

2015 APPELLATE ADVOCACY SEMINAR
SPONSORED BY THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE FIFTH FEDERAL CIRCUIT
Program Chair: Rosemary Snider
9.75 hours of CLE - Cost: \$100
October 5 and 6, 2015

PAN AM CONFERENCE CENTER
601 POYDRAS ST. 11TH FLOOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

Register – www.baffc.org

Monday, October 5, 2015

8:45 – 9:10am- **Registration**

9:15 am – **Opening Remarks** - Rosemary Snider, President, Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

9:30 – 11:45 – **Writing Workshop**. Writing the Persuasive Brief: Over 70% of the cases in the Fifth Circuit are decided on the briefs alone. Learn the principles of persuasive writing and practice those principles with exercises.

Aviva Orenstein, Professor of Law and Val Nolan Faculty Fellow

Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

(15 minute Break at 10:30).

LUNCH

1:00 –1:30 pm - **The Appellate Mediation Program and The Internal Review and Screening Process for Civil and Criminal Cases** - Vikram Chandhok, Conference Attorney, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Mike Schneider, Staff Attorney, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

1:30 – 2:00 pm – **The Clerk's Office** Thomas Plunkett, Deputy Clerk of Court, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

2:00 – 3:00 pm **Professionalism - Law Practice Management Tips**

Honorable Karen Wells Roby
United States Magistrate Judge
Eastern District of Louisiana
New Orleans, Louisiana

Lynda C. Shely
The Shely Firm, PC
Scottsdale, AZ

Tom Rowe
OTB Consulting
Cary, North Carolina

3:00 – 4:00 pm **Ethics – The Ethics of EMail Communications**

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Tuesday, October 6, 2015

John Minor Wisdom Courthouse
600 Camp Street, Room 206
New Orleans, LA 70130

9:00 – 11:45 **Oral Argument Observation and Critique**

Observe regularly scheduled oral arguments. Stay in the Courtroom to hear critiques of the arguments.

East Courtroom: Don Richard, Kinney, Ellinghausen, Richard & DeShazo

En Banc Courtroom: Timothy Crooks, Supervisory Asst. Fed. Public Defender

West Courtroom: Deborah Pearce, Law Offices of Deborah Pearce

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

12:55 **Walk to Pan Am Center, 601 Poydras St., 11th Floor**

1:00 – 2:00 pm **Nuts and Bolts of Oral Argument and Brief Writing :** Judges Discuss Effective Oral Argument Practices and Brief Writing.

Honorable Jerry Smith, U.S. Circuit Judge, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Honorable Priscilla R. Owen, U.S. Circuit Judge, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Honorable Gregg Costa, U.S. Circuit Judge, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Moderator – Winston DeCuir, Jr.

2:00 – 3:00 pm – **Current Issues in Criminal Law** Timothy Crooks, Supervisory Asst. Fed. Public Defender, Southern District of Texas Houston, TX

OR

2:00 – 3:00 pm – **Current Issues in Civil Law** Walter Woodruff, Edward S. Bopp Law Firm, Editor of the BAFFC Daily Commentary New Orleans, LA

Dismissal – Winston DeCuir, Jr. – Incoming President of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit.