

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON / GALVESTON BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

October 29, 2019



THE BALLROOM AT BAYOU PLACE

500 Texas Avenue
Houston, Texas 77002

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Conference website: www.tx.uscourts.gov/page/conference-2019

MCLE credit: 5.75 hours, incl. 1.75 hours ethics (course no. 174065762)

Slido Event Code: SDTX

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION AND LIGHT BREAKFAST

Foyer, Ballroom at Bayou Place

8:45 a.m. WELCOME

Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal, Chief U.S. District Judge
Mitchel Neurock, U.S. Attorney's Office, General Counsel, S.D. Texas
Main Ballroom

9:00 a.m. PLENARY 1: Forward to the Future: Legal and Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence

Maura R. Grossman, J.D., Ph.D., Research Prof., Univ. of Waterloo School of Computer Science, Adjunct Prof., Osgoode Hall School of Law
Introduction: Hon. Christina A. Bryan, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Main Ballroom
CLE: .75 hours

9:45 a.m. PLENARY 2: It's Not Your Grandparents' Evidence: Admitting (or Excluding) Electronic Evidence

Hon. Paul W. Grimm, U.S. District Judge, D. Md.
Gregory P. Joseph, Esq., Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC
Introduction: Hon. Jeffrey V. Brown, U.S. District Judge
Main Ballroom
CLE: .75 hours

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:45 a.m. CRIMINAL BREAKOUT 1-A: Keeping Up With The Rapid Evolution of Cyber Threats, and Tips for Keeping Yourself Safe

Ovie L. Carroll, Director, Cybercrime Lab, U.S. Dept. of Justice
Introduction: Hon. Peter Bray, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Breakout Room
CLE: .75 hours

CIVIL BREAKOUT 1: Drilling Down: ESI Issues that Impact Civil Practice

Maura R. Grossman, J.D., Ph.D., Research Prof., Univ. of Waterloo School of Computer Science, Adjunct Prof., Osgoode Hall School of Law
Zenobia Harris Bivens, Esq., Berg & Androphy
Introduction: Hon. Christina A. Bryan, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Main Ballroom
CLE: 1.25 hours (incl. .25 hours ethics)

11:30 a.m. CRIMINAL BREAKOUT 1-B: Secrecy and Confidentiality in the Cyberworld: Emerging Issues in Cyberdiscovery After Carpenter

Nathan Freed Wessler, Esq., Staff Attorney, Speech, Privacy & Technology Project, American Civil Liberties Union
Introduction: Hon. Peter Bray, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Breakout Room
CLE: .50 hours (incl. .25 hours ethics)

12:00 p.m. LUNCH AND NETWORKING

1:00 p.m. CRIMINAL BREAKOUT 2: What You Really, Really Need to Know: Supreme Court & 5th Circuit Criminal Case Update

Hon. Gregg J. Costa, U.S. Circuit Judge, Fifth Circuit
Timothy Crooks, Esq.
Introduction: Hon. George C. Hanks, Jr., U.S. District Judge
Breakout Room
CLE: .75 hours

CIVIL BREAKOUT 2: What You Really, Really Need to Know: Supreme Court & 5th Circuit Civil Case Update

Allyson N. Ho, Esq., Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP
Aaron M. Streett, Esq., Baker Botts, L.L.P.
Introduction: Hon. Dena H. Palermo, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Main Ballroom
CLE: .75 hours

1:45 p.m. BREAK

2:00 p.m. CRIMINAL BREAKOUT 3: When to Hold and When to Merely Scold: Ethical Aspects of Sentencing and Detention

Hon. Keith P. Ellison, U.S. District Judge
Hon. Alfred H. Bennett, U.S. District Judge
Hon. Nancy K. Johnson, U.S. Magistrate Judge (Moderator)
Hon. Peter Bray, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Breakout Room
CLE: .75 hours (incl. .75 hours ethics)

CIVIL BREAKOUT 3: What Works and What Doesn't In Pretrial Proceedings: Zealous and Candid Advocacy

Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal, Chief U.S. District Judge
Hon. Sim Lake, Senior U.S. District Judge
Hon. Andrew M. Edison, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Geoffrey A. Gannaway, Esq. (Moderator)
Main Ballroom
CLE: .75 hours (incl. .75 hours ethics)

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2:45 p.m. CRIMINAL BREAKOUT 4: Recurring Issues in Admitting Evidence: What Was Old Is New Again

Hon. Andrew S. Hanen, U.S. District Judge
Hon. David Hittner, Senior U.S. District Judge
Kenneth A. Cusick, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Galveston
George McCall (“Mac”) Secret, Esq. (Moderator)
Breakout Room
CLE: .75 hours

CIVIL BREAKOUT 4: What Works Well and What Doesn’t Work at Trial

Hon. George C. Hanks, Jr., U.S. District Judge
Hon. Vanessa D. Gilmore, U.S. District Judge
Hon. Charles R. Eskridge, III, U.S. District Judge
Hon. Gray H. Miller, Senior U.S. District Judge (Moderator)
Main Ballroom
CLE: .75 hours

3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:45 p.m. PLENARY 3: Don’t Take Heat for a Tweet: Ethical Issues with Social Media Use

John G. Browning, Esq., Spencer Fane LLP
Introduction: Yvonne Ho, Esq., Bracewell LLP
Main Ballroom
CLE: .75 hours (incl. .75 hours ethics)

4:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS

Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal, Chief U.S. District Judge
Main Ballroom

4:35 p.m. AVOID THE RUSH HOUR: Wine and Cheese Social
Foyer and Breakout Room

5:30 p.m. ADJOURN

Register Online at: <https://www.hba.org/federalbenchbar>

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION THE DAY OF THE CONFERENCE.

Response requested by October 21, 2019.

Attendees must be admitted to practice before the Southern District of Texas or have a pending application to practice.

FEES: INFORMATION

\$50 Private practitioners

\$25 Attorneys at government agencies or non-profits, or private practitioners at law firms with 4 or fewer attorneys

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