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THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 28, 2010

Presiding Officer:

John Francis Sullivan III, Watt Beckworth Thompson & Henneman, LLP, Houston, TX

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. .50 hr

Supreme Court Update

A review of Texas Supreme Court opinions handed down during the past year.

Hon. Dale Wainwright, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, TX

9:30 a.m. .50 hr

Texas Civil Procedure Update: Top Ten Tricks and Traps That Can Help You or Hurt You

A focus on some of the procedural tricks and traps that can sandbag the uninformed. The course paper includes a comprehensive review of case law affecting Texas Civil Procedure.

Elaine Grafton Carlson, South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr

The Increasing Role of Mandamus in Texas Litigation

The Texas Supreme Court has adopted an expansive, non-categorical approach to when mandamus will issue to correct an erroneous trial court ruling. An appellate attorney examines the standard and how to use it effectively in your litigation practice.

Pamela Stanton Baron, Attorney at Law, Austin, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .75 hr

An Update and Refresher on Constructing and Proving Damages

This session covers the substantive law of damages from both a plaintiff's and a defendant's perspective, including theories and proof of damages.

Paul Denton Trahan, Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., Austin, TX

Commentator:

Thomas H. Cook Jr., Zelle Hofmann Voelbel & Mason LLP, Dallas, TX

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

Effective Advocacy: Maximizing the Value of Your Case

Working a case "by the book" results in ordinary results. A successful trial lawyer uses these "outside-the-box" tips and strategies to achieve extraordinary results with a jury.

Charla G. Aldous, Aldous Law Firm, Dallas, TX

12:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

R. Jo C. Reser, Davidson & Troilo, P.C., San Antonio, TX

1:15 p.m. .75 hr

Health Care Reform: New Opportunities?

Health care reform is the most significant social legislation in the last 50 years. This session considers what legal remedies and causes of action may develop from this bill and these monumental changes to the health care industry.

David W. Hilgers, Brown McCarroll, L.L.P., Austin, TX

2:00 p.m. .75 hr

Litigation Opportunities in Light of New Financial Reform Laws

Litigation opportunities for the seasoned litigator in light of new financial legislation.

Roger B. Greenberg, Schwartz, Junell, Greenberg & Oathout, LLP, Houston, TX

2:45 p.m. .50 hr

Pursuing and Defending Actions for Brand Disparagement and Business Interference

Theories of liability and damages as well as practice tips involving brand disparagement, business interference and related copyright and trademark issues.

Andy Wade Tindel, Provost & Umphrey Law Firm, L.L.P., Tyler, TX

3:15 p.m. Breal

3:30 p.m. .67 hr including .50 hr ethics

Arbitration: The New Litigation?

With the jury trial vanishing and the "A" being dropped from "ADR," where are we in the public pursuit of the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

Karl Bayer, Dispute Resolution Expert, Austin, TX Tracy Walters McCormack, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

4:10 p.m. .50 hr

Effective Cross-Examination

Tips, practice advice, dos and don'ts on effective cross-examination from a renowned trial lawyer.

Russell Hardin Jr., Rusty Hardin & Associates, P.C., Houston, TX

4:40 p.m. 1.00 hr

60 Tips in 60 Minutes

Three experienced litigators take turns outlining their fun tips involving civil litigation from plaintiff and defendant perspectives, including effective use of technology, website resources and discovery.

Certified Computer Forensic Examiner, Austin, TX William J. Chriss, of counsel to Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P., Austin, TX Christopher W. Martin, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson, & Wisdom, L.L.P., Houston, TX

Craig D. Ball, Attorney and Forensic Technologist,

5:40 p.m. Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 29, 2010

Presiding Officer:

Quentin Brogdon, The Law Offices of Frank L. Branson PC, Dallas, TX

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. .50 hr including .33 hr ethics

Fashioning and Implementing the Litigation Hold

When does duty to preserve arise?

