

2006 Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference
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Friday Morning, Sep. 29, 2006

Presiding Officer:

Bradley A. Jackson, Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams LLP - Houston, TX

9:00 am 0.00 hr 1.25 hrs ethics	<p>Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law</p> <p>This annual update covers the admiralty work of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits. Also includes selective coverage of important maritime and related decisions of other courts.</p> <p>David W. Robertson, Austin, TX Michael F. Sturley, University Of Texas School Of Law - Austin, TX</p>
10:15 am 0.50 hr	<p>The Current Boundaries of Admiralty Jurisdiction</p> <p>Exploration of current developments in admiralty jurisdiction, especially in relation to torts and contracts. A close examination will be made of cases applying recent U.S. Supreme Court precedents including the 2004 Norfolk Southern Railroad v. Kirby decision.</p> <p>David J. Bederman, Emory University School of Law - Atlanta, GA</p>
11:00 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Untangling the Tangle of Insurance and Ethical Issues Arising from the Texas Supreme Court's Decision in Frank's Casing</p> <p>Aids to the navigation of Frank's Casing: Is the Texas Supreme Court decision a sea change, off-course, or mere correction? Should insurers expect fair sailing, is the policyholder left stranded, and what new risks does the defense lawyer face, when at the wheel of underlying litigation? These waters are murky and potentially dangerous, so bring a pilot aboard to help chart the route ahead and stay alert with lookouts for insurers and policyholders.</p> <p>Robert J. Cunningham, Cook & Roach, LLP - Houston, TX Karen Klaas Milhollin, Westmoreland Hall PC - Houston, TX</p>

Friday Afternoon, Sep. 29, 2006

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12:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Lunch Presentation: Federal Civil Rule Changes and Developments</p> <p>Discussion of recent and forthcoming changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.</p> <p>Hon. Lee Hyman Rosenthal, Houston, TX</p>
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1:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Primer on 5th Circuit Internal Practices</p> <p>A review of procedural practices, advice on how to prepare your appeal, and an explanation of the decisional process.</p> <p>Charles Robert Fulbruge III, New Orleans, LA</p>
1:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Primer on State Appellate Court Internal Practices: The Texas First Court of Appeals</p> <p>Tips related to practicing before the First Court of Appeals, including docketing of cases, their mediation program, communicating with the court, briefing, oral arguments, rehearings, and original proceedings.</p> <p>Sherry J. Radack, First Court Of Appeals - Houston, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Why Maritime Plaintiffs Often Prefer State Court and How to Secure That Preference</p> <p>Why it makes strategic sense in today's litigation climate for a plaintiff's attorney in a maritime personal injury case to file suit in state court, rather than federal district court.</p> <p>John William Stevenson Jr., John Stevenson & Associates PC - Houston, TX</p>
2:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Arrest and Seizure Procedures in Federal and State Courts of Louisiana and Mississippi</p> <p>This presentation will address new and recurring themes in arrest and attachment actions in the Southern District of Texas, including pitfalls involving the use of Supplemental Rule B. Includes perspectives from Louisiana and Mississippi.</p> <p>Marrick Armstrong, Adams and Reese LLP - Houston, TX Keith Bernard Letourneau, Bell Ryniker & Letourneau - Houston, TX</p>
3:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Practical Concerns for Seafarers and Homeland Security</p> <p>Point-counterpoint discussion of homeland security issues as they impact foreign seafarers. If you are a ship owner or dock operator, how do you deal with homeland security issues? Practical considerations from the ship owner, International Seafarer Center, dock operator, and security perspective.</p> <p>Julia M. Adams, Sedgwick Detert Moran & Arnold LLP - Houston, TX Robert T. Miller, Ocean Shipholdings, Inc. - Houston, TX Robert F. Ream III, Shell Oil Company - Houston, TX Christina K. Schovajsa, Eastham Watson Dale & Forney LLP - Houston, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Current Issues in Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Extension Claims</p> <p>By special legislative extensions, Congress has adopted the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act as the workers' compensation remedy for large numbers of workers, including U.S. civilian workers on defense bases overseas. Administrative litigation under the Defense Bases Act has increased significantly in recent years. LHWCA experience is important here, but these extensions raise issues of their own. Hear perspectives from practitioners on the unique illnesses and injuries arising from the work of U.S. civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan, the effect on indemnity benefits of high wages for hazardous overseas employment, and the potential for relief from the federal government for war hazard-related claims.</p> <p>Monica Fekete Markovich, Brown Sims PC - Houston, TX Gary Benjamin Pitts, Pitts & Associates - Houston, TX</p>

5:00 pm
0.00 hr
0.50 hr ethics

Top 10 Legal Ethics Issues

Loss prevention for maritime lawyers.

Joseph D. Cheavens, Baker Botts L.L.P. - Houston, TX
