

20th Annual Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference

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Friday Morning, Oct. 14, 2011

Presiding Officer:

Anacarolina Estaba, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP - Houston, TX

7:45 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 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 am 0.50 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 am	Break
10:45 am 1.50 hrs	Judges Panel: OCSLA 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 Panelists: Harold R. DeMoss Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit - Houston, TX Panelists: Hon. Gray H. Miller, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX
12:15 pm	Break to Pick Up Lunch Included in conference registration fee.

Friday Afternoon, Oct. 14, 2011

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

	Luncheon Presentation
12:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Economic Loss Claims under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990: A Debate</p> <p>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?</p> <p>John C. P. Goldberg, Harvard Law School - Cambridge, MA David W. Robertson, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p>
1:15 pm	Break
1:30 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p>What to Do If Your Client is Misbehaving</p> <p>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.</p> <p>William J. Chriss, Law Office of William J. Chriss, P.C., of counsel to Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P. - Austin, TX Bradley A. Jackson, Fugro, Inc. - Houston, TX</p>
2:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>What the Jones Act Means to You</p> <p>Real world examples of how the U.S. coastwide trade laws affect operations and transactions.</p> <p>David Jungman, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP - Houston, TX</p>
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>State of the Law after <i>CSX v. McBride</i></p> <p>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?</p> <p>David M. Gunn, Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. - Houston, TX</p>
3:30 pm	Break
3:45 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Environmental Issues Arising Out of Hydraulic Fracturing On and Near Navigable Waters</p> <p>David Matthew Bates, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP - Houston, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Criminalization of Seafarers: Use of Coast Guard Reports</p> <p>Can Coast Guard records be used in litigation? How?</p> <p>Reginald E. McKamie, Law Office Of Reginald E. McKamie, Sr., - Houston, TX</p>
4:45 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Cutting Edge Issues in Punitive Damages</p> <p>Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C. - Houston, TX David W. Robertson, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p>
5:15 pm	Adjourn