John J. Jablonski, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Buffalo, NY



BONUS PAPER

The Careful Fee Agreement, and Proving Your Attorney Fees in Litigation: Controlling Case Law and Ethics Rules

James Holmes, The Schmidt Firm, Dallas, TX

9:00 a.m. .50 hr

The Admissibility of Electronic Evidence: The Definitive Guide

How to offer and how to object to electronic evidence.

Steven Goode, The University of Texas School of Law,
Austin, TX

9:30 a.m. .33 hr

Preparing and Cross-Examining Expert Witnesses

Practical advice on preparing your expert witnesses and cross-examining adverse experts in depositions and at trial.

Robert C. Alden, Byrd, Davis, Eisenberg, Walter & Furman, Austin, TX

9:50 a.m. .33 hr

Opening Statements

Incorporating modern marketing and neuroscience concepts into framing an effective opening lens for the jury.

Jim M. Perdue Jr., Perdue & Kidd LLP, Houston, TX

10:10 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. .50 hr

The Criminal Side of Civil Litigation: How I Became a White-Collar Criminal Lawyer

The interface between handling a dispute and dealing with the criminal law process. What every litigator needs to know about criminal law, and negotiating the boundaries.

Charles R. Parker, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, Houston, TX

10:55 a.m. .33 hr

Final Argument: Arming for Victory

Final argument is the last, best opportunity to provide your jurors with the tools they need to justify your client's verdict.

Kathryn Ann Snapka, The Snapka Law Firm, Corpus Christi, TX

11:15 a.m. .83 hr

Growing up Digital: Beyond Bullet Points

How do you cut through the clutter and simplify your case to make it understandable to a jury suffering from information overload? Trial consultant Cliff Atkinson shares the secrets from his bestselling book *Beyond Bullet Points*, which describes how he helped craft the presentations that persuaded a jury to award the plaintiff a \$253 million verdict in the nation's first Vioxx trial.

Cliff Atkinson, Beyond Bullet Points, Los Angeles, CA

12:05 p.m. Break for Lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Don L. Davis, Byrd Davis Furman, LLP, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

.67 hr

Lunch included in conference registration fee.

12:20 p.m.

BP Oil Spill and Environmental Claims: Case Construction and Communicating with the Modern Jury

W. Mark Lanier, The Lanier Law Firm, Houston, TX

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics

I Saw It on Facebook. Now, How Do I Use It at Trial?

The tricks and traps of using social networking sites in litigation practice. The session provides a working knowledge of current sites, and examines case law and rules regarding their use during discovery and trial as well as ethical considerations for collecting data from and using social networking sites.

Michael George Sawicki, Sawicki & Lauten LLP, Dallas, TX

1:45 p.m. .75 hr ethics

New Disciplinary Rules: Point and Counterpoint

A panel discussion of the issues involved in the proposed new disciplinary rules.

Amon Burton, Law Office of Amon Burton, Austin, TX James M. McCormack, Law Office of James M. McCormack, Austin, TX

Thomas H. Watkins, Brown McCarroll, L.L.P., Austin, TX

2:30 p.m. .33 hr ethics

Recusal and Disqualification of Arbitrators and Judges

What is it and how do you prosecute or defend the motion to recuse or disqualify?

Craig T. Enoch, Winstead PC, Austin, TX

2:50 p.m. .34 hr ethics

Issues and Problems Following Disqualification of Counsel

Issues and problems for disqualified counsel and successor counsel arising out of disqualification of counsel because of conflict of interest.

Amon Burton, Law Office of Amon Burton, Austin, TX

3:10 p.m. Adjourn

REASONS TO ATTEND PAGE KEETON CIVIL LITIGATION

- Mark Lanier on "BP Oil Spill and Environmental Claims"
- "Litigation Opportunities in Light of Health Care and Finance Reform"
- "60 Tips in 60 Minutes"
- Great papers, updates and practice aids for real-world litigators
- Four Seasons Hotel on the shores of Austin's Lady Bird Lake



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October 22, 2010, 5 p.m. last day for full refund

October 25, 2010, 5 p.m. last day for partial refund \$50 processing fee applied

October 28, 2010, 9 a.m. conference begins

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