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23rd Annual
**REAL ESTATE
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June 5-6, 2008

South Texas College of Law
1303 San Jacinto - Garrett-Townes Hall
Houston, Texas

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:35

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- ◆ James J. Alfini, *Dean and President, South Texas College of Law*
- ◆ Lisa L. Dahm, J.D., LL.M.-Health, *Director of CLE and Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law*

**Morning Moderator:
Anne Newtown, Vinson & Elkins LLP**

8:45 (.75 hour)

Case Law Update

- ◆ Charles J. Jacobus, *Attorney at Law Bellaire*

9:30 (.50 hour)

Survey and Title Objection Letters Toolkit

- ◆ Franklin J. Harberg, Jr., *Mills, Higbie, Harberg & Huvard, L.L.P. Houston*

10:00 Morning Break

10:15 (.75 hour)

Overview of the 2007 Revisions to the American Institute of Architects Agreements

- ◆ Bruce Merwin, *Haynes and Boone, LLP Houston*

11:00 (.75 hour)

Current Environmental Issues

- ◆ Larry W. Nettles, *Vinson & Elkins LLP Houston*

11:45 Lunch Break

(pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)

12:00 (1.0 hour, including 1.0 hour of ethics)

Lunch Presentation

**Ethics Fast Track: Texas Rules and Case Law for the Transactional Attorney
(Ethics Topic)**

- ◆ Prof. Jean Powers, *South Texas College of Law Houston*

1:00 After Lunch Break

**Afternoon Moderator:
Richard Melamed, Attorney at Law**

1:15 (.50 hour)

Landlord Commercial Lease Remedies: A Current View

- ◆ Lee Collins, *Boyar & Miller Houston*

1:45 (.50 hour)

Tenant Commercial Lease Remedies

- ◆ Kurt Nondorf, *Jackson Walker L.L.P. Houston*

2:15 (.50 hour)

Plain Drafting of Real Estate Documents

- ◆ Richard Melamed, *Attorney at Law Bellaire*

2:45 Afternoon Break

3:00 (.75 hour)

The Insurance Shell Game and Invisible Exclusions

- ◆ Charles Comiskey, *Brady, Chapman, Holland & Associates, Inc. Houston*

3:45 (.75 hour)

The Texas Economy: Good, Bad, or Indifferent?

- ◆ Ted C. Jones, Ph.D., *Stewart Title Guaranty Company Houston*

4:30 (.50 hour)

The Subprime Mortgage Debacle

- ◆ E. Allen Jacobs, Ph.D., *CRA International Dallas*

5:00 Adjourn

Total MCLE hours for Thursday = 7.25, including 1.0 hour of legal ethics

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:25

Welcome Remarks

- ◆ Lisa L. Dahm, J.D., LL.M.-Health, *Director of CLE and Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law*

**Morning Moderator:
Mary S. Axelrad, Zimmerman, Axelrad, Meyer, Stern & Wise, P.C.**

8:30 (.75 hour)

Title Insurance Primer: Comparing and Contrasting Endorsements, ALTA, and TLTA

- ◆ Ronald J. Dold, *First American Title Insurance Company, National Commercial Services Houston*

9:15 (.50 hour)

Drafting Surviving Representations and Warranties: A Litigator's Perspective

- ◆ Kenneth M. Krock, *Haynes and Boone, LLP Houston*

9:45 (.50 hour)

Wind Energy

- ◆ Diana Liebmann, *Haynes and Boone, LLP San Antonio*

10:15 Morning Break

10:30 (.50 hour)

Real Estate Deals in Mexico

- ◆ Jonathan A. Pikoff, *Pikoff & Associates San Jose del Cabo, Mexico*

11:00 (.75 hour, including .75 hour of ethics)

**Ethical E-mailing
(Ethics Topic)**

- ◆ Edward T. Stockbridge, *Vinson & Elkins LLP Houston*

11:45 Lunch Break

(pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)

