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## Expanded topics, new format, and small-group discussion opportunities

## THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 28, 2004

Presiding Officer: Brent Rosenthal, Dallas

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. .50 hour

#### HB 4—One Year Later

This session will discuss the practical effects of HB 4, including the requirements of pleading and proving product liability cases, and rulings that have addressed the legislative changes to Texas law.

Mikal C. Watts, Corpus Christi

9:30 a.m. .50 hour

#### **Fiduciary Litigation**

A general overview of fiduciary litigation, explaining generally what a fiduciary duty is and how it changes with specific fiduciaries.

Stephen E. McConnico, Austin

10:00 a.m. .50 hour

## Personal Injury and Products Liability Update

A review of Texas case developments in personal injury and products liability during the last year.

William Powers, Jr., Austin Paper by Michael R. Klatt, Austin

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .50 hour

#### **Commercial Torts**

A review and update of fiduciary duty, trade secrets, covenants not to compete, tortuous interference, fraud/negligent misrepresentation, vicarious liability, and other current issues.

Tommy Jacks, Austin

11:15 a.m. .33 hour

## Pitching the Gen-X Jury

They want their MTV. A mystified Boomer explores strategies for the care and feeding of Gen-X jurors, weaned on the sound bytes, video games and justin-time learning, and the Millennials behind them now old enough to serve.

Craig D. Ball, Montgomery

11:35 a.m.

#### **Supreme Court Update**

A review of Texas Supreme Court opinions handed down during the past year, with emphasis on cases involving product liability and personal injury.

Hon. Scott A. Brister, Austin

Optional Networking Luncheon
12:05 p.m. \$25.00 - Please select on registration form.

Joint networking luncheon for speakers and registrants of the Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference and the Advanced Patent Law Institute.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 28, 2004

Presiding Officer: Leslie Benitez, Austin

1:30 p.m. .50 hour

#### Texas Procedure Update

An update on appellate decisions and rule changes concerning Texas Civil Procedure over the last year.

Alex Wilson Albright, Austin

2:00 p.m. .50 hour

## **Electronic Discovery**

The session will discuss anticipating and meeting electronic discovery challenges, avoiding electronic discovery pitfalls, and using computer forensics to find smoking gun evidence and gain tactical advantage.

Craig D. Ball, Montgomery

2:30 p.m. .25 hour

## Formation of the Judgment and Calculation of Interest after HB 4

2003 legislative enactments have resulted in substantial changes to the recovery of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, including the rate of interest and the damages upon which interest is recoverable.

Elaine A. Grafton Carlson, Houston

2:45 p.m. .25 hour

## The Duty to Defend, the Duty to Settle, and Measuring the Insurer's Liability for Breach

This session will question and answer what triggers a liability insurer's duties to defend and settle. What is the hidden flaw in most reservation of rights letters? What must an effective *Stowers* demand contain and what is the insurer liable for if it breaches its duty to defend or settle?

Philip K. Maxwell, Austin

3:00 p.m. .25 hour

### Class Actions in Texas

.50 hour

The sea change in Texas class actions which began with *Bernal* has now culminated with *Compaq Computer* and amended Rule 42.

Fred Misko, Jr., Dallas

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. .50 hour

#### **Jury Charge Practice**

An update on broad-form jury charges after *Crown Life v. Casteel*, with a discussion of lessons learned from history and federal courts.

Richard P. Hogan, Jr., Houston Russell S. Post, Houston

4:00 p.m. .50 hour

#### Discovery Issues under the Patriot Act

An analysis of the Patriot Act and its implications: balancing privacy versus "need to know"; dealing with leaks and developing information; and civil lessons in what to request in discovery.

Barbara Radnofsky, Houston

4:30 p.m. .75 hour

#### **Transitioning Your Litigation Practice**

Personal injury and plaintiff lawyers are facing new challenges as state legislative initiatives and changes in jury attitudes make practice more difficult. Three leading litigators explain how they have adapted their practices and developed expertise in such areas as suing governmental entities for environmental claims; handling Ad Valorem tax cases on a contingency basis; and patent litigation.

Fred Misko, Jr., Dallas, Moderator Michael T. Gallagher, Houston Edward L. Hohn, Daingerfield Scott Summy, Dallas

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

M C L E This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 11.75 hours, of which .75 credit hours will apply to legal ethics/professional responsibility credit.

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### FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 29, 2004

Presiding Officer: Fred Misko, Jr., Dallas

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Continental breakfast provided.

8:30 a.m. .50 hour

#### **Property Damage Litigation**

The "other product liability." Personal injury's forgotten younger sibling.

William J. Chriss, Corpus Christi

9:00 a.m. .25 hour

## Removal, Remand and the War between the Courts

An overview of strategic and practical considerations in removing state cases and in seeking remands by federal courts. What case law and arguments are the strongest? Why are defendants removing cases? When are the removals successful and when do they fail?

James Holmes, Dallas

9:15 a.m. .25 hour

#### **MDL** Comes to Texas

One of the less-heralded provisions of HB 4 was the creation of a new statewide multidistrict litigation procedure. Texas lawyers have discovered the MDL, and a new day has dawned for the litigation affected.

Stephen G. Tipps, Houston

9:30 a.m. .33 hour

## Roadblocks to Successful Mediation

Uncover pitfalls and roadblocks that commonly prevent successful mediation.

Mark W. Gilbert, Dallas

9:50 a.m. .25 hour

## Medical Malpractice

Notwithstanding the very significant changes brought about by HB 4 in 2003, victims of malpractice in Texas can still achieve significant redress. The challenge for the practitioner is to find new ways of presenting the damages

Les Weisbrod, Dallas

10:05 a.m. .25 hour

### Advertising within the Rules

This session will cover highlights from the Disciplinary Rules for lawyers who promote the professional services or qualifications of any lawyer or firm.

