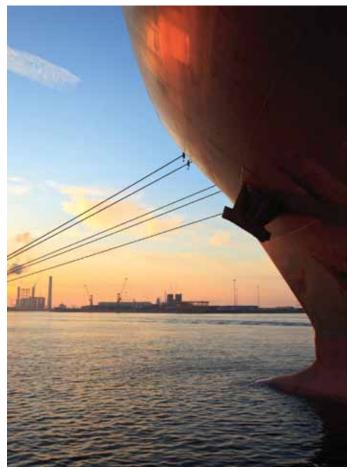


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#### FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 26, 2012 FRIDAY

Presiding Officer: John R. Pearson, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Houston, TX

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00	a.m
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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 thirteenth 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

10:30 a.m. Break

#### 10:45 a.m.

#### **Judicial Panel**

Thoughts on practice and protocol in Federal Court.

#### Panelists:

- Hon. Edith H. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX
- Hon. Keith P. Ellison, U.S. District Court, Southern
- District of Texas, Houston, TX Hon. Nancy Korte Johnson, U.S. District Court,
- Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

#### Author:

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

#### 12:15 p.m.

Break to Pick Up Lunch

Included in conference registration.

The content was well presented and the course materials are superb.

Everything was very well done. Very good program with excellent presentations.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: John J. Michael, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Houston, TX

#### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 p.m.

.75 hr ethics

#### What to Do if Your Client Is Misbehaving, Part II

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.

William J. Chriss, Law Office of William J. Chriss, P.C., of counsel to Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P., Austin, TX Bradley A. Jackson, Attorney at Law, Houston, TX

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

#### Significant Rulings in the BP Spill Litigation

Discussion of the most important decisions reached by the court in the Macondo litigation that impact insurance, availability of punitive damages, indemnity, OPA, the Clean Water Act and federal pre-emption of state law.

Steven L. Roberts, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Houston, TX David W. Robertson, The University of Texas

School of Law, Austin, TX

#### 2:30 p.m.

# New Offshore Drilling Regulations for the Gulf of Mexico

Overview of recent regulations for oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

I thought this was one of the best

seminars in the past 10 years. A good variety of timely subjects. The presenters

were knowledgeable and had credibility

for the topics they discussed.

John F. Unger, Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams LLP, Houston, TX

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m.

#### Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Damages in Maritime Cases

Updated authorities, including a restated future damages category and a possible punitive damages issue which may lead to a split in the federal circuits.

W. Robins Brice, Brice Mediation, Houston, TX

4:00 p.m.

1.00 hr

.50 hr

#### Law of the Sea: The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

The panel discusses the potential impact of UNCLOS provisions on the future development of offshore energy and mineral resources, in particular oil and gas exploration and development activities on the outer continental shelf and coastal state royalties, plus an energy industry perspective concerning U.S. ratification of UNCLOS.

Moderator: Robert H. Nicholas Jr., Phelps Dunbar LLP, Houston, TX

Panelists: Wylie Spicer, Norton Rose Canada, Calgary AB Edwin B. Turner, Exxon Mobil Coporation, Houston, TX

#### 5:00 p.m.

.75 hr

.50 hr

#### Brand-New and Imminent Supreme Court Cases

In January, the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Pacific Offshore Operators v. Valladolid*, which overruled the Fifth Circuit's interpretation of section 4(b) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. In October, the Court will hear oral argument in *Lozman v. City of Riviera Beach*, which may resolve a conflict between the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits on "vessel" status. This presentation provides an insider's view of both cases.

Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Excellent speakers, relevant topics.

I liked the variety of topics and relevance to current legal matters.

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1.50 hrs

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October 26, 2012, 8:50 a.m. Conference begins

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