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THURSDAY MORNING-MAY 29, 2008	THURSDAY AFTERNOON	3:00 p.m50 hr	
Presiding Officer: Christopher H. Hahn, Austin, TX	Presiding Officer: James H. Kizziar Jr., San Antonio, TX	Diversity Programs Most Fortune 500 companies (and many of the law firms they retain) have diversity programs	
8:00 a.m. Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast. 8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks 9:00 a.m. .75 hr Federal Law Cutting-Edge Update A review of important cases and hot topics in federal employment and discrimination law.	LUNCHEON PRESENTATION 11:45 a.m. Pick up Box Lunch Included in conference registration fee. 12:00 p.m. .50 hr Lessons About the Law from Outside the Law Suggestions on trial tactics and trial strategy drawn from recent scholarship in history, philosophy, psychology, economics, baseball, and football. Hon, Keith P. Ellison, Houston, TX	of one kind or another. These programs run the spectrum from cultural sensitivity training to hiring and staffing initiatives. This session will explore the origins of workplace diversity and the broad range of initiatives undertaken in the name of diversity. It will also cover how diversity differs from affirmative action and how far em- ployers can legally go in their efforts to obtain a diverse workforce. Kate McCormick, Houston, TX 3:30 p.m50 hr What Non-Union Employers Need to Know About The National Labor Relations Act	
Linda Ottinger Headley, Houston, TX	12:30 p.m. Break	Traps and pitfalls for those who think the law is for union shops only. Brian Greig, Austin, TX	
9:45 a.m50 hr State Law Update A review of employment-related issues under state law with a discussion of significant new cases. Charles C. High Jr., El Paso, TX	1:00 p.m. .50 hr FLSA Collective Actions A review of recent developments in wage and hour collection actions. Robert E. Sheeder, Dallas, TX	4:00 p.m50 hrThe Current State of the Law for Internet, Blogging and EmailThe latest case law and guidance on Internet, blogging and email issues in the workplace.Thomas A. Nesbitt, Austin, TX	
	1:30 p.m50 hr		
10:15 a.m. Break 10:30 a.m50 hr National Labor Relations Act Update A review of the recent court and board decisions reflecting a surprising number of shifts,	Retaliation UpdateA review of recent decisions in retaliation casesafter Burlington Northern and Santa Fe RailwayCo. v. White.Jennifer M. Trulock, Dallas, TX2:00 p.m.Break	4:30 p.m75 hr Managing the Manager Most employment lawsuits arise from a manag- er's actions or failures to act. Holding manage- ment accountable is critical to compliance and can make all the difference. Connie L. Cornell, Austin, TX	
turns, and twists in federal labor law and policy. Hershell L. Barnes Jr., Dallas, TX	Concurrent Sessions	5:15 p.m. Adjourn	
11:00 a.m75 hr	TRACK A: HUMAN RESOURCES Presiding Officer: Jason Boulette, Austin, TX	TRACK B: LITIGATION/LEGAL Presiding Officer: James H. Kizziar Jr., San Antonio, TX	
Developments in Disability Discrimination Law This session will review administrative and judi- cial developments in disability discrimination law under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act, including emerging issues and recommended strategies for legal counsel and employers.	2:15 p.m75 hr The Inexact Science of Employee Leaves of Absence Navigating the FMLA, including intermittent leave requests, can be tricky business for employers. Tips for handing all your leave requests.	2:15 p.m75 hrElectronic DiscoveryFrom theft of proprietary information to allegations of workplace discrimination, electronic evidence lies at the heart of your case. This session will ad- dress ten key things you need to know about electronic discovery and computer forensics.	

Denise Cotter Villani, Dallas, TX

James H. Kizziar Jr., San Antonio, TX

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Craig Ball, Austin, TX

3:00 p.m.

The Art and Soul of Effective Voir Dire

Three goals of an effective jury selection-learn meaningful information from every single member of the jury panel; have more challenges for cause granted; and, intelligently exercise your precious peremptory strikes.

Robert B. Hirschhorn, Lewisville, TX

3:30 p.m.

.50 hr .25 ethics

Inside-Out: Critical Stages of Litigation Through the Eyes of In-House and Outside Counsel

This presentation will discuss how in-house counsel and outside counsel approach significant questions in employment litigation such as discovery, settlement, and trial.

Christopher H. Hahn, Austin, TX Michael McLaughlin, Austin, TX

4:00 p.m.

Reemployment and Mitigation in Calculating Back and Front Pay Loses

The speakers will discuss the special issues that arise when calculating economic damages in employment termination cases.

Stephanie Butello, Austin, TX Dwight Steward, Austin, TX

4:30 p.m.

