Attorneys attend the Advanced Trial Skills for Government Lawyers course.

Advanced Trial Skills Course for Government Lawyers

On April 7, a packed house of more than 80 lawyers from the Office of the Texas Attorney General took part in a free full-day training program featuring some of the best trial lawyers and trial experts in the state. "If I've learned anything in my years at the trial bar, it's that you can always learn more," State Bar President **Terry Tottenham** said.

Speakers included Jason Bloom, of Bloom Strategic Consulting, who discussed voir dire for government lawyers. Dallas attorney **Kim Askew** spoke about direct and cross examination of experts and fellow Dallas attorney **John G. Browning** addressed social media and the Internet. Together, the Hon. **John Dietz** of the 250th District Court and Austin attorney **Tommy Jacks** spoke about the admissibility of electronic evidence, while Addison attorney **Charles M. Wilson III** discussed what every trial lawyer should know about storytelling. Former State Bar President **Martha Dickie** spoke about preparing witnesses and Austin attorney **Douglas W. Alexander** delivered a presentation on preservation of error.

Tottenham thanked **David Halpern** of the AG's Office and **Tracy McCormack** of the University of Texas School of Law for helping to plan the course.

The course — free to government lawyers — will be available the beginning of June on the State Bar's website. Visit **www.texasbarcle.com** and search Online Classes for Advanced Trial Skills for Government Lawyers.

The course was presented by the State Bar, along with the Office of the Texas Attorney General and the University of Texas School of Law.