



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)

Sponsored by Haltom & Doan

Event Contact: Josh Thane: jthane@haltomdoan.com

9:15am: Golf Tournament: The Hills Course of the Clubs of Prestonwood

Sponsored by The Law Offices of Charles Molster, III PLLC

Event Contact: Chip Molster: cmolster@molsterlaw.com

11:00am – 1:00pm: WLED Mimosa Brunch: Program: Diversity in the IP World: Pecos Room

Speakers: Magistrate Kimberly C. Priest Johnson, USDC EDTX; Julie Katz, Linn Inn Alliance BoD;

Dean Felicia Epps, UNT Dallas College of Law; Britnee Reamy, Senior Counsel, Texas

Instruments; Moderator: Janis E. Clements, Greenberg Traurig

Brunch Co-Chairs & Contacts: Amanda Abraham, The Roth Firm Law Firm- aa@rothfirm.com

Becca Skupin, Scheef & Stone- becca.skupin@solidcounsel.com

Brunch hosted by The Judge Paul Brown Inn of Court

(1.5 hrs. CLE/1 hr. Ethics)

11:00am - 1:00pm: Judge's Social and Luncheon: Red River Room

(Closed event for Judges only; Robes for photo session)

1:00pm: Conference Opens: Welcome Remarks and Special Hannah Award Presentation from Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap, USDC EDTX_– Trinity Ballroom

IP/Civil Track: *Trinity Ballroom*

Session Chair: *Jennifer Ainsworth, Wilson Robertson & Cornelius, PC*

1:15pm: 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 Nowak, USDC EDTX; District Judge Sean Jordan, USDC EDTX; Magistrate Judge Zack Hawthorn, USDC EDTX; & Chief Judge Priscilla Owen, 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; District Judge J. Campbell Barker, USDC EDTX; Moderator: Donean Surratt, Orgain Bell & Tucker LLP (1 hr. CLE)

2:15pm: 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 hr. CLE)

3:15pm: 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 (.5 hr. CLE)

3:50pm: Afternoon Break

4:00pm: 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.); Magistrate Judge John D. Love, USDC EDTX; Mike Jones, Potter Minton; Gil Gillam, Gillam & Smith; Mark Mann, MT2 Law Group; Joe Mueller, Wilmer Hale; Moderator Jennifer Ainsworth, Wilson Robertson & Cornelius, PC (.75 hr. CLE)

4:45pm: You Won Your Big Case & Now Your Phone is Ringing; A Lawyer’s Guide to Speaking with the Press.

Panelists: 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. (.75 hr. CLE/.25 Ethics)

5:45pm: Opening Conference Reception: Trinity Ballroom Foyer

Opening Conference Reception sponsored by StoneTurn

7:30pm: Private Judges’ Dinner @ Perry’s Steakhouse

7:00pm: Law Clerk’s Dinner – Mexican Sugar Cocina & Cantina, Plano, Texas

(Located across Legacy Drive)

Event Contact: Natalie Bennett: Natalie.bennett@morganlewis.com

9:15pm: Hotel After Dinner Social – Marriott Presidential Suite #621 Opens

Thursday, October 14th

7:30am: Texas Sunrise Breakfast – Trinity Ballroom Foyer
Breakfast sponsored by Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr P.C. & Axinn

IP/Civil Track: *Trinity Ballroom*

Session Chair: *Donean Surratt, Orgain Bell & Tucker LLP*

8:30am: What’s Next in the Realm of Crypto-Ransomware? *Panelists: Richard Murray, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Dallas – Cyber Task Force; 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) (1 hr. CLE)*

9:30am: 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; Michael J. McKeon, Fish & Richardson; Gil Gillam, Gillam & Smith; Andy Tindel, Attorney at Law; Tim Durst, O’Melveny & Myers LLP; & Ruffin Cordell, Fish & Richardson; Moderator: Danielle Williams (.75 hr. CLE)*

10:15am: Morning Break

10:25am: Simplifying a Complex Case to Appeal to Jurors That Don’t Have an EE Degree. *Panelists: Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap, USDC EDTX; Ruffin Cordell, Fish & Richardson; Chris Kennerly, Paul Hastings; Julie Han, Samsung; & Joe Mueller, Wilmer Hale; Moderator: Ellisen Turner, Kirkland & Ellis (.5 hr. CLE)*

