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Regional Conference Program Announced

The 1988 Regional Judicial Conference program, under the direction of Linda B. Thomas, Justice of the 5th Court of Appeals in Dallas, has been set. The dates and locations of the five regional meetings can be found in the "Judicial Calendar" on page 11.

The conference program will begin on a Wednesday with late afternoon registra-

tion and a welcome reception. Classes will begin on Thursday morning and conclude at noon on Friday.

The topics listed below will be addressed, thereby offering up to 9 hours of continuing judicial education to participating judges.

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Rebirth of the State Constitution Hon. M. P. Duncan, III Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin

Recent Decisions of the Court of Criminal Appeals
Hon. Charles F. Campbell
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin

Recent Decisions of the Texas Supreme Court Hon. Ted Z. Robertson Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin

Contempt
Hon. Paul R. Davis
Judge, 200th District Court, Austin

Child Abuse
Hon. Scott D. Moore
Judge, 323rd District Court, Fort Worth

on. Jackson B. Smith, Jr.
Justice, 1st Court of Appeals and Chairman, Judicial Section Ethics Committee,
Houston

Hon. William E. Junell Justice, 14th Court of Appeals and Chairman, Judicial Conduct Commission, Houston

Friday

Recent Decisions of the Courts of Appeals in Criminal Cases Hon. Charles Bleil Justice, 6th Court of Appeals, Texarkana

Amendments to Texas Rules of Civil and Appellate Procedure Hon. William W. Kilgarlin Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin

Recent Decisions of the Courts of Appeals in Civil Cases Hon. Cynthia Stevens Kent Former Judge, County Court at Law No. 2, Tyler

Panel Discussion on Local Judicial Problems

Benchbook for Trial Judges Available Soon

Benchbooks for District and County Court at Law Judges will be available for delivery to trial judges in late spring or early summer of 1988. The benchbook for County Court at Law Judges was prepared by Hon. Cynthia Stevens Kent, Former Judge, Smith County Court at Law No. 2, Tyler. Judges Earl B. Stover, 88th District Court, and Britton E. Plunk, 356th District Court, both of Kountze, Hardin County, prepared the benchbook for District Judges.

The Board of Directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., met in Austin on December 11, 1987, and voted to sell the benchbook to judges at the estimated cost of producing them. Copies of the books will be available for inspection at the regional conferences this spring. Orders will then be accepted for delivery after the last regional conference.

Justice Richard N. Countiss, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Texas Center, was authorized to appoint a benchbook committee to periodically update the benchbooks as required.

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Annual Conference Draws Record Number of Judges

More than 850 judges and spouses from across the state gathered at the 1987 Judicial Section Annual Conference held September 29-October 2 at the Hershey Hotel in Corpus Christi.

The four-day conference kicked-off with an afternoon of golf, tennis and bridge tournaments. The educational program began the following day, and offered judges up to 13 credit hours of judicial education. The Texas Bar Foundation presented an all-day symposium entitled "Cost Control at the Courthouse," in which several experts made presentations on computer filing and computer access at the courthouse, use of closed circuit television for presentation of witnesses, telephone conferencing and alternative dispute resolution.

The Honorable Peter S. Solito, Judge, 164th District Court and outgoing section chairman, presided over the conference until the election of new officers on Friday, October 2.

The newly-elected officers and executive committee members of the Judicial Section are: Chairman: Justice Richard N. Countiss, 7th Court of Appeals, Amarillo; Vice Chairman: Judge George M. Thurmond, 63rd District Court, Del Rio; Secretary-Treasurer: Senior District Judge Paul F. Ferguson, Houston; Members: Chief

Justice Austin O. McCloud, 11th Court of Appeals, Eastland; Judge Jack Pierce, 145th District Court, Nacogdoches; and Judge Shearn Smith, 61st District Court, Houston.

Members were also elected to the Board of Directors for the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. They are: Judge Thomas H. Bacus, County Court at Law #2, Wichita Falls; Judge George H. Hansard, 106th District Court, Lamesa; and Judge Bill Logue, 19th District Court, Waco.

The new executive committee members and directors will each serve a three-year term.

