

21st Annual Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference
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Friday Morning, Oct. 26, 2012

Presiding Officer:

John R. Pearson, Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP - Houston, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 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 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 am	Break
10:45 am 1.50 hrs	Judicial Panel Thoughts on practice and protocol in Federal Court. Moderator: Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C. - Houston, TX Panelists: Hon. Keith P. Ellison, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Panelists: Hon. Nancy Korte Johnson, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Panelists: Hon. Edith H. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit - Houston, TX
12:15 pm	Break to Pick Up Lunch Included in conference registration.

Friday Afternoon, Oct. 26, 2012

Presiding Officer:

John J. Michael, Vinson & Elkins LLP - Houston, TX

Luncheon Presentation

12:30 pm 0.75 hr ethics	<p>What to Do if Your Client Is Misbehaving, Part II</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>Bring your questions to the conference or submit in advance to service@utcle.org</p> <p>William J. Chriss, Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P. - Austin, TX Bradley A. Jackson, Attorney at Law - Houston, TX</p>
1:15 pm	<p>Break</p>
1:30 pm 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Significant Rulings in the BP Spill Litigation</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Steven L. Roberts, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, LLP - Houston, TX David W. Robertson, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p>
2:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>New Offshore Drilling Regulations for the Gulf of Mexico</p> <p>Overview of recent regulations for oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.</p> <p>Jason Christopher Petty, Royston Rayzor Vickery & Williams - Houston, TX John F. Unger, Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams LLP - Houston, TX</p>
3:15 pm	<p>Break</p>
3:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Damages in Maritime Cases</p> <p>Updated authorities, including a restated future damages category and a possible punitive damages issue which may lead to a split in the federal circuits.</p> <p>W. Robins Brice, Brice Mediation - Houston, TX</p>
4:00 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Law of the Sea: The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Moderator: Robert H. Nicholas Jr., Phelps Dunbar LLP - Houston, TX Panelist: Wylie Spicer, Norton Rose Canada - Calgary, AB</p>
5:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Brand-New and Imminent Supreme Court Cases</p> <p>In January, the U.S. Supreme Court decided <i>Pacific Offshore Operators v. Valladolid</i>, 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 <i>Lozman v. City of Riviera Beach</i>, which may resolve a conflict between the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits on "vessel" status. This presentation provides an insider's view of both cases.</p> <p>Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p>

