

2020 Litigation Strategies and Employment Law

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Tuesday Afternoon, Apr. 28, 2020

Presiding Officer:

Rod Tanner, Tanner and Associates, PC - Fort Worth, TX

1:00 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Arbitration Intersects With Employment Law</p> <p>Experienced arbitrators discuss the advantages and pitfalls of arbitration as an alternative to litigation, trends in arbitrating employment cases, interpretation of arbitration clauses, and what both sides can do to reduce costs and make effective presentations.</p> <p>Moderator: David Schlottman, Jackson Walker LLP - Dallas, TX</p> <p>Panelist: Hon. Alvin L. Zimmerman, Spencer Fane LLP - Houston, TX</p>
1:45 pm	5-Minute Break
1:50 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Employee Activism and Workplace Political Speech</p> <p>Analyze legal and practical implications of employee activism and political speech including best practices for employee training, policy development, and navigating related day-to-day workplace realities.</p> <p>Laura M. Merritt, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P. - Austin, TX</p>
2:20 pm	5-Minute Break
2:25 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Texas Citizen's Participation Act: Recent Statutory and Decisional Developments</p> <p>How have recent amendments and decisions affected the scope and viability of the TCPA? What strategies are effective for TCPA movants and respondents?</p> <p>David C. Holmes, Law Offices of David C. Holmes - Houston, TX</p>
2:55 pm	5-Minute Break
3:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p>Appellate Judge's View of Employment Law Cases</p> <p>A mid-level update of employment law opinions from our intermediate courts of appeal.</p> <p>Hon. Amanda L. Reichek, Fifth Court of Appeals - Dallas, TX</p>
3:30 pm	5-Minute Break

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Preparing Witnesses: Practical and Ethical Considerations

Witness preparation involves both practical and ethical challenges. How do you ensure your witnesses are well prepared and comfortable with the process? And how do you navigate between zealous advocacy and the duty of candor to the tribunal? Gain useful tips from both the plaintiff and defense perspective.

Vianei Lopez Braun, Decker Jones, P.C. - Fort Worth, TX
Joseph Gillespie, Gillespie Sanford LLP - Dallas, TX

4:05 pm

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