



2019 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

January 11, 2019

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Third Annual Northern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference

Friday, January 11, 2019

This program is dedicated to the **Honorable Sidney A. Fitzwater**, a judge whose ethics, judicial temperament, intellect, and character are consistently demonstrated. His significant contributions to the administration of justice for more than three decades have left an indelible mark on the legal profession in the Northern District of Texas and across the country.

AGENDA

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION**
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. JUDICIAL ADVOCACY PANEL**
Practical Strategies for Effective Advocacy Before Judge and Jury
Chief District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn
Ret. District Judge W. Royal Furgeson, Jr., W.D. Tex.
Magistrate Judge Rebecca Rutherford
Moderator: Joseph F. Cleveland Jr., Brackett & Ellis PC
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. LEGAL WRITING PANEL**
Effective Legal Writing
Circuit Judge Catharina Haynes
District Judge Jane J. Boyle
Magistrate Judge David L. Horan
Moderator: Jason Jordan, Haynes and Boone LLP
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. CIVILITY & ETHICS PANEL**
Avoiding Pitfalls in Attorney-Client Privilege and Ethics
District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater
Josh Bennett, Carter Arnett PLLC
Magistrate Judge Lee Ann Reno
Nicole LeBoeuf, LeBoeuf Law
Moderator: Jared Hoggan, Gray Reed & McGraw LLP
- 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. BREAK**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, Berkeley Law
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. "NEW AT THE COURTHOUSE"**
District Judge Karen Gren Scholer
Magistrate Judge Renée H. Toliver
Erin Nealy Cox, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas
Moderator: Jill Bindler, Gray Reed & McGraw LLP
- 1:45-2:45 p.m. APPELLATE PRACTICE PANEL**
Lessons from Fifth Circuit Practitioners
Kyle Hawkins, Texas Solicitor General
Allyson Ho, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Tom Leatherbury, Vinson & Elkins LLP
Leigha Simonton, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas
Moderator: District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle, E.D. Tex.
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. BREAK**



3:00-3:55 p.m.

BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE BREAKOUT

Young Lawyers Ask Bankruptcy Judges Hard Questions

Chief Bankruptcy Judge Barbara J. Houser
Bankruptcy Judge Harlin D. Hale
Bankruptcy Judge Mark X. Mullin
Amber Carson, Gray Reed & McGraw LLP
Shivani Shah, Norton Rose Fulbright
Moderator: Bankruptcy Judge Edward L. Morris

CIVIL PRACTICE BREAKOUT

Trends and Topics for Civil Practitioners

District Judge Sam A. Lindsay
District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle, E.D. Tex.
Magistrate Judge D. Gordon Bryant, Jr.
Moderator: Tyler Bexley, Reese Marketos LLP

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BREAKOUT

Current Issues in IP Litigation

District Judge David C. Godbey
District Judge Alan D. Albright, W.D. Tex.
Kelly Chen, Munck Wilson Mandala LLP
Moderator: David T. DeZern, Gray Reed & McGraw LLP

TAX BREAKOUT (co-sponsored by FBA Tax Section)

When Tax Issues Arise in Federal Court

Bankruptcy Judge Stacey G.C. Jernigan
Abbey Garber, Thompson & Knight LLP
Andrew Sobotka, Department of Justice Tax Division
Josh Ungerman, Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman, LLP
Moderator: Joe Griffith, Greenberg Traurig LLP

4:00-4:45 p.m.

MAGISTRATE JUDGES PANEL

Magistrate Judge Irma C. Ramirez
Magistrate Judge E. Scott Frost
Magistrate Judge Hal R. Ray, Jr.
Moderator: Chalon Clark, Husch Blackwell LLP

4:45-6:30 p.m.

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