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THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 21, 2016

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 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 fifteenth 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. Break

10:15 a.m. .50 hr

Fifth Circuit Update

A prosecutor turned judge gives his perspective on recent cases in the Fifth Circuit.

Hon. Gregg Costa, U.S. Court of Appeals,
Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX

10:45 a.m. .75 hr

An Updated Primer on Seaman's Status

Explore the current state of—as well as potential future issues and hot spots related to—a fundamental concept of admiralty law, the seaman's status test. Hear perspectives from both plaintiff and defense counsel.

F. Daniel Knight, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White,
Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX
Jeremy R. Newell, Stevenson & Murray, Houston, TX

11:30 a.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

Maritime Cybersecurity: Anticipating, Preventing and Mitigating a Growing Threat

Learn about the current threats facing the maritime industry, the consequences of a cyberattack and the measures for promoting cybersecurity awareness and mitigating cyber risks throughout the maritime industry.

Kate B. Belmont, Blank Rome LLP, New York, NY

12:15 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

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

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:35 p.m. .50 hr

Piracy Prone Waters

A discussion of practical legal considerations related to responding to attacks by pirates, with a look at recent attacks including those against vessels and rigs in the Gulf of Guinea; and a reflection of sailing to Somalia as a ship's officer after litigating a civil piracy case in Federal District Court.

Thomas M. Brown, Texas A&M University at Galveston,
Galveston, TX

1:05 p.m. Break

1:20 p.m. 1.00 hr

Judicial Panel

Gain practical advice for handling cases in Federal Court.

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Hon. John W. deGravelles, U.S. District Court,
Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
Hon. George C. Hanks Jr., U.S. District Court,
Southern District of Texas, Galveston, TX
Hon. Simeon T. Lake III, U.S. District Court,
Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX (Invited)

2:20 p.m. .75 hr

Macondo Update

Review recent events and developments in the *Macondo* multi-district litigation, including private claimant and government settlement issues, the impact on exposure for operators and contractors under the Clean Water Act and Oil Pollution Act of 1990, enforceability of indemnity obligations, and limiting of additional insured coverage. Other courts' interpretations of key *Macondo* rulings are highlighted to provide insight into the trajectory of such issues.

Corey L. Maze, Office of the Attorney General,
Montgomery, AL
Stephany Olsen-LeGrand, Sutherland Asbill &
Brennan LLP, Houston, TX

3:05 p.m. .75 hr

Rigs on Walkabout—Hurricane Breakaways!

A discussion of rig breakaway claims—including the duty to prepare rigs for hurricanes, planning and executing a response to a breakaway, the potential damage arising out of rig breakaways, a rig owner's duties, as well as defenses and liabilities under the Wreck Act.

James Patrick Cooney, Royston Rayzor, Houston, TX
Julia M. (Adams) Palmer, Gray Reed & McGraw, P.C.,
Houston, TX

3:50 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. .50 hr

Octopus Arms:

The Reach of OCSLA after *Valladolid*

In 2012, the Supreme Court changed Fifth Circuit law—a worker need not be on the Shelf to be covered. Explore the landside reach of OCSLA under the new substantial nexus test from both sides of the docket.

Matthew H. Ammerman, Law Office of Matthew H.
Ammerman, P.C., Houston, TX
Lewis S. Fleishman, Lewis S. Fleishman PLLC,
Houston, TX

4:30 p.m. 1.00 hr ethics

What to Do if Your Client Is Misbehaving, Part V

Real-world questions and answers regarding ethics, the law, and what your client has asked you to do—or hide. This ethics session is designed to be interactive. Audience participation is encouraged!

Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org or on-site at the conference registration desk.

Bradley A. Jackson, Retired Admiralty and Maritime
Lawyer, Houston, TX
Jonathan E. Smaby, Texas Center for Legal Ethics,
Austin, TX

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

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January 13, 2016

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

January 15, 2016

last day for cancellation (full refund)

January 18, 2016

last day for cancellation (partial refund)
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January 21, 2016, 8:20 a.m.

Conference begins

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