Trial Strategies

Trial strategies including jury selection, opening arguments, direct and cross-examination, jury charge, and closing arguments will be discussed with an emphasis on employment litigation.

Adjourn

Michael W. Fox, Austin, TX Kenneth D. Hughes, Houston, TX

5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING-MAY 30, 2008

Presiding Officer: Brian Greig, Austin, TX

8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Unfair Competition

Exploring the common law causes of action. Ravi K. Sandill, Houston, TX

.75 hr

Choice of Law: Which Law Governs When?

In the globalized workplace, understanding which law governs the employment relationship is essential for avoiding missteps. Which law applies to an American working abroad? How about the Austin-based employee whose duties take him to Silicon Valley? This session will address questions faced by multi-national and multi-state employers.

Sean M. Becker, Houston, TX

9:45 a.m.

.50 hr

Religious Discrimination Law

This presentation focuses on recent religious discrimination cases and addresses the sources of protection against religious discrimination in the workplace, identification of sincerely held beliefs, and the employer's duty of reasonable accommodation.

Rod Tanner, Fort Worth, TX

10.15 a m Break

10:30 a.m.

Military Leave Update: USERRA and More

Military leave continues to be a hot topic. Come hear about new developments and USERRA's broad requirements.

Vianei Lopez Robinson, Abilene, TX

11:00 a.m.

Ethics

50 hr

.75 hr

.50 hr

An overview of ethics and professionalism issues including conflicts of interest, ex parte communication, inadvertent disclosure, professionalism and civility rules, and ethical issues relating to settlement negotiations.

Dennis P. Duffy, Houston, TX

11:45 a.m. Lunch on Your Own

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer: Linda Ottinger Headley, Houston, TX

1:00 p.m.

"No Match" Letters: National Origin Discrimination in the Immigration Age

The Department of Homeland Security's onagain, off-again Social Security "No Match" regulation exemplifies the growing tension between the call for increased immigration compliance and the fear of widespread national origin discrimination. This presentation will examine in detail the modern immigration-related obligations of employers, the recent application of the McDonnell Douglas burden-shifting analysis to discrimination claims based on employer work authorization verification efforts, the legal impact of employee profiling conducted in the name of immigration compliance, and the legal distinctions between national origin discrimination claims under Title VII and citizenship discrimination claims under Section 1981 and the Immigration Reform and Control Act. The presentation will also provide practical advice on how to comply with U.S. immigration laws without violating U.S. discrimination laws

Jason Boulette, Austin, TX

.50 hr 1:45 p.m.

Untried Paths to Resolution

Getting a case to trial is increasingly difficult and law firm overhead keeps rising. It's time to try paths other than trial. Here's what's available, how to pick the best method, and when and how best to use it, from the perspective of both the employer and the employee or applicant.

David T. Lopez, Houston, TX

2:15 p.m.

.50 hr

75 hr ethics

75 hr

.50 hr

The Intersection of Criminal Law and **Employment Law**

Since the Enron debacle, corporate executives and their counsel have become increasingly sensitive to the convergence of civil and criminal law in the field of corporate aovernance. However, too little attention is often paid to employers' potential criminal exposure for routine workplace activities, such as employee supervision, compensation and document retention. Employers should pay heed to the recent signals from Congress, the Justice Department and federal regulators warning of an increase in enforcement of federal criminal statutes in the context of employment.

Mark A. Shank, Dallas, TX

2:45 p.m.

Adjourn

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Are You Ready for Your Close-Up? Dealing with the Media, the Court, and the Other Side, Russell Hardin, Jr., Kelly Jalufka Siegler, Clara Tuma, Brian W. Wice

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The University of Texas School of Law's 2008 Labor and Employment Law Conference brings together leading members of the employment bench and bar, along with HR and personnel experts, for two days of presentations and discussions.

You'll take away the latest cases, regulatory updates, practice aids, and strategic guidance for advisors and HR professionals—along with a superb set of course materials. Don't miss it!

Updates: Important Cases, Hot Topics

Learn recent developments in federal and state employment law and get the latest updates surrounding disability discrimination law and the National Labor Relations Act.

Practical Advice and Strategies

Get effective strategies for electronic discovery, voir dire, and trial; plus get tips for leave issues, blogging, and military leave.

Special Tracks for Attorneys and HR Professionals

The conference includes core presentations of interest to everyone in the employment law area. Thursday afternoon, attorneys and HR professionals or advisors are offered special "break-out" tracks, specifically focused for each group.

Great Materials: Print and Electronic

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KEY DATES

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> May 23, 2008–5 p.m. last day for full refund

May 27, 2008–5 p.m. last day for partial refunds \$50 processing fee applied

> May 29, 2008–9 a.m. conference begins

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