



2021 EDTX Bench Bar Conference
October 13 -15, 2021
Dallas/Plano Marriott Hotel @ Legacy Town Center
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IP/CIVIL CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Wednesday, October 13th

8:45am: Shooting for Fun & Marksman Competition at Eagle Gun Range - Farmers Branch
(First-Time/Refresher & Competition/Recreational Shooter Groups Available) Space is Limited
Sponsored by Haltom & Doan

9:00am: Golf Tournament: The Hills Course of the Clubs of Prestonwood - Tee Times (TBA)
Sponsored by The Law Offices of Charles Molster, III PLLC

11:00am: WLED Mimosa Brunch: Program: Diversity in the IP World – Pecos Room
Speakers: Hope Shimabuku, Texas Regional Director, USPTO & Julie Katz, Linn Inn Alliance BoD
Luncheon Co-Chairs: Amanda Abraham, The Roth Firm Law Firm & Becca Skupin, Scheef & Stone
Sponsored by The Judge Paul Brown Inn of Court

11:00am - 1:00pm: Judge's Social and Luncheon - San Jacinto Room
(Closed event for Judges only)

1:00pm: Conference Opens: Welcome remarks from Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap, USDC EDTX

IP/Civil Track Commences: (Trinity Ballroom)

1:15pm: Tales from the Bench – Safely Conducting Public Trials in a Post-Pandemic World and are COVID Juries Different? *Panelists: Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap, USDC EDTX; District Judge Amos Mazzant USDC EDTX; & District Judge Robert “Trey” Schroeder, USDC EDTX; Moderator: Charles Bundren, Wm. Charles Bundren & Associates Law Group, PLLC*

1:45pm: Real Persuasion in A Virtual World: Arguments For and Against Remote Hearings.
Panelists: Judge Marcia Crone, USDC EDTX; Magistrate Judge Nicole Mitchell, USDC EDTX;

Magistrate Judge Christine Novak, USDC EDTX; District Judge Sean Jordan, USDC EDTX; Magistrate Judge Zack Hawthorn, USDC EDTX; & Chief Judge Priscilla Owen, 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; Moderator: Donean Surratt, Orgain Bell & Tucker LLP

2:30pm: Let's Hear It from the Clerks: Past and Present Law Clerks Share Secrets on How Lawyers Can Help Clerks Help Judges. *Panelists: Jenna Gillingham, Career EDTX Law Clerk; Boone Baxter, Heim, Payne & Chorush; Natalie Bennett, Morgan Lewis; James "Tripp" Fussell, Mayer Brown; Becca Skupin, Scheef & Stone; & Rudy Fink, Davis Firm, P.C.; Moderator: Travis Underwood, Gillam & Smith LLP*

3:15pm: Afternoon Break

3:25pm: The EDTX Docket: Past, Present, & Future Predictions from Those Who Have Seen It All...or Most of It at Least. *Panelists: District Judge David Folsom, USDC EDTX (ret.); Mike Jones, Potter Minton; Mark Mann, MT2 Law Group; Gil Gillam, Gillam & Smith; Joe Mueller, Wilmer Hale; Moderator Jennifer Ainsworth, Wilson Robertson & Cornelius, PC*

4:15pm: You Won Your Big Case & Now Your Phone is Ringing; A Lawyer's Guide to Speaking with the Press. *Panelists: Kathi Vidal, Winston & Strawn LLP; Wes Hill, Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC; Tom Melsheimer, Winston & Strawn LLP; Morgan Chu, Irell & Manella, LLP; Co-Moderators: Michael Smith, Scheef & Stone, & Eric Findlay, Findlay Craft P.C.*

5:45pm: Opening Conference Reception – Marriott Hotel Lobby & Bar
Sponsored by StoneTurn

7:00pm: Private Judges' Dinner @ Perry's Steakhouse

7:00pm: Law Clerk's Dinner – Mexican Sugar Cocina & Cantina, Plano, Texas
(Located across Legacy Drive to the North)

9:15pm: Hotel After Dinner Social – Marriott Presidential Suite Opens

Thursday, October 14th

7:30am: Texas Sunrise Breakfast

IP/Civil Track: (Trinity Ballroom)

9:00am: What's Next in the Realm of Crypto-Ransomware? *Panelists: Brett Leatherman, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI Dallas – National Security Branch; Special Agent Brad Schley, United States Secret Service; Nathaniel Kummerfeld, Deputy Chief for Complex White Collar, US Attorney's Office; Ryan Locker, Deputy Chief for Cyber and National Security, US Attorney's Office; Moderator: Ryan Raybould, Chief Counsel to Senator John Cornyn (Joint Session)*

10:00am: The Hindsight Track: What Seasoned Lawyers Will Share with Young Lawyers and Old Alike about Career Missteps and Lucky Breaks. *Panelists: Doug Cawley, McKool Smith, Sam Baxter, McKool Smith, Gil Gillam, Gillam & Smith, Andy Tindel, Attorney at Law, Tim Durst, Baker Botts, & Ruffin Cordell, Fish & Richardson; Moderator: Danielle Williams,*

10:45am: Morning Break

10:55am: Fireside Chat with USPTO Leadership. *Panelists: Drew Hirshfeld, Per. Duties of Und. Sec. Commerce for IP/USPTO Dir.; Hope Shimabuku, Texas Regional Director, USPTO; PTAB Judge Scott Boalick, USPTO; Ruffin Cordell, Fish & Richardson; Julie Han, Samsung; & Joe Mueller, Wilmer Hale; Moderator: Bob Weber, Smith Weber LLP*