12:00 (1.0 hour, including 1.0 hour of ethics)

Lunch Presentation

**Houston's Homeless: What Is the City Doing About It?
(Ethics Topic)**

- ◆ Robert M. Eury, *Central Houston, Inc. Houston*

1:00 After Lunch Break

**Afternoon Moderator:
Julie Caggiano, Sterling Bank**

1:15 (.75 hour)

Applying the Margin Tax to Real Estate in a TBOC World

- ◆ Mark McPherson, *McPherson & Associates, PC Dallas*

2:00 (.50 hour)

Choice of Entity

- ◆ William S. Moss III, *Mayer Brown LLP Houston*

2:30 Afternoon Break

2:45 (.50 hour)

The Changing Landscape of Real Estate Issues in Bankruptcy After the 2005 Bankruptcy Legislation

- ◆ David B. Young, *McGinnis, Lochridge, Kilgore, L.L.P. Austin*

3:15 (.75 hour)

Purchase Agreements

- ◆ Kent Newsome, *Greenberg Traurig Houston*

4:00 Adjourn

Total MCLE hours for Friday = 6.50, including 1.75 hours of legal ethics

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with Ad Litem Certification Course
September 17-19, 2008

Just Ethics

Every second Friday of the month
at noon

Registration Information

Location: South Texas College of Law, Garrett-Townes Hall (in the atrium), 1303 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002. For directions, call Kimberly Smith at (713) 646-1757 or (800) 646-1253. For map, visit www.stcl.edu/01welcome/map_houston.htm.

To Register: See Registration Form below. For those who register early, course books, meals and seating will be reserved until the start of the first presentation. Allow one week to process registration. Confirm your registration at www.stcl.edu/cle/registrationconfirmation.html. **No written or e-mail confirmation will be sent.**

State Bar of Texas MCLE Credit: Accredited for 13.75 MCLE hours, including 2.75 hours of legal ethics.

Texas Board of Legal Specialization Credit: Accredited in Real Estate Law.

Scholarships: Limited, partial tuition scholarships are available for attorneys with government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Direct written requests to Jean Zoch, Associate Director.

Judges: Full-time active Texas court judges and associate judges may attend for a reduced tuition of \$75. Attendance is required. Call Kimberly Smith for more information at (713) 646-1757 or (800) 646-1253.

Refund Policy: Refunds, less a \$45.00 processing fee, are given to those who cancel in writing by 5:00 p.m., June 3, 2008. No refunds will be granted

thereafter. Course materials will automatically be shipped via UPS (*please allow 3 weeks for delivery*) to prepaid registrants who were not able to attend. Substitute attendees are accepted.

Hotel Accommodations: Two great hotels in the Historic Humble Oil Building, located two blocks from the law school are each offering a rate of \$131 per night, guaranteed until **May 21, 2008**.

Courtyard by Marriott, 916 Dallas Street, Houston, Texas, (888) 269-2163.

Residence Inn by Marriott, 904 Dallas Street, Houston, Texas, (800) 730-3931. Reservations may be made at <http://cwp.marriott.com/houdt/stcl/> or directly with the hotel. Please indicate you are attending the South Texas College of Law Continuing Legal Education program to receive the discount rate.

Parking: Fannin Garage, 1112 Clay Street (*between Fannin and San Jacinto*), **\$5.00 per day** (Early-Bird Special: Enter by 9:00 a.m. and pay only \$3.00), no in-and-out privileges. Reserved parking for the disabled on floors 5, 7, 9 and 11 near the elevator. Classified Parking System (*surface lots at Polk and Austin*), **\$4.00 per day**. Main Street Garage, 1301 Main Street, **\$9.00 per day**. Additional parking is available in garages and on surface lots near the law school.

Special Accommodations: For any special needs as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act, call Kimberly Smith at (713) 646-1757 or (800) 646-1253 by **May 9, 2008** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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**No refunds after 5:00 p.m.,
Tuesday, June 3, 2008.**
See refund policy above.