



INAUGURAL NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **BENCH BAR CONFERENCE**

January 27, 2017

Four Seasons Resort and Club
4150 North MacArthur Boulevard
Irving, Texas 75038

MCLE Credit: 7 hours
(including 2 hours of ethics)
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Northern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference

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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

District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater
Chief Bankruptcy Judge Barbara J. Houser
Magistrate Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton
Magistrate Judge Hal R. Ray, Jr.
Joseph F. Cleveland, Jr., Brackett & Ellis (moderator)

10:00-10:45 a.m. APPELLATE PRACTICE PANEL

How to Position Your Case for a Successful Appeal

Fifth Circuit Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod
Fifth Circuit Judge Catharina Haynes
Jeremy Kernodle, Haynes & Boone
Allyson Ho, Morgan Lewis

10:45-11:45 a.m. CIVILITY & ETHICS PANEL (1 hour MCLE Ethics Credit)

Can Courts Require Civil Conduct?

Fifth District Court of Appeals Justice Douglas Lang (moderator)
Dean Royal Furgeson, Jr., UNT Dallas College of Law
District Judge Jane J. Boyle
Magistrate Judge E. Scott Frost
Dawn Estes, Estes Thorne & Carr

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. BREAK

12:00-1:00 p.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS (1 hour MCLE Ethics Credit)

The Ten Commandments of Presidential Leadership

Talmage Boston, Winstead PC

1:00-1:45 p.m. eDISCOVERY PANEL

Discovery in a New Era: New Technology, New Media, and New Rules

Magistrate Judge Irma C. Ramirez
Monica Latin, Carrington Coleman
Eric J. Schwarz, Ernst & Young LLP

1:45-2:45 p.m. LAW CLERK PANEL

A View from Inside Judicial Chambers - Insights on Effective Strategies for Litigating Cases in District Court

Rebecca Rutherford (clerk to C.J. Lynn) (moderator)
Ben Thomas, Sidley Austin (former clerk to J. Fitzwater)
Grant Schmidt, Fish & Richardson (former clerk to J. Lindsay)
Elizabeth Cuneo, Gibson Dunn (former clerk to J. Boyle)
Sheria Smith, Dep't of Education (former clerk to J. Godbey and J. Horan)

2:45-3:00 p.m. BREAK



3:00-3:55 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BANKRUPTCY BREAKOUT

Expectations and Strategies When Your Civil Lawsuit Gets Pulled into the Bankruptcy World

Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. Jones
Bankruptcy Judge Stacey G.C. Jernigan
Bankruptcy Judge Mark X. Mullin
Marty Brimmage, Akin Gump (moderator)

IP BREAKOUT

Hot Issues in Intellectual Property in the Northern and Eastern Districts

Chief District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn
District Judge Rodney Gilstrap (E.D. Tex.)
District Judge David C. Godbey
Jon Suder, Friedman, Suder & Cooke

CRIMINAL BREAKOUT

A Panorama View of Criminal Practice in the Northern District

Magistrate Judge Paul D. Stickney
Magistrate Judge Renee H. Toliver
Jason Hawkins, Federal Public Defender
Chad Meacham, First Assistant U.S. Attorney

CIVIL BREAKOUT

Civil Practice Points Every Lawyer Should Know

District Judge Sam A. Lindsay
Magistrate Judge Clinton E. Averitte
Magistrate Judge D. Gordon Bryant, Jr.
Magistrate Judge Kimberly C. Priest Johnson (E.D. Tex.)
Hon. Jeff Kaplan (Ret.), JAMS-Dallas (moderator)

3:55-4:05 p.m.

BREAK

4:05-4:40 p.m.

BEST TIPS FROM BREAKOUTS

4:40-4:45 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

4:45-6:30 p.m.

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*One complimentary drink coupon will be provided to each attendee.
Light refreshments will be provided.*



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