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--
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

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, FCIArb
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
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
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

South Texas College of Law Houston
1303 San Jacinto St, Houston, TX 77002

For questions or more information: info@forensic.org or 312.981.6780

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.

Learn more and register at www.forensic.org
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.
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 Sciaccotta, 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