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Thursday, December 7 **Friday, December 8**

<p>8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Welcome and Overview of Day One <i>Ruben J. Krisztal, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i> <i>Overland Park, KS</i> <i>Rick Sebek, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i> <i>Fowler White Boggs Banker, Tampa, FL</i></p> <p>8:45 The Courts Coast to Coast National Case Law Update <i>Simon L. Wiseman, Esq.</i> <i>Paul Coppock, Orlando, FL</i> <i>Rick Sebek, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i></p> <p>9:45 Morning Break</p> <p>10:00 Legislation from Around the Country A Panel Presentation <i>Sherle Flaggman, Esq.</i> <i>Schneider and Onofry, Phoenix, AZ</i> <i>Alexander F. Giovanniello, Esq.</i> <i>Giovanniello & Michels, Diamond Bar, CA</i> <i>Allen D. Fuller, Esq.</i> <i>Fuller & Associates, Miami, FL</i> <i>Simon L. Wiseman, Esq.</i></p> <p>11:15 Pick Your Winning Jury Maximize Voir Dire <i>Melissa Ann Pigott, PhD, Director of Research</i> <i>Magnus Research Consultants, Pompano Beach, FL</i></p> <p>12:00 Lunch Break</p> <p>1:30 Opening Statements and Closing Arguments Theory and Examples <i>H. Michael Wright, Esq.</i> <i>Udall, Shumway & Lyons, Mesa, AZ</i> <i>Sherle Flaggman, Esq.</i></p> <p>2:45 Bulletproof Depositions Getting What You Want from Out-of-Court Testimony <i>Ruben J. Krisztal, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i> <i>Rick Sebek, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i></p> <p>3:45 Afternoon Break</p> <p>4:00 Punitive Damages How to Go up the Corporate Ladders <i>T. Patrick Ford, Jr., Esq.</i> <i>Ford, Dean & Mallard, Miami, FL</i></p> <p>4:45 Ethics Considerations in Long-Term Care Litigation <i>Thomas P. Scarritt, Jr., Esq., Chairman, JCPC, FCOE</i> <i>Scarritt Law Group, Tampa, FL</i></p> <p>5:45 Adjourn</p>	<p>8:00 Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Overview of Day Two <i>Ruben J. Krisztal, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i> <i>Rick Sebek, Esq., Program Co-Chair</i></p> <p>8:45 The Administrator and Associated Deposition Issues How to Depose for Either Side! <i>Byron S. Arbeit, MA, NFA, HFA</i> <i>Sarasota, FL</i></p> <p>9:30 Expert Witness Corner Nutrition and Wound Care <i>Janet McKee, MS, RD, LD</i> <i>Nutritious Lifestyles, Orlando, FL</i> <i>Joyce M. Black, PhD, RN, Associate Professor</i> <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE</i></p> <p>10:30 Morning Break</p> <p>10:45 Fraud and Abuse Claims Civil, Criminal and Administrative <i>Mitchell A. Cohen, Esq.</i> <i>Fowler White Boggs Banker, West Palm Beach, FL</i> <i>Melvin B. Wright, Esq.</i> <i>Colling Gilbert & Wright, Maitland, FL</i></p> <p>11:45 Long-Term Care Litigation and Public Relations The Media Perspective <i>Scott Sobel, Vice President</i> <i>Levick Strategic Communications, Washington, DC</i></p> <p>12:30 Lunch Break</p> <p>1:45 Causation of Injury in the Nursing Home Considerations for Plaintiff and Defense Litigators <i>Jeffrey M. Levine, MD, CMD, AGSF, President</i> <i>SeniorHealth Consulting, New York, NY</i></p> <p>2:30 Afternoon Break</p> <p>2:45 Mandatory Arbitration The Pros, the Cons and the Basics <i>Raymond E. Watts, Jr., Esq.</i> <i>Wicker Smith O'Hara McCoy Graham & Ford, Orlando, FL</i> <i>Allen D. Fuller, Esq.</i></p> <p>3:45 False Claims Act Whistleblower Employee Protections <i>John M. Parisi, Esq.</i> <i>Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman, Kansas City, MO</i> <i>David R. Hoffman, Esq.</i> <i>David Hoffman & Associates, Philadelphia, PA</i></p> <p>4:45 Q&A Panel <i>Members of the Faculty</i></p> <p>5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn</p>
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