



2021 EDTX Bench Bar Conference
October 14, 2021
Dallas/Plano Marriott Hotel @ Legacy Town Center
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CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Thursday, October 14th

7:30am: Texas Sunrise Breakfast

Criminal Law Track Commences: (San Jacinto Room)
(Joint Sessions @ 9am & 12:30pm in Trinity Ballroom)

8:45am: What's Next in the Realm of Crypto-Ransomware? *Panelists: Brett Leatherman, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI Dallas – National Security Branch; Special Agent Brad Schley, United States Secret Service; Nathaniel Kummerfeld, Deputy Chief for Complex White Collar, US Attorney's Office; Ryan Locker, Deputy Chief for Cyber and National Security, US Attorney's Office; Moderator: Ryan Raybould, Chief Counsel to Senator John Cornyn*
(Joint Session)

10:00am: To Detain or Not to Detain...That is the Question. *Panelists: Magistrate Judge Nicole Mitchell, USDC EDTX; Magistrate Judge Zack Hawthorn, USDC EDTX; Magistrate Judge Christine Nowak, USDC EDTX; Frank Coan, Criminal Chief, US Attorney's Office, EDTX and John McElroy, Federal Public Defender, Nikki Stephens, Deputy Chief US Probation Officer, EDTX; Moderator: Rafael De La Garza, De La Garza Law Firm*

11:00am: Morning Break

11:15am: Preserving Error at Sentencing. *Alan Dorhoffer, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Judge Michael Truncale, USDC EDTX; Judge Gregg Costa, 5th Cir., US Court of Appeals; James Whalen, Whalen Law Office; Moderator: Andrew Davis, Chief Counsel to Senator Ted Cruz*

12:30pm: Lunch Presentation: A Behind-the-Scenes Review of Successfully Prosecuted Civil Rights Cold Cases Involving Assassinations and Fire Bombings from the 1960's. *District Judge Robert W. Schroeder, III, USDC EDTX; and Jerry Mitchell, Investigative Reporter Formerly with the Clarion-Ledger Newspaper & Author of Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era. (Joint Session)*

1:45pm: Update on Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Alan Dorhoffer, U.S. Sentencing Commission.

3:30pm: Afternoon Break

3:45pm: What You've Always Wanted to Ask Probation But Never Did. *Panelists: Myra Kirkwood, Chief Probation Officer, EDTX; Charley Fuller, Probation Officer, EDTX; Nikkole Gray, Probation Officer, EDTX; Jansen Kitchens, Probation Officer, EDTX; Keith Wallace, Probation Officer, EDTX; J. Michael Price II, J. Michael Price Attorney at Law; Moderator: Joseph D. Brown, Joseph D. Brown Law Firm*

4:45pm: A View from the Bench: Sentencing. *Panelists: District Judge Marcia Crone, USDC EDTX; District Judge Sean Jordan, USDC EDTX; Judge Jeremy Kernodle, USDC EDTX; Judge Amos Mazzant, USDC, EDTX; Moderator: Acting US Attorney Nicholas Ganjei, USDC EDTX*

5:30pm: Chief Judge & Chairman's "Grand Slam" Reception – Marriott Hotel Lobby & Bar
(Attire: "Batting Cage Casual")

6:30pm: Buses load for Ballpark

7:30pm: Chief Judge & Chairman's "An Evening at the Ball Park" - *A private outing to Texas Ranger Globe Life Stadium with custom ballpark-themed cocktails & dinner, private tours, use of the batting cages, on-field access, and a group photo in the Ranger's Dug Out. Also, autographed baseballs by some of baseball's most legendary players will be up for grabs via various give-a-ways throughout the evening.*