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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

Presiding Officer:

Bradley A. Jackson, Houston, TX

8:00 a.m.

Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:35 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

8:45 a.m.

.50 hr

Transition From Practice to Judgeship

A brief description of the judicial selection process and the changes encountered in moving from the practice of law to the bench.

Hon. Gray H. Miller, Houston, TX

9:15 a.m.

.75 hr ethics

The Noble Lawyer

Ethics and professionalism viewed from the perspective of the bar throughout history.

William J. Chriss, Austin, TX

10:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Break

.75 hr

Stewart's Non-Jones Act Implications

The decision in *Stewart v. Dutra* is not limited to defining what a vessel is under the Jones Act. The decision affects all aspects of maritime law in the United States. The non-Jones Act implications will be explored.

James Patrick Cooney, Houston, TX

11:00 a.m.

.75 hr

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act's Provisions on Jurisdiction, Choice of Law, and Remedies: Correcting the Fifth Circuit's Mistakes

Fifth Circuit panels and district courts frequently complain about the chaotic state of the circuit's OCSLA jurisprudence, and individual Fifth Circuit judges regularly call out for en banc rehearings to try to restore some coherence. This paper identifies the main concerns and proposes feasible substantive-law corrections that are easily within the Court's grasp. It also suggests that Fifth Circuit Rule 35.1, which seeks to discourage litigants from seeking en banc rehearings, needs revision.

David W. Robertson, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

11:45 a.m. Pick Up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration fee.

12:00 p.m.

.50 hr ethics

Night Court

Avast ye mateys: Night Court, Houston's very own alllawyer theater troupe, will launch a swashbuckling ethics presentation, while providing a taste of their salty 2008 musical comedy: the Law of the Sea, helping you make your legal arrrg-uments sail smoothly as you endure the tidal wave of electronic discovery.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Matthew H. Ammerman, Houston, TX

12:45 p.m.

1.25 hrs

Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law at the National Level and in the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits

This paper is the eighth of an annual series that tries to flag everything of genuine importance nationally and everything of significant interest from the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits.

David W. Robertson, Austin, TX Michael F. Sturley, Austin, TX

2:00 p.m.

.50 hr

Judicial Reflections on Maritime Litigation, Litigants, and Litigators

A judge's perspective.

Hon. Edith Brown Clement, New Orleans, LA (invited)

2:30 p.m.

.50 hr

Inland Damage to Ocean Cargo: When Do the Maritime Rules Apply?

When cargo carried under a multimodal bill of lading is damaged during an inland leg, some circuits apply the Carmack Amendment while others permit the contractual extension of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act (COGSA). The two regimes can lead to remarkably different results. This presentation analyzes the relevant issues in resolving the conflict.

Michael F. Sturley, Austin, TX

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m.

1.00 hr

Offshore: Wind Energy Panel Discussion

The law governing the construction and operation of offshore wind energy facilities.

Julia M. Adams, Houston, TX Bradley A. Jackson, Houston, TX

4:15 p.m.

.50 hr

Jones Act Issues After Sorrell

Standards and burdens of proof for the plaintiff and defense in Jones Act and unseaworthiness cases after the decision of the Supreme Court in Norfolk Southern Railway Company v. Sorrell.

Kenneth G. Engerrand, Houston, TX

4:45 p.m.

.50 hr

Using Rule B as a Weapon: Seize the Initiative and the Bank Account Too

Although Rule B embodies the traditional maritime tool of quasi in rem jurisdiction, in the Second Circuit it has come to be used as a means to seize funds as security for disputes already pending elsewhere. This presentation explores recent case law regarding the use of Rule B as a jurisdictional basis and a litigation weapon.

Christopher Dove, Houston, TX

5:15 p.m.

Adjourn

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference is the leading annual Texas CLE event that focuses on legal developments in the specialized area of admiralty and maritime law. The conference offers a unique opportunity for experienced practitioners to stay abreast of global and national developments affecting case law, torts and contracts, and civil procedure. Those with less experience will find the event ideal to become exposed to the nuances of admiralty practice and to network with more experienced practitioners.

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KFY DATES

Registration & Cancellation

September 19, 2007-5 p.m. last day for early registration add \$50 for registrations received after this time

September 21, 2007-5 p.m. last day for full refund

September 24, 2007-5 p.m. last day for partial refunds \$50 processing fee applied

September 28, 2007–8:45 a.m. conference begins

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