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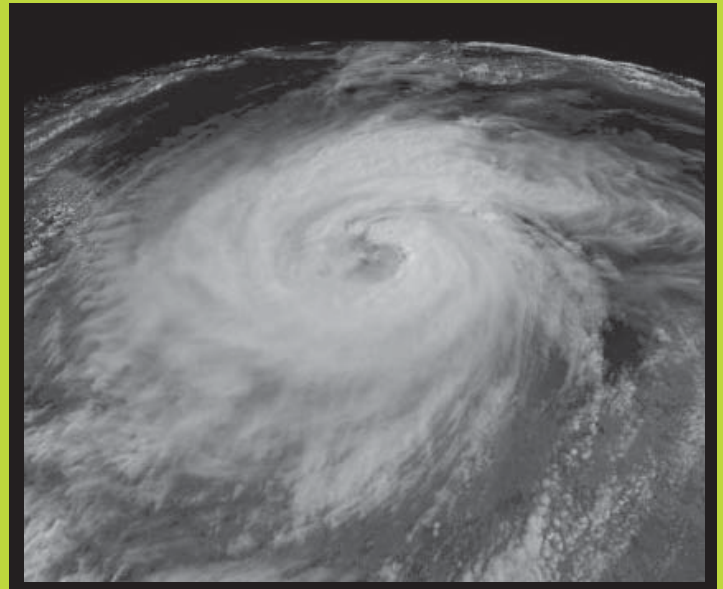
13th Annual
TEXAS

INSURANCE LAW SYMPOSIUM

Approved for 14.0 hours of MCLE credit; 2.25 Ethics.

January 22-23, 2009

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



**OPTIONAL
PRE-SYMPOSIUM SESSION
Getting Claims Paid: Submission,
Adjustment, and (if necessary)
Litigation
January 21, 2009**

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17.0 MCLE Hours (with the Optional Session); 2.25 Ethics Hours

TEXAS INSURANCE LAW SYMPOSIUM

Optional Session Getting Hurricane Ike Claims Paid

This session is designed to educate an attorney on ways to maximize the odds of getting a disputed claim paid. The panelists will address Claim Submission and Proofs of Loss; Reactions to Reservations of Rights; Appraisals 101; Duties of the Insured; Pre-Suit Notice; EUOs; Declaratory Judgment Suits, and Litigation Considerations.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

- 12:00 **Registration**
- 12:50 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
• Lisa L. Dahm, J.D., LL.M.-Health, *Director of CLE and Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law*
- 1:00 **Getting Hurricane Ike Claims Paid: Submission, Adjustment, and (if necessary) Litigation (3.0 hours)**
• James Cornell, *Cornell & Pardue Houston*
• Ronald P. Hajjar, *Dempsey Partners LLC Dallas*
• Steven Kessler, *Dempsey Partners LLC The Woodlands*
• Roger A. Rider, *The Rider Law Firm Sugar Land*
- 4:15 **Adjourn**
(There will be a 15-minute break during the program).
- Accreditation for Wednesday: 3.0 MCLE Hours (no ethics credit)

Thursday, January 22, 2009

- 8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:50 **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*
- 9:00 **Hurricane Ike: Perspectives from the Disaster Zone (.67 hour)**
• Joseph A.C. Fulcher, *Greer, Herz & Adams, L.L.P. Galveston*
• Greg C. Wilkins, *Orgain Bell & Tucker, LLP Beaumont*
- 9:40 **Hot Personal Lines Perspectives (.83 hour)**
• Christopher W. Martin, *Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. Houston*
- 10:30 **Morning Break**
- 10:45 **Perspectives from Austin: Regulatory Issues and the TDI (.50 hour)**
• David Durden, *Public Affairs, Associate Commissioner, Texas Department of Insurance Austin*
- 11:15 **Hot Commercial Lines Perspectives: Business Interruption and Extra Expense Issues (.83 hour)**
• Shannon Rusnak, CPA, CFE, *Matson, Driscoll & Damico, LLP Houston*
• Claude L. Stuart, III, *Phelps Dunbar LLP Houston*
- 12:05 **Lunch Break** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)
- 12:20 **Lunch Presentation**
The Perspective of the Attorney General (.75 hour)
• John Owens, *Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General Houston*

