

**2009 APPELLATE ADVOCACY SEMINAR  
OCTOBER 8, 2009  
PAN AM CONFERENCE CENTER  
601 POYDRAS ST., 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM**

QUALIFIES FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS OF CLE CREDIT:

LOUISIANA – 7.66  
MISSISSIPPI – 7.5  
TEXAS – 7.5

INCLUDES ONE ETHICS HOUR

This program offers each participant an opportunity to learn the inside workings of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. You will see actual oral arguments at the Fifth Circuit and have the opportunity to sit down with the judges and court officials at lunch in the Great Hall of the John Minor Wisdom Building. Topics are specific to Appellate Practice and will help you in your practice. There will be frequent opportunity for questions and interaction.

**A DAY IN THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

**8:00 - Registration at Pan Am Conference Center**

8:10 - **Welcome** - Jorge Rangel, President of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

8:15 - **Oral Argument Overview** - Aaron Bruhl

8:30 - Walk to John Minor Wisdom Courthouse

**9:00 - Observe and Critique Oral Arguments**

East Courtroom - Sidney Powell  
Don Richard

West Courtroom - Tim Crooks  
Aaron Bruhl

En Banc Courtroom - Deborah Pearce  
Mike Rubin

**11:00 - Inside the Fifth Circuit Clerk's Office: E-Filing and How Things Really Work**

Moderator - Allison Jones

Charles R. Fulbruge, III, Clerk of Court

Lyle Casey, Chief Deputy Clerk

11:45 - **Lunch in the Great Hall** - Enjoy lunch in the historic Great Hall of the John Minor Wisdom Building with the Judges, Speakers, Court Executives, Case Managers, and Conference Attorneys.

**Afternoon at the Pan Am Conference Center**

**12:45 - Judges Discuss Effective Oral Argument Practices**

Moderator - Deborah Pearce

Judge Edith Brown Clement

Judge Priscilla Owen

1:45 - "**Entertaining**" **Ethics** - Sure, we all want to be ethical appellate attorneys, but what does that really mean? Don't our clients want and expect us to be zealous advocates? This fast-paced presentation will give you points to ponder, topics and trends to think about, and something to smile about as well.  
Mike Rubin

2:45 – **Break**

3:00 - **Writing the Brief to Help the Judge**

Moderator - Aimee Quirk

Aviva Orenstein, Professor of Law Indiana University

3:45 - **Staff Attorneys - Who We Are and What We Do**

Moderator: Susanna Walter Poljak

Charles Wallfisch, Staff Attorney

4:30 - **The Appellate Mediation Program**

Moderator - Collins Wohner, Jr.

Joseph L.S. St. Amant, Senior Conference Attorney

Suzanne Butler, Conference Attorney

Vikram Chandhok, Conference Attorney

OR

**Current Issues in Criminal Law**

Tim Crooks, Supervisory Asst. Federal Public Defender

5:00 - **Everything You Have Ever Wanted to Know About Appellate Practice and Now You Can Ask**

Moderator: Sidney Powell

Macey Reasoner Stokes

Tim Crooks

Deborah Pearce

5:30 - **Adjourn**

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