



2025 Annual Appellate Advocacy Seminar
The Conference Centre on 11 * New Orleans
October 6-7, 2025

***** Registration to Open at 8:30 a.m. *****

Monday, October 6

9:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Michael J. Bentley, Bradley Arant

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Current Issues Before the
Supreme Court**

Benjamin Aguinaga, Solicitor General of
Louisiana
Jeff Green, Green Lauerman
Aaron M. Streett, Baker Botts

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1 - 2 p.m.

**Ethics and the Professional
Practice of Appellate Law**

Mara Asya Blatt, Attorney at Law
Timothy Crooks, Attorney at Law
Chris Dove, Beck Redden
Mahogane Reed, Steptoe

2 – 4 p.m.

Introduction to Brief Writing

Hon. David N. McCarty
Mississippi Court of Appeals

Advanced Brief Writing

Judge Stephen A. Higginson
U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Tuesday, October 7

9 – 11 a.m.

Oral Arguments

John Minor Wisdom Building

9 – 11 a.m.

**Civil Law Updates: Assessing
Loper Bright Continuing
Impacts on Administrative
Law and Examining Recent
Developments in the Fifth
Circuit**

Michael J. Bentley, Bradley Arant
Professor David W. Case, University of
Mississippi School of Law
Thomas M. Flanagan, Flanagan Partners
Scott G. Stewart, Mississippi Solicitor
General

**Criminal Law & Procedure
Update: Examining Recent
Developments at Fifth Circuit**

Samantha A. Kuhn, Federal Public
Defender, Eastern District of Louisiana

Tuesday, October 7 (continued)

9 – 11 a.m.

Samantha J. Kuhn, Federal Public
Defender, Eastern District of Louisiana
Audrey Maness, U.S. Attorney's Office,
Southern District of Texas
Scott A. Martin, Federal Public Defender,
Southern District of Texas
Hon. Wendy Baldwin Vitter, U.S. District
Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

**Immigration Law Update:
Examining Recent
Developments at Fifth Circuit**

Jonathan L. Levy, American Gateways
Javier Maldonado, Attorney at Law
Jordan Pollock, Dallas County Public
Defender's Office
Julie D. Wimmer, University of Texas
School of Law

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lunch in the Great Hall

John Minor Wisdom Bldg.
2024-2025 President's Award
2025-2027 Officers Swearing In

1 - 2 p.m.

**What's New in the Clerk's
Office?**

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

2 - 3 p.m.

**A Glimpse Behind the Curtain
with Fifth Circuit Judges**

To Be Announced

3 – 4 p.m.

**Do You Smell Something
Burning? (Professionalism)**

Dr. Angela White-Bazile
Louisiana Judges and Lawyers
Assistance Program

**Artificial Intelligence and the
Work of Judging and Lawyering**

Lyle W. Cayce, Clerk, U.S. Fifth Circuit
David Coale, Lynn Pinker
Professor Yonathan Arbel, University of
Alabama School of Law
Hon. Scott A. Schlegel, Louisiana Fifth
Circuit Court of Appeal

4 – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks/Reception

David Coale, Lynn Pinker