11:45am: Judge Panel: Exit Interviews with Past Jurors: Observations from the Bench and Post-Verdict Interviews about Trial Lawyer Magic – What Do Jurors Love and What are Lawyers Doing Wrong? *Panelists: Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap, USDC EDTX; District Judge Amos Mazzant, USDC EDTX; District Judge Robert “Trey” Schroeder, USDC EDTX; Chief District Judge Leonard Stark, USDC D. Del.; District Judge Lee Yeakel, USDC WDTX; Co-Moderators: Bo Davis, Davis Firm P.C. & Chris Bunt, Parker, Bunt & Ainsworth, P.C.*

12:30pm: Lunch Menu: “South of the Border Favorites”

1:00pm: Lunch Presentation: A Behind-the-Scenes Review of Successfully Prosecuted Civil Rights Cold Cases Involving Assassinations and Fire Bombings from the 1960s. *District Judge Robert W. Schroeder, III, USDC EDTX; and Jerry Mitchell, Investigative Reporter Formerly with the Clarion-Ledger Newspaper & Author of *Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era* (Joint Session)*

1:45pm: From Making the Pitch to Handling the Case: Dos and Don’ts Through the Eyes of In-House Counsel. *Panelists: Kelly Chen, Toyota, Bryan Sinclair, Cisco; Robert Earle, Ericsson; Anthony Kahn, Samsung; Steven Geiszler, Huawei; Co-Moderators: Jennifer Truelove, McKool Smith; & Indy Mukerji, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP*

2:30pm: Voir Dire: Winning or Losing Your Trial Before Trial Starts. *Panelists: Lisa Blue, Baron & Blue; Mike Collins, Collins Investigation Services; Johnny Ward, Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC; Jeff Bragalone, Bragalone, Olejko Saad PC; Deron Dacus, Dacus Law Firm; Moderator: Melissa Smith, Gillam & Smith LLP*

3:15pm: Afternoon Break

3:25pm: People are Getting Hurt Out There and Not Only Because Their Patent has been Infringed: Hot Topics and Emerging Areas of Law – Qui Tam / Class Action / Trade Secret. *Panelists: District Judge Amos Mazzant, USDC EDTX; Judge Virginia Kendall, USDC N.D. III; Leon Carter, Carter Arnett; Travis DeArman, McKool Smith; Brett Johnson, Winston & Strawn LLP; Magistrate Judge Roy Payne, USDC EDTX; Moderator: Andrea Fair, Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC*

4:05pm: Do's, Don'ts, and Other Observations from the Circuit Court. *Panelists: Judge Ray Chen, Fed. Cir., US Court of Appeals; Senior US Circuit Judge Bill Bryson, CAFC; Judge Carl Stewart, 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; Judge Gregg Costa, 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; Judge James Ho; 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; Moderator: Tom Leatherbury, Vinson & Elkins*

4:45pm: The Road to the Robe. *Panelists: Judge Jeremy Kernodle, USDC EDTX; Judge Gregg Costa, 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; Chief District Judge Leonard Stark, USDC D. Del; District Judge Michael Truncale, USDC EDTX; Senior Judge Thad Heartfield, Sr., USDC EDTX; Senior Judge Ron Clark, USDC EDTX; Moderator: Ryan Raybould, Chief Counsel to US Senator John Cornyn*

5:30pm: Chief Judge & Chairman's "Grand Slam" Reception – Marriott Hotel Lobby & Bar
(Attire: "Batting Cage Casual")

6:30pm: Buses load for Ballpark

7:30pm: Chief Judge & Chairman's "An Evening at the Ball Park" - *A private outing to Texas Ranger Globe Life Stadium with custom ballpark-themed cocktails & dinner, private tours, use of the batting cages, on-field access, and a group photo in the Ranger's Dug Out. Also, autographed baseballs by some of baseball's most legendary players will be up for grabs via various give-aways throughout the evening.*

Friday, October 15th

7:30am: Continental Breakfast w/ Texas Waffle & Omelet Stations

Sponsored by ASQ Consulting

IP/Civil Track: (Trinity Ballroom):

8:45am: Health and Wellness / Mental Health Longevity – Dr. David Leonardi; *Introduction by Rocky Schwartz, Whitaker Chalk Swindle & Schwartz PLLC*

9:30am: FRAND - Patent Damage Session. *Panelists: Tom Britven, ASQ Consulting; Ray Perryman, The Perryman Group; Christopher Bakewell, Duff & Phelps; Alan Ratliff, Stoneturn; Co-Moderators: Jeannie Heffernan, Kirkland & Ellis; & Rick Cederoth, Sidley Austin LLP*

10:10am: Morning Break

10:20am: What Would Lincoln Do? - Billie Ellis, Winston & Strawn LLP; *Introduction by Brett Johnson, Winston & Strawn LLP*

11:00am: Forget Lincoln, Now What You Should Do: Recent Ethics Update. *Panelists: Deborah Miron, Exec Dir., Fed Cir. Bar Assn; Dean Brad Toben, Baylor Law School; Professor Jim Wren; Baylor Law School; Moderator: Brett Govett, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP*

11:45am: War Stories from the Bench: Nobody Prepared Me for This Day on the Bench!

Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap, USDC EDTX; Judge Bryson, Judge Royal Ferguson (ret.), Judge Lee Yeakel, USDC WDTX; Judge T. John Ward, USDC EDTX (ret.) Judge David Folsom, USDC EDTX (ret.); Moderator: Wes Hill, Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC

12:30pm: Lunch Menu: “A Taste of Tuscany”

1:00pm Lunch Presentation: I Never Saw this Coming: Supplemental Examination Positions Itself to be the Mouse that Roared for US Patent Owners. *Speaker Tom L. Irving, Finnegan Introduction by Rose Keagy, Founder, Rose Patent Law Firm PLLC*

2:30pm: Conference Concludes