

# AUSTIN BAR ASSOCIATION BENCH BAR 2008

**April 18-19, 2008**

**Radisson Hill Country Resort  
San Antonio, Texas**

**5.0 Hours CLE, Friday**

**1.0 Hour Ethics CLE, Saturday**



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## Friday, April 18, 2008

9:00–9:30 a.m.	Check-in, Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Vendor Fair
9:30 a.m.	<b>INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME</b> Jo Ann Merica, President, Austin Bar Association Jeff Edwards, President, Austin Young Lawyers Association Todd Wong, Judge Stephen Yelenosky, Virginia Greenway, & Lauren Mathews, Austin Bar Bench Bar Co-Chairs Liz Branch and Lisa Tsai, AYL A Bench Bar Co-Chairs
9:45–10:30 a.m.	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <i>The State of the Death Penalty in Texas</i> Speaker: Kathryn Kase, Texas Defender Service Introduction: Virginia Greenway, Attorney at Law
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Vendor Fair/Morning Break
11:00–11:45 A.M.	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS I</b> <b><u>Admin/Gov:</u></b> <i>Administrative Law Update</i> Speakers: Linda Secord, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General's Natural Resources Division; David Morales, Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation; Nanette K. Beard, Senior Attorney, Gardere Wynne Sewell Introduction: Ronnie Jones, Attorney at Law <b><u>Appellate:</u></b> <i>Supreme Court Law Update</i> Speakers: Justice Phil Johnson, Justice Scott Brister, Justice Dale Wainwright, Texas Supreme Court Introduction: Woodie Jones, Alexander, Dubose, Jones & Townsend <b><u>Family:</u></b> <i>What We File with the Courts and What Every Lawyer Should Know about Identity Theft</i> Speaker: Amie Rodnick, Attorney at Law Introduction: Lauren Mathews, Attorney at Law <b><u>Advanced Litigation:</u></b> <i>Modern Trends in Litigation from Engagement to Trial</i> Speakers: Lance Jones, General Counsel, Versata Software, Inc.; Doug Keene, Trial Consulting; William Reid, Diamond McCarthy Introduction: Lisa Tsai, Diamond McCarthy <b><u>Criminal:</u></b> <i>The Basics of Federal Criminal Representation</i> Speakers: Horatio Aldredge, Office of The Federal Public Defender; Judge Robert Pitman, U.S. Magistrate, Western District of Texas Introduction: Kristin Etter, Sumpter & Gonzalez
11:45 A.M.–12:30 P.M.	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS II</b> <b><u>Bankruptcy:</u></b> <i>Top Ten Questions for General Practitioners Handling Bankruptcy Cases</i> Speakers: Steve Sather, Barron & Newburger; Judge Craig Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas; Michael Baumer, Attorney at Law Introduction: Lisa Tsai, Diamond McCarthy <b><u>Criminal:</u></b> <i>Handling Corporate Investigations</i> Speakers: David Botsford, Attorney at Law; David Sheppard, Attorney at Law Introduction: Virginia Greenway, Attorney at Law <b><u>Core Litigation:</u></b> <i>Off the Record: Attorneys' Anonymous Questions for the Judiciary*</i> Panelists: Justice Jan Patterson, Third Court of Appeals; Judge Robert Pitman, U.S. Magistrate, Western District of Texas; Judge Stephen Yelenosky, 345th District Court; Judge Suzanne Covington, 201st District Court *Submit questions for this session to the Austin Bar office with your registration information or at <a href="mailto:austinbar@austinbar.org">austinbar@austinbar.org</a> or by fax at 473-2720. Tough questions are encouraged. Moderator: Liz Branch, Attorney at Law

