



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 – *Trinity Ballroom Foyer*

Criminal Law Track: San Jacinto Room

(Joint Sessions @ 8:30am & 12:00pm in Trinity Ballroom)

8:30am: What's Next in the Realm of Crypto-Ransomware? *Panelists: Richard Murray, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Dallas – Cyber Task Force; 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 – Trinity Ballroom)*

9:30am: 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*

10:10am: Morning Break

10:20am: Preserving Error at Sentencing. *Alan Dorhoffer, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Judge Michael Truncala, 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*

12:00pm: 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 – Trinity Ballroom)*

1:30pm: Update on Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Alan Dorhoffer, U.S. Sentencing Commission.

3:20pm: Afternoon Break

3:30pm: What You've Always Wanted to Ask Probation But Never Did. *Panelists: Myra Kirkwood, Chief Probation Officer, EDTX; Charley Fuller, 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*

4:30pm: 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 – jeans, tennis shoes)

6:15pm: Buses load for Ballpark – Trinity Ballroom Foyer Hotel Entrance

7:15pm: 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, and a group photo in the Ranger's Dug Out. Autographed baseballs by some of baseball's most legendary players will be up for grabs via various give-a-ways throughout the evening. (Attire: Batting Cage Casual - jeans, tennis shoes)*

9:15pm: Hotel After Dinner Social – Marriott Presidential Suite #621 Opens

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