Lynette K. Fons, Houston

10:20 a.m. Break

10:35 a.m. .25 hour

## Libel, Slander, and Commercial Disparagement

Issues facing public figure and private plaintiffs, and media and non-media defendants.

Charles L. Babcock, Dallas

10:50 a.m. .25 hour

#### How to Succeed in Arbitration

Arbitration is increasingly common, particularly in international transactions. How and when to structure and exploit this flexible tool for best results.

William H. Knull, III, Houston

11:05 a.m. .50 hour

#### **Evidence Update**

An update of recent developments under the Texas and Federal Rules of Evidence.

Steven Goode, Austin

11:35 a.m. .25 hour

#### HIPAA—Discovery Issues

Discovery of health care information in light of HIPAA. What's protected and how do I get it?

Terry L. Jacobson, Corsicana

11:50 a.m. .25 hour ethics/PR credit

### **Referral Fees**

On June 28, 2004, the State Bar of Texas petitioned the Supreme Court to call a referendum to consider proposed changes to Rule 1.04, *Division of Fees*, and to Part VII, *Information about Legal Services*, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. These proposed changes, as well as the Supreme Court's proposed Rule 8a, *Referral Fees*, will be discussed.

Richard Hile, Austin

12:05 p.m. .25 hour

### Pharmaceutical Litigation Issues

A review of HB 4 provisions that affect substantive pharmaceutical litigation issues.

Michael R. Klatt, Austin

12:20 p.m. Lunch on your own

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 29, 2004

Presiding Officer: Fred Misko, Jr., Dallas

1:30 p.m. .50 hour

## Royalty Litigation in 2004 — An Update and a Look Ahead

A discussion of common current royalty litigation problems, current law, and suggestions on how these issues may be resolved in the future.

John Beckworth, Houston Donato D. Ramos, Laredo Richard D. Watt, Houston

2:00 p.m.

.25 hour

#### Toxic Torts—Land Contamination

Current developments in toxic tort litigation.

James L. "Larry" Wright, Austin

2:15 p.m. .25 hour

#### **ERISA**

A discussion of recent Supreme Court developments and how they impact your trial practice.

Yvonne K. Puig, Austin

2:30 p.m. .25 hour

## **Qui Tam Litigation**

A discussion of legal developments and cases in Qui Tam litigation.

Claudia Wilson Frost, Houston

2:45 p.m. .25 hour

#### Choice of Law

Choice of law in national class actions. Relevance of defendant's conduct outside the forum for determination of punitive damages.

Russell J. Weintraub, Austin

3:00 p.m. .25 hour ethics/PR credit

## Ethical Pitfalls Leading to Disqualification in Texas and Federal Courts

This session will discuss defending against tactical disqualification motions in litigation.

James M. McCormack, Austin

3:15 p.m. .25 hour ethics/PR credit

### **Changes in Disciplinary Procedures**

A discussion of recent revisions to the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure as a result of changes to the State Bar Act.

Dawn Miller, Austin

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

The University of Texas School of Law Attn: CLE - PL04 P.O. Box 7759 Austin, TX 78713-7759

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## **Course Binders**

The Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference generates the year's definitive set of resource materials for litigators. Don't miss an encyclopedic guide of case law updates, the effects of HB 4, current litigation problems and solutions — over 500 pages of practical and user-friendly materials.

## **Audio CD Set**

The Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference presentations are available on CD. Listen to the entire conference or individual sessions at your convenience.

## eBinder on CD

Get the entire conference binder on CD, in electronic PDF format. Only \$50 if added to a registration or purchase of Course Binder or Audio CD Set; \$200 if purchased alone.

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## **Expanded topics**

This year's Page Keeton Conference includes an expanded set of topics — hear over 30 topics in two days — presented by leading members of bench, bar, and academia.

### **New format**

This year's conference includes a substantial number of 15-20 minute presentations designed to inform and hold your interest in short, focused sessions.

## **Small-group discussions**

Speakers will be available at discussion tables outside the conference room immediately following their presentation to answer questions and meet one-on-one.

## Special panels and advice

Learn how litigators are adapting in the post-HB 4 world, with new types of contingency fee work.

"This is one of the best seminars I've attended – I particularly appreciated the participation of UT professors and Supreme Court Justices – great!"

"Outstanding speakers!"

"Kudos on pulling together interesting speakers and requiring them to bring a few solid tips."

"This is always one of the best seminars."

"The discovery panel could have held my interest for an entire day or more - excellent!"

"Overall, the program was excellent this year."

"Always well done."

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\$195 single or double special group rate (subject to availability) good through **October 1, 2004** 

Parking: \$5 self-parking; daily Valet: \$9 valet; daily

#### **KEY DATES**

#### **Registration and Cancellation**

October 20, 2004, 5 p.m.
•last day for early registration
add \$50 for registrations
received after this time

October 22, 2004, 5 p.m. •last day for full refund

October 25, 2004, 5 p.m. (Monday before conference) •last day for partial refunds (\$50 processing fee applied)

October 28, 2004, 9 a.m. •conference begins



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## **Definitive updates**

Leading faculty will provide updates on procedure, evidence, removal, and MDL.

## **Special sessions**

Fiduciary litigation, commercial torts, Qui Tam litigation, royalty litigation, jury charges, ERISA for litigators, electronic evidence and "Pitching the Gen-X Jury" — don't miss it.

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