11:00am: 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; Senior Judge Thad Heartfield, Sr., USDC EDTX; District Judge Lee Yeakel, USDC WDTX; Co-Moderators: Bo Davis, Davis Firm P.C. & Chris Bunt, Parker, Bunt & Ainsworth, P.C. (1 hr. CLE)*

12:00pm: 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 hr. CLE/1 hr. Ethics)*

Menu: *“South of the Border Favorites” – Trinity Ballroom Foyer*
Lunch sponsored by: Greenberg Traurig, McGuireWoods, & Carter Arnett

(Special Announcement by Jim Wren, Professor, Baylor Law School)

Session Chair: *Jennifer Truelove, McKool Smith*

1:30pm: 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; Dan Girdwood, Samsung; Brian Gaffney of AT&T; Tim Durst, O'Melveny & Myers LLP; Co-Moderators: Jennifer Truelove, McKool Smith; & Indy Mukerji, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP (.5 hr. CLE)*

2:00pm: 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: Joshua Masur, Zuber Lawler (.5 hr. CLE)*

2:30pm: Afternoon Break

2:40pm: 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; Ted Stevenson, Alston & Bird; Moderator: Andrea Fair, Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC (.75 hr. CLE)*

3:30pm: 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; 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 (1 hr. CLE)*

4:30pm: The Road to the Robe. *Panelists: Judge Gregg Costa, 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; District Judge Michael Truncale, USDC EDTX; Senior Judge Ron Clark, USDC EDTX; Moderator: Ryan Raybould, Chief Counsel to US Senator John Cornyn (1 hr. CLE)*

5:30pm: Chief Judge & Chairman's "Grand Slam" Reception – Marriott Hotel Lobby & Bar
Grand Slam Reception sponsored by StoneTurn
(Attire: Batting Cage Casual – jeans, tennis shoes)

6:15pm: Buses load for Ballpark – Trinity Ballroom Foyer Hotel Entrance

7:15pm: 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-a-ways throughout the evening. (Attire: Batting Cage Casual - jeans, tennis shoes)

9:15pm: Hotel After Dinner Social – Marriott Presidential Suite #621 Opens

Friday, October 15th

7:30am: Continental Breakfast w/ Texas Waffle Station – Trinity Ballroom Foyer
Breakfast sponsored by ASQ Consulting & Baker Botts

IP/Civil Track: *Trinity Ballroom*

Session Chair: *Bob Weber, Smith Weber LLP*

8:30am: Health and Wellness / Mental Health Longevity – Dr. David Leonardi; Introduction by Rocky Schwartz, Whitaker Chalk Swindle & Schwartz PLLC (.75 hr. CLE/.25Ethics)

9:15am: FRAND - Patent Damage Session. Panelists: *Tom Britven, ASQ Consulting; Ray Perryman, The Perryman Group; Christopher Bakewell, Kroll; Alan Ratliff, Stoneturn; Ambreen Salters, Stoneturn; Co-Moderators: Jeannie Heffernan, Kirkland & Ellis; & Rick Cederth, Sidley Austin LLP (1 hr. CLE)*

10:15am: Morning Break

10:25am: What Would Lincoln Do? - Billie Ellis, Winston & Strawn LLP; Introduction by Brett Johnson, Winston & Strawn LLP (.5 hr. CLE/.5 Ethics)

11:00am: Forget Lincoln, Now What You Should Do: Recent Ethics Update. Panelists: *Magistrate Judge Nicole Mitchell, USDC EDTX; Dean Brad Toben, Baylor Law School; Professor Jim Wren; Baylor Law School; Moderator: Brett Govett, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (.75 hr. CLE/.75 Ethics)*

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 Furgeson (ret.), Judge Lee Yeakel, USDC WDTX; Judge David Folsom, USDC EDTX (ret.); Moderator: Wes Hill, Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC (.75 hr. CLE)

12:30pm: Lunch Presentation: I Never Saw this Coming: Supplemental Examination Positions Itself to be the Mouse that Roared for US Patent Owners (Q & A to follow). Speaker Tom L. Irving, Finnegan Introduction by Rose Keagy, Founder, Rose Patent Law Firm PLLC (2 hrs. CLE/.5 Ethics)

Menu: *“A Taste of Tuscany” – Trinity Ballroom Foyer*
Lunch sponsored by Kroll, Vincent & Elkins LLP & O’Melveny & Myers LLP

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2:30pm: Conference Concludes

Program CLE Total: 19.25 hrs. CLE/4.25 Ethics