

2011 Appellate Advocacy Seminar

Sponsored by the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

Monday, October 3, 2011

12:00 – 1:00 pm - **Registration**

1:00 – 3:15 pm – **Writing Workshop.** Writing the Persuasive Brief. Over 70% of the cases in the Fifth Circuit are decided on the brief 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

3:15 – 4:15 pm - **Professionalism**

Thomas Flanagan, Flanagan Partners

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

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: **Sidney K. Powell**, Sidney Powell, PC
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 the Judges, Speakers, 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

Moderator: Deborah Pearce

2:00 – 3:00 pm **Ethics**

Mike Rubin, McGlinchey Stafford

3:00 **Break**

3:15 - 4:15 pm **Inside the Fifth Circuit Clerk's Office**

Lyle Cayce, Clerk of the Court

OR

3:15 - 4:15 pm **Current Issues in Criminal Law**

Timothy Crooks, Supervisory Asst. Fed. Public Defender

4:15 – 4:45 pm **The Appellate Mediation Program and The Internal Review and Screening Process for Civil and Criminal Cases**

Vikram Chandhok, Conference Attorney, Fifth Circuit
Michael Schneider, Senior Staff Attorney, Fifth Circuit
Moderator: William Brett Harvey

Adjourn – 4:45