

Austin Bar Association

Bench Bar 2009



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Friday, April 17, 2009

Austin Country Club

4408 Long Champ Drive

Austin, Texas

6.0 Hours MCLE



Wednesday, April 15, 2009

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Global Cuisine Hands-On Cooking Class at Whole Foods Market Culinary Center, 525 N. Lamar Blvd., with hosts Judge Andrew Austin, Justice Jan Patterson, Judge Lora Livingston (limited space available)

Thursday, April 16, 2009

1:30 p.m.

Rainmaker Bench Bar Golf Classic at Barton Creek Resort, Crenshaw Cliffside, benefitting Volunteer Legal Services, with special guests Justice Diane Henson, Judge David Phillips, Judge Elisabeth Earle

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting at Cru Wine Bar, 238 W. 2nd Street, with hosts Judge Stephen Yelenosky, Judge Suzanne Covington, Judge Gisela Triana-Doyal, Judge Rhonda Hurley, Judge Elisabeth Earle (limited space available)

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Kick-Off Happy Hour at Speakeasy (Terrace59 Upstairs), 412-D Congress Avenue, co-sponsored by AYL

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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Vendor Fair

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Check-in, Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Introduction and Welcome

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

Changing Our Practice in the Face of the Subprime Meltdown

Speaker: Mark McNair, Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Morning Break/Vendor Fair

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

Bankruptcy: *Bankruptcy Basics for the Non-Bankruptcy Practitioner*

Panelists: Judge Craig Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas; Jim Hoeffner, Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody

Family: *Preparing for the Family Law Hearing and Trial*

Speaker: Wayne Prescott, Law Offices of Wayne Prescott

Core Litigation: *How We Pick Our Judges: To Elect or Merit Select?*

Panelists: Justice Scott Brister, Supreme Court of Texas; Justice Jan Patterson, Third Court of Appeals; Senator Robert Duncan, Crenshaw Dupree & Milam

Advanced Litigation: *Preemption Issues*

Panelists: Professor Tom McGarity, The University of Texas School of Law; Sean Jordan, Principal Deputy Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General of Texas

Moderator: Michael Slack, Slack & Davis

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS II</p> <p><u>Criminal:</u> <i>I'd Like to Draw Your Blood: Mandatory Blood Tests in DWI Cases</i></p> <p>Panelists: John Bradley, Williamson County District Attorney; David Gonzalez, Sumpter & Gonzalez</p> <p>Moderator: Kristin Etter, Sumpter & Gonzalez</p> <p><u>Core Litigation:</u> <i>Practicing Law in Travis County: What We Used to Do and What We Should Still Do</i></p> <p>Panelists: Judge John Dietz, 250th District Court; Honorable Bea Ann Smith, Brown McCarroll; David Brown, K&L Gates</p> <p><u>Core Litigation:</u> <i>Shielding Discovery and the Public's Right to Know: Motions to Seal and Protective Orders</i></p> <p>Panelists: Judge Stephen Yelenosky, 345th District Court; Paul Van Osselaer, Van Osselaer & Buchanan</p> <p>Moderator: Laura Grabouski, Van Osselaer & Buchanan</p> <p><u>Advanced Litigation:</u> <i>Agreed Judgments, Assignments, and Other Strategies for Making the Insurance Company Pay: A Discussion of State Farm v. Gandy and Evanston v. Atofina</i></p> <p>Panelists: Mark Kincaid, Kincaid & Horton; Michael Sean Quinn, Quinn Hayes & Quinn</p> <p>Moderator: Zach Wolfe, Fleckman & McGlynn</p>
12:30 - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch/Vendor Fair
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	<p>GENERAL SESSION</p> <p><i>Preparing Your Case in the New Millennium: How to Handle Witnesses and Jurors Across the Generations</i></p> <p>Panelists: Doug Keene, Keene Trial Consulting; Robert Swafford, Strike For Cause Jury Consulting; Jim Perdue, Sr., Perdue & Kidd; Jim Perdue, Jr., Perdue & Kidd</p> <p>Moderator: Lisa Tsai, Diamond McCarthy</p>
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS III</p> <p><u>Admin/Gov:</u> <i>Administrative Law Update</i></p> <p>Panelists: David Morales, Deputy Attorney General for Civil Litigation; Nan Beard, Gardere Wynne Sewell</p> <p><u>Core Litigation:</u> <i>Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask: Open Q&A With the Bench</i></p> <p>Panelists: Justice Dale Wainwright, Supreme Court of Texas; Chief Justice Woodie Jones, Third Court of Appeals; Judge Rhonda Hurley, 98th District Court</p> <p>Moderator: Laurie Ratliff, Ikard & Golden</p> <p><u>Advanced Litigation:</u> <i>Employment Law in the Obama Administration</i></p> <p>Panelists: Shelley Dahlberg, General Litigation Division, Office of the Attorney General of Texas; Paul Schorn, Attorney; Celeste Yeager, Gardere Wynne Sewell</p> <p><u>Advanced Litigation:</u> <i>Actually Paid or Incurred: What it Means and How It Affects Recoveries</i></p> <p>Panelists: Judge Gisela D. Triana-Doyal, 200th District Court; David Chamberlain, Chamberlain McHaney</p>
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break/Vendor Fair
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	<p>GENERAL SESSION</p> <p><i>Recent Developments and Future Trends in Legal Ethics and Attorney Discipline</i></p> <p>Panelists: J.G. "Jed" Molleston, Houston Regional Counsel, Texas State Bar Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel; William Criss, Executive Director, Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism</p> <p>Moderator: Mike Johnson, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons</p>
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour to honor Austin's new judges
7:00	AYLA 50th Anniversary Party at Threadgill's featuring music by The Gourds — For more information, please visit the AYLA Web site at www.ayla.org

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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Registration Fees

Austin Bar/AYLA Members \$225 (non-members \$325)

Wednesday Cooking Class \$75

Thursday Golf Tournament \$140

Golfers average score/handicap _____

(golfers do not have to attend the conference to participate in the golf tournament)

Thursday Wine Tasting at Cru \$50

Note: Program speakers can attend the conference for free, however, speakers who plan to participate in the golf tournament, cooking class or wine tasting must still enclose payments for those portions only.

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Please forward your registration form and payment by Tuesday, March 31, 2009, payable to:

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Space is limited. You are encouraged to register early.

Partial Scholarships Available. Requests must be received before Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, March 31 to:**

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816 Congress Ave, Suite 700
Austin, Texas 78701
or FAX 473-2720
You may also register online at
www.austinbar.org

MCLE Credit: We have applied for 6.0 hours of MCLE (which includes 1 hour of ethics) 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: Austin Country Club
4408 Long Champ Drive
Austin, TX 78746
Phone (512) 328-0090

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