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The conference has returned to its regular timing and the popular location at South Texas School of Law. Please note this will be the only opportunity to attend this conference until late 2017.

**FRIDAY MORNING, AUG. 26, 2016**

**Presiding Officer:**

**Matthew H Ammerman, Law Office of  
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**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**

The sixteenth annual installment of the seminal paper surveys developments, identifies issues of genuine national importance, and discusses items 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. 1.00 hr**

**Judicial Insights into Admiralty Practice**

Gain practical advice for handling cases in Federal Court.

**Moderator:**

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

**Panelists:**

Hon. Nancy K. Johnson, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX

Hon. Edith H. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX

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

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**11:15 a.m. .50 hr**

**Bankruptcy and Maritime Law**

Bankruptcy issues are becoming increasingly prevalent in all areas of practice. Are you ready for when they knock on your door?

Stewart F. Peck, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard, New Orleans, LA

**11:45 a.m. .50 hr**

**Tips for Vessel Sales and Charter Parties**

Vessel sales and charter parties can mean tricky business. Learn how issues vary across industries, and get practical tips for working with financial institutions unfamiliar with maritime issues, avoiding common pitfalls, and managing big picture risks.

Kerry C. Williams, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX

**12:15 p.m. Pick Up Lunch**

Included in registration.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

**Presiding Officer:**

**Thomas C. Fitzhugh III, Schouest,  
Bamdas, Soshea & BenMaier PLLC,  
Houston, TX**

**LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**

**12:35 p.m. .75 hr**

**Reflections on Amphibious Moot Court  
Donnybrooks: A Roundtable Discussion of  
the Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot  
Court Competition**

Hear from past participants about how this landmark competition inspired them to enter into admiralty and maritime practice and how the lessons they learned there continue to inform and inspire their practice to this day.

**Moderator:**

F. Daniel Knight, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX

**Panelists:**

Paxton N. Crew, The Crew Law Firm, P.C., League City, TX

Rebecca Jackson Doty, Hess Corporation, Houston, TX  
James H. Nye, Baker & Hostetler LLP, Houston, TX

**1:20 p.m. Break**

**1:35 p.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics**

**Criminal Law and Maritime Law Cases**

Get the defense, government, and law enforcement perspectives on *Deepwater Horizon*, and explore what happens when maritime and criminal law collide.

David Gerger, Quinn Emmanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, Houston, TX

Gregory F. Linsin, Blank Rome LLP, Washington, DC  
Mimi Moon, LCDR, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector New York, Staten Island, NY

**2:35 p.m. .75 hr**

**Cutting Edge Maintenance and Cure Issues**

How to defend—and how to avoid—factually complex maintenance and cure issues.

**Moderator:**

Julia M. (Adams) Palmer, Gray Reed & McGraw, P.C., Houston, TX

**Panelists:**

James Patrick Cooney, Royston Rayzor, Houston, TX  
Michael P. Doyle, Doyle LLP, Houston, TX

**3:20 p.m. Break**

**3:30 p.m. .75 hr**

**The Jones Act's Impact on Offshore Oil and Gas Operations**

Primarily considered as a limitation on the transportation of cargo between ports, the Jones Act cabotage regulations also have a significant effect on the daily operations of offshore oil and gas production. Whether it be offshore supply vessels, flotels, pipe-lay vessels, or heavy lifts, the Jones Act must be a constant consideration when conducting operations with these vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. Explore the regulations, application of specific CBP opinions to offshore operations, and the practical and/or technical implications the Jones Act cabotage regulations have on actual offshore operations.

**Moderator:**

Michael E. Streich, Phelps Dunbar LLP, Houston, TX

**Panelists:**

Julie Alexander, EMAS CHIYODA Subsea Inc., Houston, TX

Samuel A. Giberga, Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc., Covington, LA

4:15 p.m. .50 hr

**Maritime Cases in State Court**

An overview of selected recently reported Texas civil cases involving matters of maritime law, including vessels, navigable waterways and seamen.

Hon. Martha Hill Jamison, Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Houston, TX

4:45 p.m. 1.00 hr ethics

**What to Do if Your Client is Misbehaving, Part VI**

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.

William J. Chriss, Law Office of William J. Chriss, P.C., Corpus Christi, TX  
Bradley A. Jackson, Retired Admiralty and Maritime Lawyer, Houston, TX

5:45 p.m. Adjourn

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Various parking garages and surface lots in the area

### KEY DATES

**August 17, 2016**

*last day for early registration*

add \$50 for registrations received after this time

**August 19, 2016**

*last day for cancellation (full refund)*

**August 22, 2016**

*last day for cancellation (partial refund)*

\$50 processing fee applied

**August 26, 2016, 8:20 a.m.**

*Conference begins*

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