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**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 18, 2011**

**Presiding Officer:**

Hon. Cheryl Johnson, Texas Court of  
Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX

**12:30 p.m. Registration Opens**  
Includes complimentary refreshments.

**1:20 p.m. Welcoming Remarks**

**1:30 p.m. 1.00 hr**

**Court of Criminal Appeals Update**

An update on the latest Texas Court of Criminal Appeals decisions in criminal cases and other issues that are relevant to a criminal practice.

Janet Burnett, El Paso County Public Defender,  
El Paso, TX

M. Clara Hernandez, El Paso County Public Defender,  
El Paso, TX

**2:30 p.m. 1.00 hr**

**New and Pending Legislation**

An overview of legislation pending and under consideration by the Texas Legislature relating to criminal appeals and post-continuation matters.

Gary Alan Udashen, Sorrels, Udashen & Anton,  
Dallas, TX

**3:30 p.m. Break**

**3:45 p.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics**

**A Guide to Article 1107 Writs of Habeas Corpus and Other State Writs**

Michael F. Stauffacher, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX

**4:45 p.m. .50 hr**

**New Appellate Rules**

A look at new Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted, and a look ahead to newer issues that are arising.

Hon. Paul Womack, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals,  
Austin, TX

**5:15 p.m. Adjourn**

**THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 2011**

**Presiding Officer:**

Hon. Cheryl Johnson, Texas Court of  
Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX

**8:30 a.m. Conference Room Opens**  
Includes continental breakfast.

**9:00 a.m. 1.00 hr**

**Motions for a New Trial**

When should counsel request a "do-over" via motion for new trial? When must counsel do so? When and how is this best accomplished, and what traps exist for the unwary?

Catherine G. Burnett, South Texas College of Law,  
Houston, TX

**10:00 a.m. .50 hr including .25 hr ethics**

**PDRs: Procedures and Pitfalls**

A focus on filing petitions for discretionary review in compliance with the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure as applied by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Kathleen Mary Schneider, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. 1.00 hr**

**Oral Arguments**

A focus on the responsibilities of the appellate court and counsel, the appellate rules of engagement, and the eight-step legal analysis common to all appellate cases.

Hon. Kerry P. FitzGerald, Fifth Court of Appeals,  
Dallas, TX

**11:45 a.m. Networking Lunch**

Included in conference registration fee.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

**1:00 p.m. .75 hr**

**Fourth Amendment: The Basics**

A look at how the Fourth Amendment might be changed in light of proposals before Congress.

Tim Evans, Evans, Daniel, Moore, Evans & Lazarus,  
Fort Worth, TX

**1:45 p.m. 1.25 hrs**

**Fourth Amendment: Digital**

An overview of Fourth Amendment application to digital evidence and computer forensics. Session to include 15 minutes of Q&A.

Thomas A. Sadaka, NeJame, LaFay, Jancha,  
Ahmend, Barker & Joshi, P.A., Orlando, FL

**3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:15 p.m. 1.25 hrs**

**Writing Persuasiveness**

Learn what makes a brief persuasive or not, according to judges. And how not to get a PDR granted.

Jay Brandon, Bexar County District Attorney's Office,  
San Antonio, TX

**4:30 p.m. .50 hr**

**Preservation of Error**

A brief review of preservation requirements, exceptions and alternatives.

John Robertson Messinger, Office of the State  
Prosecuting Attorney, Austin, TX

**5:00 p.m. Adjourn**

**FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 2011**

**Presiding Officer:**

Hon. Barbara P. Hervey, Texas Court of  
Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX

**8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

**8:30 a.m. 1.25 hrs**

**The Nightmares of Sex Cases:  
Point/Counterpoint**

Sex crimes against children are tough cases, with a number of evidentiary, procedural and constitutional issues all their own. This session highlights some of the specialized laws particular to these kinds of cases and how strategic choices of both parties can sometimes open the door to other evidence and new issues.

Leon J. Grizzard, Travis County Criminal District  
Courts, Austin, TX  
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9:45 a.m.

1.00 hr ethics

Ethics for Appellate Practitioners

Most professional ethical principles are based on common sense. This session explores some of the ethical obligations of appellate advocates and discusses some of the obvious—and not so obvious—attendant pitfalls.

Hon. Michael Keasler, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX

10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

Supreme Court Update

A review of recent and forthcoming Supreme Court decisions concerning criminal law and procedure.

Erwin Chemerinsky, University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

ROBERT O. DAWSON



The Conference on Criminal Appeals is named in honor of Robert O. Dawson, a beloved UT Law professor for 37 years, who passed away in 2005.

From 1974 through 1998, he served as the director of the Criminal Defense Clinic, where he and his co-supervisors worked with students on over 7,200 criminal defendants' cases. He also served as co-director of UT Law's Actual Innocence Clinic, a clinic teaching students how to screen and investigate claims from prison inmates that they are actually innocent of their convicted offense.

As a reformer and scholar, Professor Dawson wrote extensively on criminal and juvenile law and drafted much of the juvenile legislation enacted by the Texas legislature during the past 30 years. He authored and co-authored many books, including Texas Criminal Practice and Procedure, Texas Juvenile Law, Criminal Justice Administration, and The Juvenile Justice Process.

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May 18–20, 2011

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**Radisson Hotel and Suites**  
111 E. Cesar Chavez Street  
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512-478-9611

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(subject to availability)

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### KEY DATES

**May 11, 2011, 5 p.m.**  
*last day for early registration*  
add \$50 for registrations received after this time

**May 13, 2011, 5 p.m.**  
*last day for full refund*

**May 16, 2011, 5 p.m.**  
*last day for partial refund*  
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**May 18, 2011, 1:30 p.m.**  
*Conference begins*

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