firth, PLLC; Laura Gibson, Houston, TX, Dentons US LLP; Cindy Tisdale, Granbury, TX, Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC

**3:15 Networking Break**

**3:30 People Pleasing, Perfectionism and Procrastination: How to Stop the Three Ps So You Can Have the Life and Career You Truly Want and Deserve**

1.25 hour, including .5 hour ethics

Renee Pardo, Huntington, NY, Renee Pardo Coaching, LLC

**4:45 Adjourn**

**6:30 Dinner & Drinks with Our Former WAL Chairs**

**Saturday, March 29**  
**2.75 hours MCLE / .5 hours ethics**

## Course Information

- 7:30 Attorney Mentorship & Meditation**
- 9:30 Anxious Advocacy: How to Turn Your Anxiety Into Your Superpower in the Courtroom**  
*.75 hour*  
Renee Pardo, Huntington, NY, Renee Pardo Coaching, LLC
- 10:15 Networking Break**
- 10:30 Succession Planning**  
*.5 hour, including .25 hour ethics*  
Laura Gibson, Houston, TX, Dentons US LLP
- 11:00 Artificial Intelligence and Technology in the Courtroom**  
*.5 hour, including .25 hour ethics*  
Heather King, Houston, TX, Koonsfuller, PC
- 11:30 Governmental Admin Update**  
*.5 hour*  
Judge Judy Ney, Houston, TX, Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers Compensation
- 12:00 Effective Self Promotion as a New Attorney**  
*.5 hour*  
Laura Pratt, Lubbock, TX, Sprouse Shrader Smith PLLC; Alyson Martinez, Laredo, TX, Webb & Zapata County CSCD
- 12:30 Closing & Adjourn**

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