

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

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Federal Court Practice Seminar: Friday, April 7, 2017

The next Federal Court Practice Seminar will be held on **Friday, April 7, 2017**, at the Adrian A. Spears Federal Judicial Training Center, 643 East Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., San Antonio, Texas (immediately west of the John H. Wood, Jr. United States Courthouse and directly across from the front door to the courthouse).

Basic Seminar Information: Timing, Box Lunch, MCLE, Attire

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. The first presentation begins at 9:00 a.m. All instructors are prominent San Antonio attorneys or judges. There are no videotaped presentations. The last presentation ends at approximately 4:00 p.m. The San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will host a reception after the Seminar at 4:00 p.m., and all Seminar attendees are invited to attend.

The tentative agenda, Seminar Registration Form, and FBA Membership Application Form all follow below. Seminar fees are listed in the Seminar Registration Form. A box lunch will be provided during the Seminar. You may indicate on the registration form if you have any special dietary considerations.

Suggested attire is business casual. Courtroom attire is not required.

MCLE: 6.0 Hours, including 1.5 Hour of Ethics Credit.

Seminar Objectives

Attendance at this seminar will:

- a) Satisfy one of the requirements for admission to practice before the Western District of Texas;
- b) Provide you with CLE credit; and
- c) Introduce you to the San Antonio Chapter of the FBA.

Seminar Registration Procedure

There are three options to register and guarantee your seat at the Seminar:

Option #1 – Register Online through www.eventbrite.com.

Step 1 - Go to www.eventbrite.com.

Step 2 - The Seminar may be found by searching all San Antonio events in April 2017 and clicking the “Federal Court Practice Seminar – April 2017” link

Step 3 - Follow the instructions for registering.

Please print your confirmation and bring to the Seminar. The deadline for online registration is **Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 2:00 pm CST**.

Option #2 – Register Online through the San Antonio Chapter’s Website.

Step 1 - Go to www.fedbarsatx.org.

Step 2 - Click the drop down “Events” tab.

Step 3 – Click the “Federal Court Practice Seminar – April 2017” link and follow the Instructions for registering.

Please print your confirmation and bring to the Seminar. The deadline for online registration is **Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 2:00 pm CST**

Option #3 – Register by Check.

Step 1 - Please mail your: (1) payment check, (2) the attached Seminar registration form, and (3) FBA membership application (if applicable), to the address below.

Make your check payable (no cash or credit cards please) to the “Federal Bar Association.” Add \$25 (as a late fee) if the envelope containing your application and/or your check is not mailed, **by Friday, March 31, 2017**.

Mail your form(s) and check to:

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
San Antonio Chapter
c/o John C. Dulske
112. E. Pecan Street, Suite 1800
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Step 2 – Fax a copy of the registration form and check to John C. Dulske at (855) 245-9122.

A Note About Seminar Materials

The materials for the Seminar will be provided on flash drives. If you wish to review the materials while the speakers are making their presentations, please bring your laptop computer to the Seminar.

Admission to Practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

The Court admission application, fees, and ceremony are entirely separate from the FBA Seminar registration and its fees.

The FBA does not make any decisions on whether an attorney is approved for admission to the Bar of the Court. Among other things, the Court's Admission Committee requires a written application for admission to practice before the Court, supported by specified materials, and an admissions fee paid to the District Clerk.

Please contact the United States District Clerk's Office (210-472-6550, ext. 222) with any questions relating to admission requirements for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. The FBA cannot answer any questions that you have about admission to practice in the Western District.

About the Federal Bar Association – San Antonio Chapter

The Federal Bar Association ("FBA") is a national legal organization with local chapters. The San Antonio Chapter of the FBA is one of the larger FBA chapters.

The San Antonio Chapter hosts luncheon meetings generally on the second Wednesday of every month (except, by tradition, in July) at which prominent speakers present information on topics of interest to attorneys who practice federal law and before the federal courts. Speakers at past monthly luncheons have included: the Director of the FBI, the Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Judges and Magistrate Judges of U.S. District Courts in Texas, Bankruptcy Judges, and Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Other speakers have included the Clerks of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, law professors, and recognized experts in key practice areas in federal court, including civil rights, criminal law, bankruptcy, employment, antitrust, tax, immigration, appellate, and intellectual property law.

