

28th Annual David W. Robertson Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference

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Friday Morning, Nov. 22, 2019

Presiding Officer:

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

7:45 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 1.25 hrs	Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law at the National Level and in the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits The nineteenth 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. Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Matthew H. Ammerman, Law Office of Matthew H. Ammerman, P.C. - Houston, TX
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am 1.00 hr	Admiralty Practice in the Fifth Circuit Judge Costa discusses trends in admiralty practice, including the perceived decline in federal maritime cases. Hon. Gregg Costa, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit - Houston, TX
11:00 am 0.75 hr	Naval Collisions: The Importance of Training and Looking Out the Window In 2017, two at-sea collisions involving commercial vessels and U.S. Navy destroyers led to the deaths of 17 sailors. Both collisions were entirely preventable, and this panel presents an in-depth examination of the findings, the importance of pre-deployment crew training and optimal manning, and the lessons learned. Moderator: Michael K. Bell, Blank Rome LLP - Houston, TX Panelists: Raymond J. Burke Jr., Burke & Parsons - New York, NY Raymond T. Waid, Liskow & Lewis - New Orleans, LA Alan M. Weigel, Blank Rome LLP - New York, NY
11:45 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Mediation and Ethics What the parties, their counsel, and mediators can and should expect from themselves and from each other. W. Robins Brice, Brice Mediation - Houston, TX

12:15 pm	Pick Up Lunch Included in registration.
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Friday Afternoon, Nov. 22, 2019

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Michael K. Bell, Blank Rome LLP - Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 pm	Presentation Introduction Commentator: Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX
12:35 pm 0.50 hr	Lessons from Professor David W. Robertson Three of Professor Robertson's students and friends share brief lessons learned from the professor, noting how his teaching contributed to their professional development. W. Robins Brice, Brice Mediation - Houston, TX Thomas C. Fitzhugh III, Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea & BenMaier PLLC - Houston, TX Bradley A. Jackson, The University of Texas School of Law - Houston, TX
1:05 pm	Break
1:20 pm 1.00 hr	So Your Client Wants to Seize a Vessel (or its Cargo): A Primer on How its Done This panel, comprised of a Federal Judge, a U.S. Marshal, and a maritime lawyer, offers a "how to" primer on vessel or cargo seizure and how lawyers for the vessel owner may respond. Moderator: Bradley A. Jackson, The University of Texas School of Law - Houston, TX Panelists: Joseph Castro, USDOJ-United States Marshals Service - Houston, TX Phillip B. Dye Jr., Vinson & Elkins LLP - Houston, TX Kelly M. Haas, Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea & BenMaier PLLC - Houston, TX Hon. Nancy K. Johnson, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX
2:20 pm 1.00 hr ethics	Greed...for Lack of a Better Word...is[n't] Good Using a series of case studies, explore the ethical obligations and fiduciary duties owed by lawyers to clients and how the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure are implicated in each. F. Daniel Knight, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry - Houston, TX
3:20 pm	Break

3:30 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Cybersecurity Insurance</p> <p>Examine key insurance provisions and hear thoughts on evolving exposures impacting privacy and cyber insurance.</p> <p>Leslie C. Thorne, Haynes and Boone, LLP - Austin, TX</p>
4:00 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p>What To Do If Your Client Is Misbehaving, Part IX</p> <p>Real-world questions and answers regarding ethics, the law, and what your client has asked you to do—or hide. Stump our experts with your hardest questions!</p> <p>Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org or on-site at the conference registration desk.</p> <p>This presentation is a new addition to the rescheduled conference.</p> <p>Kevin Dubose, Alexander Dubose & Jefferson LLP - Houston, TX Bradley A. Jackson, The University of Texas School of Law - Houston, TX</p>
5:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>David W. Robertson's Last Case</p> <p>The last case that Professor Robertson argued before his death was <i>Batterton v. Dutra Group</i> in the Ninth Circuit. That court held that an injured seaman may seek punitive damages in a general maritime law action for unseaworthiness. Three weeks before Professor Robertson died, the Supreme Court granted cert to review that judgment. Professor Sturley will discuss and analyze the Supreme Court's decision reversing the Ninth Circuit.</p> <p>Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX</p>
5:30 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>