	<p><b>Family:</b> <i>Witness Preparation for Temporary Orders and Trial</i>  Speaker: Karl E. Hays, Attorney at Law  Introduction: Lauren Mathews, Attorney at Law</p>
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30–2:30 p.m.	<p><b>GENERAL SESSION</b>  <i>Contemplating Torture</i>  Speaker: Sandy Levinson, Law Professor, University of Texas  Introduction: Judge Stephen Yelenosky, 345th District Court</p>
2:30–3:15 p.m.	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS III</b></p> <p><b>Administrative Law &amp; Litigation:</b> <i>Cross Over Practices: Constitutional Challenge to the Texas Workers' Compensation System: 182 Vista Healthcare lawsuits"</i>  Panelists: David Bragg, Law Office of David Bragg; Thomas B. Hudson, Jr., Graves, Dougherty, Hearon &amp; Moody  Moderator: Ed Burbach, Gardere Wynne Sewell</p> <p><b>Advanced Litigation:</b> <i>IP Litigation vs. Ordinary Cases</i>  Speakers: Alan Albright, Fish &amp; Richardson; Judge Lee Yeakel, U.S. District Judge, Western District of Texas; Judge Andrew Austin, U.S. Magistrate, Western District of Texas  Introduction: Albert Carrion, Jr., Brown McCarroll</p> <p><b>Appellate:</b> <i>Third Court of Appeals: Recent Decisions and More</i>  Speakers: Chief Justice Kenneth Law, Justice Alan Waldrop, Justice Bob Pemberton, Third Court of Appeals  Introduction: Todd Smith, Attorney at Law</p> <p><b>Criminal:</b> <i>DWI: Challenging Probable Cause</i>  Speakers: Chris Gunter, Gunter &amp; Bennett; Ray Bass, Bass &amp; Smith  Introduction: Virginia Greenway, Attorney at Law</p> <p><b>Family:</b> <i>CPS Initiated Family Drug Court</i>  Speaker: Judge Darlene Byrne, 126th District Court  Introduction: Greg Hitt, Attorney at Law</p> <p><b>Multi-Purpose Practice:</b> <i>Personality Types and Patterns of Clients in Family Law and Other Law Practices</i>  Speakers: Psychologists (to be named later)  Introduction: Lauren Mathews</p>
3:15–4:00 p.m.	Vendor Fair/Afternoon Break
4:00–5:00 p.m.	<p><b>GENERAL SESSION</b>  <i>The Journalist's Privilege and Shield Law</i>  Panelists: Peter Kennedy, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon &amp; Moody; Shannon Edmonds, lobbyist for the Texas District and County Attorney's Association; Laura Prather, Sedgwick, Detert, Moran &amp; Arnold  Moderator: Lisa Tsai, Diamond McCarthy</p>
5:00–6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour/Social
7:00 p.m.	Group Dinner for those staying overnight
<b>Saturday, April 19, 2008</b>	
8:30–9:30 a.m.	<p><b>GENERAL SESSION:</b> Ethics  Speaker: Tom Watkins, Brown McCarroll  Introduction: Albert Carrion, Jr., Brown McCarroll</p>
10:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament/Spa/Shopping at La Cantera

# REGISTRATION FORM (Please PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Area of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fees

- Austin Bar/AYLA Members \$225 (non-members \$325)
- Friday hotel room \$100 double occupancy
- Friday hotel room \$175 single occupancy
- Roommate preference \_\_\_\_\_

(There are a limited number of rooms available on Thursday night. Please call the bar office at 472-0279 for more details)

## Activities

- Friday night group dinner \$40 per person
- Saturday golf tournament \$60 (non-members \$75)
- Golfers average score/handicap \_\_\_\_\_

(golfers do not have to attend the conference to participate in the golf tournament. The cost for the golf tournament for those not attending the conference is the non-member fee of \$75)

- Saturday morning shopping excursion to La Cantera
- Saturday Spa Treatments at the Resort (210-767-5356 for more information)

Program speakers can attend the conference for free. However, speakers who plan to stay overnight or play golf must still enclose payments for those portions only.

## Payment Method

- My \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check/purchase order is enclosed.  
(payable to AYLA Foundation)
- You may charge my registration/activity fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  
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**Please forward your registration form and payment by Monday, March 31, 2008, payable to:**

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**Space is limited. You are encouraged to register early.**

**Partial Scholarships Available.** Requests must be received before **Monday, March 31**, by calling (512) 472-0279. The committee is interested in awarding scholarships to newly licensed lawyers, solo practitioners, and government/agency lawyers who might not otherwise be able to attend.

**Important Notice:** Due to limited space, only judges, lawyers and speakers may register. Early registration is encouraged. No cancellations or refunds will be granted after **March 31**.

**Registration fees include** the seminar, course materials, continental breakfast, lunch, commemorative T-shirt, and cocktail party.

**Payment by check or credit card must accompany registration** (unless you are applying for a scholarship). **Please copy this form and forward it with your payment by Monday, March 31 to:**

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You may also register online at  
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**MCLE Credit:** We have applied for 6.0 hours of MCLE, State Bar College and Board of Legal Specialization credit in all areas.

**An income tax deduction** may be allowed for expenses of education directly related to maintaining and improving professional skills required for employment.

**Attire:** Casual; because rooms can vary in temperature, you might want to bring a sweater or jacket.

**Location:** Radisson Hill Country Resort  
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**For more information, contact the Austin Bar Association:**

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