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# **Federal Civil Practice Seminar**

*Northern District Practice Points Every Lawyer Should Know*



**February 18, 2010**

The Pavilion at the Belo Mansion  
2101 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas

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**Dallas Chapter**

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(including 1 hour of  
Ethics/Professional  
Responsibility)**

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## SEMINAR PROGRAM AND FACULTY

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- 8:00 a.m.**            **Registration**
- 8:25 – 8:30 a.m.**    **Welcoming Remarks**  
Brian McKay (Haynes and Boone, LLP)  
President, Federal Bar Association, Dallas Chapter
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**    **Discovery Practice: Best Practices for Avoiding or Resolving Disputes**  
(.50 hr. ethics)  
Hon. Jeff Kaplan, *United States Magistrate Judge*  
Hon. Irma C. Ramirez, *United States Magistrate Judge*
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**   **The Local Rules: How to Avoid Looking Like You've Never Been in Federal Court**  
Brian McKay (Haynes and Boone, LLP)
- 10:00 – 10:10 a.m.**   **Break**
- 10:10 – 11:10 a.m.**   **Law Clerk Panel: How to Avoid Common Practice Pitfalls**  
(.25 hr. ethics)  
Jennifer Helms (Law Clerk to the Hon. Jorge Solis)  
Gavin Justiss (Law Clerk to the Hon. Sam Lindsay)  
Lauren Leahy (Law Clerk to the Hon. David Godbey)  
Moderated by Todd Murray (Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP)
- 11:10 – 12:10 p.m.**   **Critical Points in Litigation: Rule 12 and Rule 56 Practice**  
Hon. Reed O'Connor, *United States District Judge*  
Additional Presenters: *TBD*
- 12:10 – 12:20 p.m.**   **Break (Buffet Lunch)**
- 12:20 – 1:20 p.m.**    **Luncheon Keynote: E-Discovery: Together, We Can Do This!**  
(.25 hr. ethics)  
Kenneth J. Withers, *Director of Judicial Education and Content*, The Sedona Conference®, Phoenix, AZ

# About Kenneth J. Withers

The Sedona Conference®  
Phoenix, AZ



Ken is the Director of Judicial Education and Content for The Sedona Conference®, an Arizona-based non-profit law and policy think tank which has been on the forefront of issues involving complex litigation, intellectual property and antitrust law. Since 1989, he has published several widely-distributed papers on electronic discovery, hosted a popular website on electronic discovery and electronic records management issues, and given presentations at more than 250 conferences and workshops for legal, records management, and industry audiences. His most recent publication is *"Ephemeral Data" and the Duty to Preserve Discoverable Electronically Stored Information*, 37 U. Balt. L. R. 349 (2008). From 1999 through 2005, Ken was a Senior Education Attorney at the Federal Judicial Center in Washington DC, where he developed Internet-based distance learning programs for the federal judiciary concentrating on issues of technology and the administration of justice. He contributed to several well-known FJC publications, including the *Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth Edition* (2004), *Effective Use of Courtroom Technology* (2001), and the *Civil Litigation Management Manual* (2001).

# About the Seminar

## **Description**

This seminar is designed to acquaint the practitioner with some of the key nuts and bolts of federal civil practice with an emphasis on practice in the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

## **Accreditation**

It is anticipated that the seminar will be approved for 4.5 total preparatory hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education by the State Bar of Texas, of which 1 hour will apply to the Ethics/Professional Responsibility requirement.

## **Seminar Materials**

Some presenters will supply written materials to accompany their presentations. Any materials for the seminar will be distributed to each person in attendance by way of computer disk.

## **Special Accommodations**

Should you need special accommodations to attend the seminar, please contact us as soon as possible so that proper arrangements can be made.

## **Registration**

Please PRE-REGISTER as soon as possible to reserve a seat. If application is being made both for FBA Membership and the seminar, both application forms should be completed and returned together. Seminar fees and membership dues may be paid by credit card. There will be a \$25 late fee for registration for applications and fees postmarked after February 12, 2010.

## **Questions**

For all questions, please contact Joe Griffith at [joseph.griffith@sdma.com](mailto:joseph.griffith@sdma.com) or 469-227-4650.

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TO JOIN, please visit: <http://www.fedbar.org/join.html>. There will also be membership applications at the seminar.

## **About the Federal Bar Association**

The professional organization for private and government lawyers and judges involved in federal practice, the FBA has offers an unmatched array of leadership opportunities and services for more than 75 years. The Dallas Chapter of the FBA has regular seminars and monthly luncheon meetings for the North Texas practitioner.

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# Registration Form

Please complete, detach and mail this registration form postmarked by **Friday, February 12, 2010** to:

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, ATTN: CIVIL PRACTICE SEMINAR REGISTRATION  
2807 Allen Street, #344  
Dallas, TX 75204

\* Registrations not postmarked by Friday, February 12, 2010 will be subject to a \$25 late registration fee. Walk-up registrations on the day of the seminar are welcomed.\*

\*\* The buffet lunch is included in the price of the seminar. \*\*

\*\*\*Parking at the Belo Mansion is not included in the price of the seminar.\*\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45 Federal Bar Association Current Member or Full Time Government Attorney

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