- 1:05 **After Lunch Break**
- 1:20 **Different Perspectives on Appraisal (.83 hour)**
• Michael W. Huddleston, *Shannon Gracey Ratliff & Miller, LLP Dallas*
• Mark A. Ticer, *Law Office of Mark A. Ticer Dallas*
- 2:10 **Insureds Gone Wild: Fraud, Policy Conditions, and Insurer Alternatives (.75 hour)**
• Warren Taylor, *Taylor, Taylor & Russell Houston*
- 2:55 **Courts Gone Wild: The Most Important Insurance Cases from the Intermediate Courts in 2008 (.50 hour)**
• Jamie Cooper, *Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P. Houston*
- 3:25 **Afternoon Break**
- 3:40 **Auto Policy Update - Uninsured Motorist, PIP, and Stowers (.50 hour)**
• Lisa Songy, *Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff & Miller, LLP Dallas*
- 4:10 **Texas Prompt Payment Statute: Answering Unanswerable Questions When the Clock is Ticking (.75 hour)**
• Christine Kirchner, *Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin, P.C. Houston*
- 4:55 **Adjourn**

Accreditation for Thursday: 7.0 MCLE Hours (no ethics credit)

Friday, January 23, 2009

- 8:30 **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:50 **Welcome Remarks**
• Lisa L. Dahm, J.D., LL.M.-Health, *Director of CLE and Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law*
- 9:00 **Rules of Policy Construction: Do They Really Matter? (.50 hour)**
• Robert J. Cunningham, *Roach & Newton, L.L.P. Houston*
- 9:30 **Agents Gone Wild: Sales Errors, Exposures, and Strategies (.50 hour)**
• Michael W. McCoy, *Fowler Rodriguez Valdes-Fauli Houston*
- 10:00 **What Every Insurance Lawyer Needs to Know: A Judicial Perspective (.50 hour)**
• Judge Catharina Haynes, *United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Dallas*
- 10:30 **Morning Break**
- 10:40 **Allocation After One Beacon: More Questions than Answers (.83 hour)**
• Ernest Martin, Jr., *Haynes and Boone, LLP Dallas*
• John C. Tollefson, *Tollefson Bradley Ball & Mitchell, L.L.P. Dallas*
- 11:30 **Inter-Carrier Relationships after Mid-Continent and Liberty Mutual (.83 hour)**
• J. Mark Lawless, *Nickens Keeton Lawless Farrell Flack LLP Austin*
• Brian S. Martin, *Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, L.L.P. Houston*
- 12:20 **Lunch Break** (pick up lunch and return to the auditorium)

- 1** \$415 Attorneys (CQ \$500 with the Optional Session)
 \$325 Insurance Professionals (CQ \$400 with the Optional Session)
 TDI # _____
 \$315 Full-time Paralegals/Legal Assistants (CQ \$390 with the Optional Session)
 \$105 Optional Session Only - Wednesday, January 21, 2009

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Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments and course manual. No written confirmations will be sent. Allow one week to process. Confirm your registration at www.stcl.edu/cle/registrationconfirmation.html.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds, less a \$45.00 processing fee, will be given to those who cancel in writing by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2009. No refunds will be granted thereafter.

ADDITIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

Accredited by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) for 11.5 hours General (all license types) and 1.5 hours Ethics/CP (all license types).

Accredited by the Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Appellate Law, Civil Trial Law, Consumer Law, and Personal Injury Law.

HOTELS - \$139 per night. **Guaranteed until January 5, 2009.**

Courtyard by Marriott, 916 Dallas Street (888) 269-2163
Residence Inn by Marriott, 904 Dallas Street (800) 730-3931
 Both hotels located two blocks from the law school.

PARKING

Fannin Garage, 1112 Clay Street, \$5.00 per day. (Early Bird Special: Enter by 9:00 a.m. and pay only \$3.50). Reserved parking for the disabled on floors 5, 7, 9 and 11 near the elevator. Additional parking available at garages and 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 January 6, 2009 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Friday, January 23, 2009 (continued)

- 12:35 **Lunch Presentation**
Insurance Ethics: "Family Feud" Style (.75 hour)
(Ethics Topic)
 • Christopher W. Martin, *Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P.* Houston
- 1:20 **After Lunch Break**
- 1:30 **Legislative Update (.67 hour)**
 • Jay A. Thompson, *Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, L.L.P.* Austin
- 2:10 **Additional Insured and Insured Contract Issues (.83 hour)**
 • George T. Jackson, *Burck, Lapidus and Lanza, P.C.* Houston
 • Lee H. Shidlofsky, *Visser Shidlofsky LLP* Austin
- 3:00 **Afternoon Break**
- 3:10 **Insurer-Appointed Defense Counsel, Independent Counsel Selected by the Insured, and Ethical Considerations (.75 hour)**
(Ethics Topic)
 • J. James Cooper, *Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP* Houston
- 3:55 **Ethical Challenges of the Brave New World of Litigation: How to Cope with the Death of Perry Mason (.75 hour)**
(Ethics Topic)
 • William J. Chriss, *Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism* Austin
- 4:40 **Adjourn**

Accreditation for Friday: 7.0 MCLE Hours, 2.25 Hours Ethics

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