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Conference on Criminal Appeals

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Specialization Credit Approved for: Criminal Law

April 29 - May 1, 2009

Radisson Hotel and Suites on Town Lake, Austin, TX

Special Sleeping Room rates for this conference are available at the

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APR. 29, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Barbara P. Hervey, Austin, TX

12:30 PM Registration Opens

1:20 PM Welcoming Remarks

1:30 PM Court of Criminal Appeals Update

.75 hr

A look at significant decisions issued by the Court of Criminal Appeals between May 2007 and April of 2009.

David C. Newell, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, TX [Completed]

2:15 PM Process, Practice and Decision-Making in the Intermediate Courts

1.00 hr

Practical insights into the operations of the intermediate courts in criminal cases throughout the state.

Moderator:

Hon. Catherine M. Stone, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio, TX [Letter]

Panelists:

Hon. J. Woodfin Jones, Third Court of Appeals, Austin, TX [Completed]

Hon. Patrick A. Pirtle, Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo, TX [Completed]

Ann Crawford McClure, Eighth Court of Appeals, El Paso, TX [Declined]

Hon. Molly M. Francis, Fifth Court of Appeals, Dallas, TX [Completed]

3:15 PM Break

3:30 PM Judicial Ethics: Courtesy and Respect Between Bench and Bar?

.75 hr ethics

As a result of this segment you will be able to: trace the history of judicial conduct codes; define ethics; list causes of judicial misconduct; and explore ways to respond to judicial abuse.

Hon. Michael Keasler, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX [Completed]

4:15 PM DNA Testing: Types, Issues and What's New

.75 hr

An overview of the types of DNA testing available, case examples demonstrating the advantages and drawbacks of each kind of testing, emerging technologies, and issues related to retesting of samples subjected to early forms of DNA testing.

Marjorie I. Bachman, Law Office of E.G. Morris, Austin, TX [Completed]

5:00 PM **New Appellate Rules**

.50 hr
A review of recent appellate rule changes.

Hon. Paul Womack, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX [Letter]

5:30 PM **Adjourn**

THURSDAY MORNING, APR. 30, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Cheryl Johnson, Austin, TX

8:30 AM **Conference Room Opens**

9:00 AM **Process of Getting to Appellate**

.75 hr
Getting into the appellate process and staying there. How to avoid getting thrown out for late filings, incomplete pleadings, etc. for both prosecutors and defense counsel.

Ronald Leroy Goranson, Dallas, TX [Letter]

9:45 AM **OMG - Did I Leave That in the Brief?**

1.00 hr
ethics
Ethical issues for appellate counsel and their supervisors, including relationship with the court and counsel.

Richard Alan Anderson, Federal Public Defender Northern Distri, Dallas, TX [Completed]
Edward L. Wilkinson, Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, Fort Worth, TX [Completed]

10:45 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **Eyewitness ID: Present Methods and Suggested Changes**

.75 hr
A look at the issues related to eyewitness identification; an overview of methods currently used and how they could be improved.

Hon. Barbara P. Hervey, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX [Letter]

11:45 AM **Continuing Crawford Conundrums**

.50 hr
Update on the current scope of Crawford and the right to in-court confrontation as well as the current exceptions to that right. Ending with a few crystal ball predictions for the future.

Hon. Cathy Cochran, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX [Completed]

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Luncheon Presentation

12:15 PM **Pick up Box Lunch**

12:30 PM **Preservation of Error**

1.00 hr

A review of recent appellate case law to analyze preservation of error claims for appellate review.

Richard E. Langlois, San Antonio, TX [Completed]

1:30 PM **Break**

1:45 PM **Anatomy of a Texas Writ**

3.75 hrs

Post-conviction challenges from investigation and drafting to litigating in Texas trial and appellate Courts. Panelists explore the realities of Texas writ practice and recommend best practices.

Moderator:

Catherine G. Burnett, South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX [Accepted]

Panelists:

Hon. Charles F. Baird, Austin, TX [Declined]

Hon. Cathy Cochran, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin, TX [Completed]

Robert A. Morrow, The Woodlands, TX [Completed]

Hon. Jay W. Burnett, Houston, TX [Accepted]

Roe Meredith Wilson, Houston, TX [Completed]

5:45 PM **Adjourn**

NOTE: time based on 4 hours of Writs presentations