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FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 14, 2011

Presiding Officer:

Peter A. McLauchlan, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Houston, TX

7:45 a.m. **Registration Opens** Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.50 hrs

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

This paper is the twelfth 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, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr

The Jury Trial Option in Cases of Combined Admiralty and "Law Side" Jurisdiction: Invoking and Avoiding Rule 9(h)

Douglas C. Longman Jr., Jones Walker, Lafayette, LA

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. 1.50 hrs

Judges Panel: OSCLA Issues

Jurisdiction, choice of law, indemnity, and remedies.

Moderator:

Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C., Houston, TX Panelists:

Hon. W. Eugene Davis, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Lafayette, LA

Hon. Harold R. DeMoss Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX

Hon. Gray H. Miller, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

12:15 p.m. Break to Pick Up Lunch Included in conference registration fee.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C., Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 p.m. .75 hr

Economic Loss Claims under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990: A Debate

The federal OPA was enacted by Congress in part to provide relief to persons suffering certain forms of economic harm as a result of the release of oil into navigable waters. At question: How do you define who gets to claim?

John C.P. Goldberg, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA David W. Robertson, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. 1.00 hr ethics

What to Do if Your Client Is Misbehaving

Real world questions regarding ethics, the law and what your client has asked you to hide or do are discussed using a question and answer format.

Attendees are invited to submit questions, in writing, in advance of the conference. Questions may be submitted by mail or fax with the conference registration form, or via the link at www.utcle.org/conferences/AM11. Please reference "Admiralty—Ethics Questions" with your submission

William J. Chriss, of Counsel to Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P., Austin, TX Bradley A. Jackson, Fugro, Inc., Houston, TX 2:30 p.m.

.50 hr

What the Jones Act Means to You

Real world examples of how the U.S. coastwide trade laws affect operations and transactions.

David Jungman, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Houston, TX

3:00 p.m.

.50 hr

State of the Law after CSX v. McBride

After several years of uncertainty about the role of proximate cause in FELA/Jones Act cases, the Supreme Court has resolved the debate. How did we get here, and what does the Court's answer mean?

David M. Gunn, Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P., Houston, TX

3:30 p.m.

3:45 p.m.

Arbitration: When to Use It and How to Control It

Whether to include an arbitration clause in a charter party or master service agreement and, if so, important drafting considerations.

James J. Sentner Jr., Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Houston TX

4:15 p.m.

.50 hr

.50 hr

Criminalization of Seafarers: Use of Coast **Guard Reports**

Can Coast Guard records be used in litigation?

Reginald E. McKamie, Law Office of Reginald E. McKamie, Sr., Houston, TX

4:45 p.m.

.50 hr

Joint Ventures that Industry Has Set Up

Erik G. Heymann (Invited), Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc., Houston, TX

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

I liked the sophistication and diversity of speakers.

Good selection of timely topics.

As always, Robertson and Sturley were superb.

The topics were pertinent and speakers knowledgeable.

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Various parking garages and surface lots in the area

KEY DATES

October 5, 2011, 5 p.m.

last day for early registration add \$50 for registrations received after this time

October 7, 2011, 5 p.m. last day for full refund

October 10, 2011, 5 p.m.

last day for partial refund \$50 processing fee applied

October 14, 2011, 8:30 a.m.

Conference begins

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