

FEDERAL COURT PRACTICE SEMINAR

SUMMARY INFORMATION

WHEN: November 14, 2008

WHERE: Austin Bar Association, 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 700

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

MCLE Applied: 7 HOURS, including 1.00 hours of ethics credit

REGISTRATION FEES:

CURRENT FBA MEMBERS: FREE if registered Before October 20, 2008

ALL OTHERS: \$150

(add \$15 for checks/applications postmarked after October 31, 2008)

QUESTIONS?: Please contact Bradley Coburn at coburn@fr.com.

All instructors are judges or prominent Austin attorneys, and each will be appearing live. A CD with rules, forms, and case discussion outlines will also be provided at the seminar. This course not only satisfies MCLE requirements, but also meets the federal practice seminar requirement for admission to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

About the Austin Chapter of the Federal Bar Association:

The Austin Chapter for the Federal Bar Association has been serving the Austin federal practitioner since 1985. Today, the Austin Chapter is growing fast, and presently has more than 130 members from private practice, government agencies, military branches, local law schools, and local courts. Our chapter membership covers all of the counties in the Austin Division of the Western District: Bastrop, Blanco, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Gillespie, Hays, Kimble, Lampassas, Lee, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, San Saba, Travis, Washington, and Williamson.

Our chapter is committed to providing a community forum for all of the participants in the federal courts in Austin. You will find a listing of the chapter officers, recent and upcoming events, and helpful links for the federal court practitioner at <http://www.fedbar.org/austin.html>. If you have not already done so, we invite you to join the Federal Bar Association and the Austin Chapter and join us at one of our events.

COURT PRACTICE SEMINAR Sponsored By The Federal Bar Association – Austin Chapter and the Austin Bar Association **Friday, November 14, 2008**

7:45-8:00	Registration	
8:00-8:10	Opening Remarks and Introduction	Butch Hayes, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, President Federal Bar Association – Austin Chapter
8:10-8:25	Overview of Electronic Filing	Jaye Kissler, Deputy Clerk of the U.S. District Court
8:25-8:55	Pretrial Matters/Injunctive Relief	David P. Blanke, Vinson & Elkins, LLP
8:55-9:25	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Judge Patrick Keel, Attorney-Mediator
9:25-9:55	The Local Rules and Scheduling Conferences	Ryan Botkin, Ratliff Law Firm, PLLC
9:55-10:10	Break	
10:10-10:45	Pretrial Motions Practice	Brittan L. Buchanan, Van Osselaer, Cronin & Buchanan, LLP
10:45-11:15	Introduction to Bankruptcy Practice	The Honorable Craig Gargotta, United States Bankruptcy Judge
11:15-12:00	Criminal Overview and Appointments	The Honorable Robert Pitman, United States Magistrate Horatio Aldredge, Office of the Federal Public Defender
12:00-1:00	Lunch Presentation: Judges' Discussion on Decorum and Ethical Conduct in the Courtroom	The Honorable Sam Sparks, United States District Judge, The Honorable Lee Yeakel, United States District Judge
1:00-1:30	Break	
1:30-2:00	Discovery in the Western District of Texas	Shannon Ratliff, Ratliff Law Firm PLLC
2:00-2:30	Electronic Discovery	Reid Wittliff, Lancaster, Helling, Grable & Wittliff, L.L.P. Marc E. Vockell, Dell Inc.
2:30-3:00	Trial and Post-Trial Practice	Marcy Greer, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-3:45	Role of the Magistrate's Office	The Honorable Andrew W. Austin, United States Magistrate Judge
3:45-4:15	Sentencing Panel	Kristin Etter, Sumpter & Gonzalez, LLP Matthew Devlin, Assistant United States Attorney

To Be Approved for 7 hours, including 1.00 hours of Ethics, of MCLE Credit before the State Bar of Texas



FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION--AUSTIN CHAPTER
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Firm/Company _____ FBA Member? ____ Yes ____ No

1. Please select one of the following:

_____ FREE seminar registration for FBA members who register before October 20, 2008.

_____ \$150 seminar registration for all others.

2. Add \$15 if the envelope containing your application and/or your check is postmarked after October 31, 2008.

3. Make your check payable to the FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION – Austin Chapter (no cash or credit cards please). Your canceled check is your receipt.

4. Mail your check and this registration form to:

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
Austin Chapter
c/o Bradley Coburn
Fish & Richardson PC
111 Congress Avenue, Suite 810
Austin, Texas 78701
coburn@fr.com

Registration *may* be available at the door, but, seating is limited. Please send your registration materials no later than October 31, 2008, to ensure a place at the seminar. Later registrations incur a \$15 administration fee. Please contact the U.S. District Clerk's Office (512-916-5896) with any and all questions relating to admission requirements for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.