

## **2024 APPELLATE ADVOCACY SEMINAR**

**Sponsored by the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Loyola University College of Law, Tulane University School of Law, and Southern University Law Center**

**CONFERENCE CENTRE ON 11  
601 POYDRAS ST. 11TH FLOOR  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130**

**10 hours of CLE including one Professionalism and one Ethics in Mississippi and Louisiana  
9 hours of CLE including one Ethics in Texas**

**Cost: 300.00 per person (200.00 for government employee)**

**Monday, October 7, 2024**

**8:45 – 9:10am- Registration**

**9:15 am – Opening Remarks – Allison Jones – Program Chair**

**9:30 – 11:30 – Writing Workshop- 2 hour workshop given by Tulane University on effective brief writing:  
“Waiting for the Fifth – Who Said It and Did It Work?”**

Dean Sally Brown Richardson, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA

Professor Erin Donelon, Director of Legal Research and Writing, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA

Joshua S. Force, Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC, New Orleans, LA

**LUNCH**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm – The Clerk’s Office – What’s new in the Clerk’s Office. Clerk of Court, Lyle Cayce, will present a power point on the newest technology, including the recent updates to the Attorney Toolbox utility program available to lawyers in the Fifth Circuit.**

Lyle Cayce, Clerk of Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

**2:00 – 3:00 – Tribal Sovereignty and Federal Law - Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear (Principal Chief of the Osage Nation and source contributor to David Grann’s book and Martin Scorsese’s Oscar Nominated movie “Killer of the Flower Moon”)**

**BREAK 3:00 – 3:15 pm**

**3:15 – 4:15 pm – Professionalism – “John Marshall Harlan: Ethics that have Stood the Test of Time”**

Peter S. Canellos, author of the book “The Great Dissenter: The Story of John Marshall Harlan, America’s Judicial Hero”,

**Tuesday October 8, 2024**

**Conference Centre on 11**  
601 Poydras St., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, LA 70130

9:00 – 11:30 – **Observe Oral Argument** – John Minor Wisdom Building

**OR**

9:15 – 11:15 am – **Supreme Court Panel – Current Issues Before the Court**

Benjamin Aguinaga, Solicitor General of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA

Tim Crooks, Houston, TX

Jeff Green, Sidley, Washington, DC

Moderated by: Aaron Streett – Baker Botts, Houston, TX

### **LUNCH IN THE GREAT HALL**

1:00 – 2:00 pm **A Glimpse Behind the Curtain: Circuit Judges discuss the inner workings of how an appeal gets processed – from oral argument to mandate.**

Moderator – Michael Bentley

2:00 – 3:00 pm – **Current Issues in Criminal Law** –

Tim Crooks, Houston, TX

Kristin Kimmelman, Assistant Public Defender, San Antonio, TX

Mahogane Reed, U.S. Attorney, Washington, DC

Moderator: Mara Blatt, U.S. Attorney’s Office, El Paso, TX

**OR**

2:00 – 3:00 pm – **Current Issues in Civil Law**

Brandon Duke, O’Melveny & Myers, LLP, Houston, TX

Walter Woodruff, Chehardy Sherman, New Orleans, LA

Moderator and Panelist: Martin Stern, Adams and Reese, LLP, New Orleans, LA

Break 3:00 – 3:15

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm – **Ethics- “Reply All Regrets: Technology Traps for Appellate Lawyers, Whether They are Techies or Luddites.”** Michael Rubin, Baton Rouge, LA

Electronic communications are pervasive. We interact with opposing counsel, the court, clients, family, and friends via text, emails, smartphones, and social media. Some use artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT to help refine ideas, summarize issues, and create starting points for discussions. But we’re all careful with what we do

when clients and courts are involved, right? Wait—are you sure that the answers to these questions are as clear cut as it seems? Back by popular demand, nationally-known speaker Mike Rubin will challenge your thinking, raise issues to ponder, and give you something to smile about.

Michael Rubin, McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC

**Dismissal – Michael J. Bentley - President of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit.**

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