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### 8:50 Welcoming Remarks

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## The Remarkable History & Development of Rule 76a, the Record Sealing Rule: Where It All Started

- 9:00 **The Beginning of the Movement Against Sealing Court Records** .33 hr (.25 ethics)  
Ed Timms, *Dallas*  
North Texas Public Broadcasting, Inc.
- 9:20 **Blazing the Trial for Unsealing Court Records: *Times Herald Printing Company v. Jones*** .33 hr (.25 ethics)  
Charles L. Babcock IV, *Houston*  
Jackson Walker
- 9:40 **Laying the Groundwork for Rule 76a: *Dallas Morning News Company v. Bill Long, District Clerk, Dallas County, Texas*** .33 hr (.25 ethics)  
Thomas S. Leatherbury, *Dallas*  
Thomas S. Leatherbury Law, PLLC  
SMU Dedman School of Law
- 10:00 **Rule 76a - The Committee Process and Final Report** .42 hr  
Luther H. 'Luke' Soules, *San Antonio*  
Soules & Wallace
- 10:25 **Break**
- 10:40 **A Chief Justice's Perspective on the Rule Process and the Final Adoption of Rule 76a** .33 hr (.25 ethics)  
Hon. Nathan Hecht, *Austin*  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 11:00 **A Justice's Perspective on the Rule Process and the Final Adoption of Rule 76a** .33 hr (.25 ethics)  
Hon. Raul A. Gonzalez, *Austin*  
Justice (Ret.), Supreme Court of Texas
- 11:20 **The First Supreme Court of Texas** .42 hr  
Hon. Ken Wise, *Houston*  
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals
- 11:45 **Legislation Affecting the Courts and Law** .42 hr (.25 ethics)  
Jerry D. Bullard, *Grapevine*  
Adams Lynch & Loftin
- 12:10 **Break**
- 12:30 **The State of the Texas Supreme Court and Judiciary** .42 hr  
Hon. Nathan Hecht, *Austin*  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 12:55 **Recent Texas Supreme Court Decisions** .42 hr  
Hon. Rebeca Huddle, *Bellaire*  
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas





- 1:20 **Strategies in Preparing a Petition for Review** .42 hr  
Benjamin Mesches, *Dallas*  
Haynes Boone
- 1:45 **Break**
- 2:00 **Preparing a Winning Brief on the Merits** .42 hr (.25 ethics)  
Jane Webre, *Austin*  
Scott Douglass & McConnico
- 2:25 **What Justices Are Looking for in a Petition and a Brief on the Merits** .42 hr (.25 ethics)  
Hon. Brett Busby, *Austin*  
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 2:50 **Preparing for and Giving an Effective Oral Argument**  
.42 hr (.25 ethics)  
Lisa Hobbs, *Austin*  
Kuhn Hobbs
- 3:15 **Mandamus Proceedings in the Texas Supreme Court** .33 hr  
Warren Harris, *Houston*  
Bracewell
- 3:35 **Recent Rule Changes** .25 hr  
Hon. Jane Bland, *Austin*  
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 3:50 **Adjourn**

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