

29th Annual David W. Robertson Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference

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Friday Morning, Oct. 16, 2020

Presiding Officer:

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

8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 1.50 hrs	Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law at the National Level and in the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits The twentieth 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. Michael F. Sturley, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Matthew H. Ammerman, Law Office of Matthew H. Ammerman, P.C. - Houston, TX
10:00 am	5-Minute Break
10:05 am 0.50 hr	Major Disruptive Events: Pandemics, Storms, Fires, Oh My! In the era of COVID, new challenges and complications have emerged, including the rising impact of sanctions, greater need to seize and attach ships, cargo and funds, and the challenge of judicial sales conducted by Zoom when the federal courthouse is closed. Knowledge of key maritime tools is essential to protect your client's interest. <i>This presentation was originally scheduled on Friday at 10:40 a.m.</i> Michael J. Frevola, Holland & Knight LLP - New York, NY Julia Haines, Holland & Knight LLP - Houston, TX
10:35 am	5-Minute Break
10:40 am 0.50 hr	Recent Amendment to Transp. Code 66.011: The Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Ports of Harris County and How it Might Impact the Admiralty Bar The present makeup of the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Ports of Harris County came into being during the last Legislature when it amended Texas Transportation Code Sec. 66.011. This presentation discusses the composition of the Board, what it does, why it does it, and when and how the actions of the Board might impact the Admiralty Bar. <i>This presentation was originally scheduled on Friday at 12:35 p.m.</i> Commissioner Reginald E. McKamie, Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Ports of Harris County - Houston, TX
11:10 am	5-Minute Break

11:15 am 1.00 hr	Judicial Perspective: Discussion of Maritime Decisions and Practice Chief Judge Lee Rosenthal discusses maritime decisions and practice from her service on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston, TX Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C. - Houston, TX
12:15 pm	Break for Lunch—Presentation Resumes at 12:35 p.m.

Friday Afternoon, Oct. 16, 2020

Presiding Officer:

John R. Pearson, Trahan Kornegay Partners LLP - Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:35 pm 0.50 hr ethics	Self-Care to Make More and Feel Better Self-care is a misunderstood concept. Using it can help you make more money and feel better doing it! This pre-recorded presentation has been added to the agenda due to the cancelation of "Washington DC Update." Matthew Sanderson, Cuccia Wilson, PLLC - Dallas, TX
1:05 pm	5-Minute Break
1:10 pm 0.50 hr	Marine Warranty Surveyors: The Eyes and Ears of Underwriters This presentation briefly explores the origins of insurance, the London insurance market, and why underwriters rely on specialists, particularly in the offshore sector. Case studies are explored demonstrating how the marine warranty surveyor can advocate with regard to risk prevention, technical claims management, and as an expert witness. James Vavasour, MatthewsDaniel - Houston, TX
1:40 pm	5-Minute Break
1:45 pm 0.50 hr	Primer on Recovery of Attorney's Fees What contractual language does maritime law require for a party to recover attorney's fees in a breach of contract claim? What type of evidence is necessary to properly present the claim to a trial court? This presentation will be useful for in-house and outside counsel. F. Daniel Knight, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry - Houston, TX
2:15 pm	5-Minute Break

2:20 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Common Mistakes in Maritime Contracts</p> <p>A panel of experienced in-house counsel discusses common mistakes, issues, sticky negotiating points, and issues of importance in maritime contracts. The panel also likely discusses what they expect from outside counsel who assist in the drafting or negotiation of such contracts.</p> <p>Moderator: F. Daniel Knight, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry - Houston, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Jennifer Bickley, SOFEC, Inc. - Houston, TX Rebecca Doty, Hess Corporation - Houston, TX Roselyn L. Young, O'Rourke Petroleum - Houston, TX</p>
3:20 pm	5-Minute Break
3:25 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Effective Voir Dire</p> <p>Judge Payne discusses the most recent developments in addressing bias and strikes in the voir dire process, the effect of COVID on the jury selection process in the courts, and observations of techniques and tools that were most effective in selecting a fair and impartial jury.</p> <p>Hon. Latosha Lewis Payne, 55th Civil District Court - Houston, TX</p>
3:55 pm	5-Minute Break
4:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>One Judge, Four Benches: A Perspective on Effective Advocacy</p> <p>In nearly two decades on the bench, Judge Jeff Brown has served in both the state and federal systems, on two trial courts and two appellate courts. Based on that experience, he'll share tips for productively pressing your client's case.</p> <p>Hon. Jeffrey V. Brown, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas - Galveston, TX</p>
4:30 pm	5-Minute Break
4:35 pm 1.00 hr ethics	<p>What To Do If Your Client Is Misbehaving, Part X</p> <p>Real-world questions and answers regarding ethics, the law, and what your client has asked you to do—or hide. Stump our experts with your hardest questions! Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org.</p> <p>Kevin Dubose, Alexander Dubose & Jefferson LLP - Houston, TX Bradley A. Jackson, The University of Texas School of Law - Houston, TX</p>
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