

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual David W. Robertson Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference

## February 2, 2024 • South Texas College of Law Houston • Houston, TX

### Friday Morning, Feb. 2, 2024

#### Presiding Officer:

**Nicholas W. Earles**, Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea, BenMaier & Eastham PLLC - Houston, TX

7:45 am	<b>Conference Room Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
8:30 am 1.50 hrs	<b>Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law at the National Level and in the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits</b>  The twenty-third 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 am	<b>15-Minute Break</b>
10:15 am 0.50 hr	<b>Primer on Maritime Torts Jurisdiction</b>  This presentation comprises an update on recent developments in admiralty jurisdiction for maritime tort cases.  Carra Miller, Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea, BenMaier & Eastham PLLC - Corpus Christi, TX
10:45 am 0.50 hr	<b>What's Happening and What's New in Offshore Wind</b>  General discussion of the current status of offshore wind projects and leases. Discussion of regulatory issues and pending legislation. Discussion of particularly challenging contracting issues. Update on new vessel construction to support offshore wind industry.  Dana S. Merkel, Blank Rome LLP - Washington, DC Douglas J. Shoemaker, Blank Rome LLP - Houston, TX
11:15 am 1.00 hr	<b>A View from the Bench: Admiralty Law in the Fifth Circuit</b>  Judge Jennifer Elrod of the Fifth Circuit discusses developments in admiralty law in the Fifth Circuit during her 16 years on the Court.  Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit - Houston, TX Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C. - Houston, TX
12:15 pm	<b>Pick Up Lunch</b>  Included in registration.

## Friday Afternoon, Feb. 2, 2024

### Presiding Officer:

**Peter A. McLauchlan Esq.,** The McLauchlan Law Group of Texas, PLLC - Houston, TX

### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:35 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Revised Arbitration Rules of Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association</b>  The Arbitration Rules of the Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association (HMAA) are undergoing a top-to-bottom revision to enhance their usability, appeal, and versatility for users. One of the HMAA committee co-chairs spearheading the revision highlights the key changes that the maritime and offshore industries should know about.  Denton Nichols, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP - Houston, TX
1:05 pm	<b>15-Minute Break</b>
1:20 pm 0.75 hr	<b>New Wine into Old Bottles: Mentoring and Training Young Lawyers in Today's Remote Work Environment and Virtual Offices</b>  This presentation shares what younger generations and new technology bring to the table today.  Moderator: Jim Brown, Holman Fenwick Willan - Houston, TX Panelists: Jeanie Tate Goodwin, The Gillette Law Firm - Houston, TX Allison Sulser Thomison, Equinor - Houston, TX Ronald L. White, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP - Houston, TX
2:05 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Limits and Interplay of Discovery</b>  Hear about problems associated with foreign deposition testimony, foreign experts, and foreign claimants under the Defense Base Act.  Limor BenMaier, Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea, BenMaier & Eastham, PLLC - Houston, TX
2:35 pm 0.50 hr	<b>What's New in Limitation Cases</b>  A discussion of recent developments with respect to the vessel owner's right to liability to the post-casualty value of its vessel.  Allen D. Hemphill, Brown Sims - Houston, TX
3:05 pm	<b>10-Minute Break</b>
3:15 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Rule B/Bank Account Garnishment of 3rd Parties</b>  Hon. Andrew M. Edison, United States Courthouse - Galveston, TX F. Daniel Knight, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry - Houston, TX

4:00 pm  
1.00 hr ethics

### **What to Do if Your Client is Misbehaving (Part XIII)**

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](mailto:ConferenceQA@utcle.org).

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

5:00 pm

**Adjourn**