In addition to registering for the Seminar, you are invited to become a member of the San Antonio Chapter of the FBA (membership form enclosed). The Chapter offers a \$100 (50%) discount on the price of the Seminar for joining the FBA. If you become a member, one year of FBA membership dues will be added to the Seminar registration price as indicated on the attached registration form.

We hope that you enjoy the Seminar!

Sincerely,

John Dulske

Chapter President-Elect

FEDERAL COURT PRACTICE SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Please Type or Print Clearly!

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Facsimile _____

E-mail _____

Dietary Needs (if any; e.g., gluten-free, vegetarian, etc.):

1. Select **one** of the following categories for Seminar attendee:

_____ Current FBA Member – *Seminar Only*: \$120.00

_____ Non-FBA Member – *Seminar Only*: \$200.00

== OR ==

Attending Seminar **and** Joining FBA (please select one) **(\$100 Savings!)***

_____ Private sector, licensed 0-5 years [includes \$110 FBA dues]: \$210.00

_____ Private sector, licensed 6-10 years [includes \$170 FBA dues]: \$270.00

_____ Private sector, licensed 11+ years [includes \$215 FBA dues]: \$315.00

_____ Public sector, licensed 0-5 years [includes \$85 FBA dues]: \$185.00

_____ Public sector, licensed 6-10 years [includes \$145 FBA dues]: \$245.00

_____ Public sector, licensed 11+ years [includes \$175 FBA dues]: \$275.00

_____ Retired attorneys [includes \$110 FBA dues]: \$210.00

*FBA dues vary according to membership levels. The form reflects rates of dues for the various FBA membership levels as of January 1, 2011, when new dues rates took effect.

2. If you are joining the FBA (as indicated above), please complete the FBA Membership Application that is posted on our website with this Seminar Information & Registration Form packet. We will collect the completed applications at the Seminar.

3. Add \$25 if the envelope containing your application and/or your check is not mailed, **postmarked by March 31, 2017**.

4. Make your check payable to the "Federal Bar Association" (no cash or credit cards please). Your canceled check is your receipt.

5. Mail your check, Seminar Registration Form, and FBA Membership Application (if applicable) to:

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San Antonio, Texas 78205

Please do not mail FBA membership forms to FBA National in Washington, D.C. The Chapter will forward your membership forms to FBA National upon completion of the Seminar.

Registration may be available at the door, but seating is limited; you may not be able to register if room capacity has been reached.

Federal Court Practice Seminar

Room A, Adrian A. Spears Federal Judicial Training Center
643 East Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

Federal Bar Association, San Antonio Chapter
Friday, April 7, 2017

Agenda

MCLE credit for 6.0 hours, including 1.5 hour of ethics, from the State Bar of Texas.

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| 8:30 – 8:50 | Check-In |
| 8:50 – 9:00 | Introduction and Opening Remarks
Gary Anderson, <i>President, San Antonio Chapter, FBA</i> |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Information about the Western District of Texas and the John H. Wood, Jr.
U.S. Courthouse (30 min.)
Hon. Xavier Rodriguez, <i>United States District Judge, Western District of Texas</i> |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction (30 min.)
Hon. Pamela A. Mathy, <i>Magistrate Judge, Western District of Texas</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | Federal Jurisdiction, Venue and Removal/Remand (60 min.)
Mike Myers, <i>Naman Howell, Smith & Lee, PLLC</i> |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Overview of Federal Criminal Practice (30 min.)
Donna Coltharp, <i>Deputy Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas</i> |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Break – box lunch provided |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Civil Discovery and Discovery Disputes (30 min.)
Mary Kruger, <i>Assistant United States Attorney, Deputy Chief
Civil Division for the Western District of Texas</i> |
| 12:30-12:45 | Break |

- 12:45-1:15 New Developments in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Civil Rules for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas (30 min.)
Mike Villarreal, *Gun, Lee & Cave, P.C.*
- 1:15– 1:45 Federal Civil Trial Practice and Advocacy (30 min.)
John Paniszczyn, *Assistant United States Attorney, Chief Civil Division for the Western District of Texas*
- 1:45 – 2:00 Break
- 2:00–2:30 Keeping Pace with Courthouse Technology: E-Filing in the U.S. District Court (30 min.)
Michael F. Oakes, *Divisional Office Manager Office of the U.S. District Clerk for the Western District of Texas*
- 2:30- 4:00 Ethics Presentation (90 min.)
Hon. Edward C. Prado, *U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit*
- 4:00 Adjourn Seminar
- 4:00 Reception