

Agenda

Understanding Texas Personal Injury Law The development of personal injury law in Texas Statutes and regulations that affect liability law An overview of liability law in different types of personal injury cases • Automobile accident • Slip-and-fall • Medical malpractice • Product liability The law of damages Recent developments and anticipated changes in Texas law	<i>C. Mazzola</i>
Negotiating, Mediating, and Settling Personal Injury Cases Creating comprehensive and effective settlement brochures Preparing for and assisting with the negotiation process Preparing for and assisting with mediation	<i>C. Mazzola</i>
Investigating and Evaluating a Personal Injury Claim Obtaining information from/about the plaintiff Using (and not using) investigators Identifying and locating parties and witnesses Investigating/documenting the incident Interviewing witnesses Obtaining information on damages Identifying and obtaining other relevant information Helpful resources	<i>L. Grove</i>
Litigating Personal Injury Cases Drafting, filing and serving initial pleadings Participating in the discovery process • Drafting admissions, interrogatories and requests for production of documents • Responding to discovery requests Deposition practice: preparing for, attending and reviewing Working with expert witnesses Preparing for and assisting at trial	<i>D. Ragsdale</i>
Handling Ethical Issues Maintaining client confidentiality Avoiding conflicts of interest Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law Communicating with clients, the court and opposing counsel	<i>O. Banks</i>

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Learning Objectives

- You'll be able to:**
- Explore** liability law for different types of personal injury cases including auto accidents, slip-and-fall cases and medical malpractice.
 - Get tips on** investigating personal injury claims, including obtaining information on damages.
 - Draft** pleadings, assist with depositions and work with expert witnesses.
 - Create** comprehensive and effective settlement brochures.
 - Avoid** engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.



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- Explore** the statutes and regulations that affect liability law
- Assist** with litigating personal injury cases
- Get tips on** investigating and evaluating personal injury claims
- Work** on mediation and settlement negotiations
- Handle** ethical issues in personal injury practice

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- Paralegals**
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- National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)**
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- Texas Board of Legal Education (TBLS)**
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Faculty

Chris Mazzola *Patterson Law Group*
Mr. Mazzola graduated from the University of Houston in 2006 with a B.S. degree in Kinesiology with a focus in Sport Administration. While at the University of Houston, Mr. Mazzola was accepted into the Sales Excellence Institute at the Bauer College of Business and obtained an advanced certificate in Professional Selling. After graduation, he went to work for a major insurance carrier for three years before embarking on law school. In 2012, he obtained a law degree from St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. During law school, Mr. Mazzola served as a senator for the Student Bar Association and chair of the Young Alumni-Law Student Chapter, and he participated in numerous mock trial competitions and was a member of the External Advocacy Program's Competition Negotiations team. In addition, Mr. Mazzola was a staff writer for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* where his article on how the law often criminalized victims of human trafficking received credit with Honors. Because of his experience as a staff writer, he worked as a teaching assistant in the Legal Research and Writing program.

Laura Grove *Loewy Law Firm*
Ms. Grove is an experienced and Board Certified Paralegal with a demonstrated history of working in the legal and medical industries. She is skilled in medical record summarization, drafting pleadings and discovery, e-filing, demand preparation, negotiation, subrogation and reductions.

David Ragsdale *Ragsdale Law Firm*
Mr. Ragsdale's law practice provides legal representation for individuals and families in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases. In law school, he studied to become the kind of lawyer who made an important difference in the lives of clients. He aspired to stand up to large corporate interests and others who unwilling to take responsibility for the injuries and damages they caused. Mr. Ragsdale now has more than 28 years of experience fighting for individuals and families in state and federal courts in Texas. He has handled thousands of cases and obtained millions of dollars in damages for injured clients. He was recently recognized by the National Trial Lawyers as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer in North Texas. Mr. Ragsdale completed mediator's training at the SMU Center for dispute resolution and conflict management, and he has served as a mediator and successfully mediated the settlement of over 50 lawsuits.

Olaide A. Banks *Principal Attorney at Banks & Associates, PLLC, Houston, TX*
Mr. Banks is the principal attorney at Banks & Associates, PLLC, a Houston-based law firm focused on meeting the needs of government and construction contractors throughout Texas. He is a trusted advisor for licensed professionals, CEOs and managers in construction firms, and government contractors. Mr. Banks was licensed as a CPA in 2003 and has more than 20 years of experience as a lead accountant and CFO for successful government contractors. He earned his B.B.A. degree with a double major in Accounting and Finance from the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston, and secured his J.D. degree from South Texas College of Law. Mr. Banks is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Association of Corporate Counsel and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Mr. Banks is a member of the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

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