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FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 14, 2022

Presiding Officer:

**Julia M. Haines, Holland & Knight LLP,
Houston, TX**

7:45 a.m. Conference Room 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 twenty-second 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.

Matthew H. Ammerman, Law Office of Matthew H. Ammerman, P.C., Houston, TX
Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

10:00 a.m. 15-Minute Break

10:15 a.m. .50 hr

Primer: Reverse-Erie Doctrine

What you may have forgotten but certainly need to know about the reverse-Erie doctrine.

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

10:45 a.m. 1.00 hr

Dr. Strangehearing, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Virtual Proceeding

Are you "zoomed" out yet? Hear from state and federal judges on the role, if any, they see for virtual hearings or trials in a post-COVID legal world.

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Hon. Kevin D. Jewell, Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Houston, TX
Hon. Beau A. Miller, 190th Civil District Court, Houston, TX

ABOUT THE COVER

"Heavy Cargo, Weightless Sky,"
by Rachel Wiley-Janota
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11:45 a.m. .50 hr

Longshore Update

A significant increase in litigation of extension act cases (particularly under the Defense Base Act) affected the litigation of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act claims in the past year. Hear about trends at the OALJ as well recent case law on pertinent longshore topics.

Monica Fekete Markovich, Brown Sims PC, Houston, TX

12:15 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Claude L. Stuart III, Hall Maines Lugin, P.C., Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:35 p.m. .50 hr

Construction and Start-Up of First U.S. Wind Turbine Installation Vessel

Construction is well underway in Brownsville, Texas, of the first wind turbine installation vessel designed to be Jones Act compliant and U.S.-flagged. Explore progress and challenges of establishing this asset and its support functions domestically.

Charlotte P. McAfee, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., Richmond, VA

1:05 p.m. 15-Minute Break

1:20 p.m. .50 hr

Improper Joinder Gains a Salty Flavor: The Application of the Fifth Circuit's Improper Joinder Doctrine and the Seaman's Status Test post-Sanchez

A discussion of the Fifth Circuit's Improper Joinder test to avoid remand, the Sanchez seaman's status test, and how certain maritime actions could be removed into Federal Court despite a pled Jones Act claim.

Speaker TBD

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1:50 p.m. 1.00 hr

OCSLA, Jurisdiction, and Choice of Law

Judge Jones discusses some of the challenges faced by judges and lawyers in determining jurisdiction and applicable law in cases arising from oil-and-gas operations on the outer Continental Shelf.

Hon. Edith H. Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX
Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C., Houston, TX

2:50 p.m. .50 hr

Current Developments in Regulation and Litigation of Demurrage and Detention Practices and Charges

Demurrage and detention charges in intermodal ocean shipping have been a contentious issue for stakeholders and a target of Federal Maritime Commission scrutiny for some time before pandemic-fueled congestion drove demurrage and detention charges to unprecedented levels. An up-to-date overview of new legislative efforts, new regulations, and current developments in investigations and litigation concerning demurrage, detention, and related issues..

Gerald A. Morrissey III, Holland & Knight LLP, Washington, DC

3:20 p.m. 10-Minute Break

3:30 p.m. .50 hr

Handling Environmental/Spills/Claims

A discussion on the environmental consequences of released oil resulting from a vessel collision, including civil penalties and natural resource damages.

Molly Cagle, Baker Botts, Austin, TX

4:00 p.m. 1.00 hr ethics

What to Do if Your Client is Misbehaving, Part XII

Real-world questions and answers regarding ethics, the law, and what to do when your client asks you to do something improper. Stump our experts with your hardest questions! Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org

Bradley A. Jackson, The University of Texas School of Law, Houston, TX
Scott Rothenberg, Law Office of Scott Rothenberg, Bellaire, TX

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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KEY DATES

October 5, 2022

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October 10, 2022

Last day for full refund cancellation

October 11, 2022

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October 14, 2022, 8:20 a.m., CT

Conference begins

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The Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference is named in honor of David W. Robertson, a beloved UT Law professor, who passed away in 2018. Professor Robertson had a 50-year career of tremendous distinction as a teacher and scholar, and national recognition as a leading authority on the law of admiralty and an important scholar in the field of torts. He was a brilliant teacher who loved what he did, and his legacy will live on not only in his many publications, but also in the work of the students and conference attendees who learned from him.