Sites and dates for the next three Judicial Section Annual Conferences have been announced by the Executive Committee. They are as follows:

September 27-30, 1988 (Tuesday through Friday) Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth

September 19-22, 1989 (Tuesday through Friday) Sheraton Park Central, Dallas

September 24-27, 1990 (Monday through Thursday)
Marriott Riverwalk, San Antonio ■

New Judges

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Wilford Flowers
County Court at Law #6, Austin
Newly Created Court

Alberto Garcia
County Court at Law #1, Austin
Succeeding Leslie Taylor

Melinda Furche Harmon 280th District Court, Houston Succeeding Thomas R. Phillips

Merrill L. Hartman 192nd District Court, Dallas Succeeding Harlan Martin

Brenda P. Kennedy County Court at Law #7, Austin Newly Created Court

George Stephen Kredell
213th District Court, Fort Worth
Succeeding Tom Cave

Claude B. Lilly
County Court at Law #2, San Marcos
Newly Created Court

Thomas R. Phillips Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas Succeeding John L. Hill, Jr.

Frank Powell Pierce County Court at Law #2, San Antonio Succeeding Charles A. Gonzalez

Judicial Section Bylaws Amended

The bylaws of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas were amended at the Business Meeting of the members at the Annual Conference in Corpus Christi on October 2, 1987. The amendments were to Section 2 and 4 of Article III, Officers and Executive Committee, so as to have them read as follows:

Section 2. The Chairman-Elect shall be nominated and elected at each annual meeting of the section, as hereinafter provided in Article V, for a term beginning with the election and ending with the election of a successor. The Chairman-Elect automatically shall become Chairman at the conclusion of his term as Chairman-

Elect. Beginning with the 1987 annual meeting of the section, a district judge shall be nominated Chairman-Elect and thereafter during every odd-numbered year a district judge shall be nominated as Chairman-Elect. A county court or a statutory county court judge shall be nominated Chairman-Elect at the 1988 annual meeting of the Judicial Section and every fourth year thereafter. An appellate judge shall be nominated Chairman-Elect at the 1990 annual meeting of the Judicial Section and every fourth year thereafter.

Section 4. There shall be an Executive Committee charged with managing the affairs of the section. This Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Chair-

man-Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Immediate Past Chairman as ex-officio members, and ten other regular members, each of whom shall be elected as provided in Article V for a term of three years. Of the ten elected members, one shall be either a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, one shall be a justice of a court of appeals, five shall be district judges, two shall be judges of a county court or a statutory county court, and one shall be a retired judge or justice, and insofar as practicable, each geographical area of the State shall be represented by at least one member of the Executive Committee.

ETHICS OPINIONS



Q. May a part-time municipal judge publicly endorse judicial or non-judicial candidates for political office?

A. Canon 2B of the Code of Judicial Conduct states that a judge should not lend the prestige of his or her office to advance the private interest of others. The committee is of the opinion that the public endorsement of another person's candidacy necessarily involves the use of the prestige of the judge and his or her office.

Canon 8A, as amended in 1987, provides that Judges of Municipal Courts shall comply with the Code, and Canon 8B(1) does not exempt part-time judges from Canon 2. The Committee is of the opinion that a part-time municipal judge would violate the Code of Judicial Conduct by publicly endorsing a candidate for public office.

No. 93

Q. May a judge hold the elective office of Fire Chief of a volunteer fire department during his elected term as a judge?

A. Whether the judge may hold two elective offices simultaneously requires a legal opinion. The function of the Judicial Ethics Committee is to write advisory opinions involving potential violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The committee respectfully declines to answer the question, and suggests that the judge obtain a legal opinion from the office of the Attorney General or other appropriate official.

No. 94

Q. May a justice of the peace ethically obtain loans from a bank where he is an advisory director?

A. In judicial ethics committee opinions 37, 38, 42, 61 and 89, the committee has stated that in its opinion a judge may not ethically serve as a director or advisory director of a bank or savings and loan association. Canon 8A of the Judicial Code of Conduct requires compliance with the Code by Justices of the Peace. Canon 9 provides that a person should arrange his or her affairs as soon as possible to comply with the provisions of the code.

The question of whether an advisory director of a bank may obtain loans from that bank requires a legal opinion. The function of the Judicial Ethics Committee is to write advisory opinions involving potential violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct, and not to give legal opinions. The committee respectfully declines to answer the question.

No. 95

Q. May a justice of the peace respond to news media inquiries concerning inquest proceedings prior to a final ruling on the death certificate?

A. Canon 3A(8) states, "A judge shall abstain from public comment about a pending or impending proceeding in any Court..." Canon 3A(8) does permit a judge to explain court procedure.

The committee is of the opinion that a news media inquiry about the court's procedure may be answered. However, the committee is of the opinion that it would be unethical to discuss the facts or other aspects of the case with the news media during the investigation, or while the matter is pending in his court or any other court.

No. 96

Q. Will the Judicial Ethics Committee advise a justice of the peace whether it is ethical to raise campaign funds by direct mail to his constituents?

A. Whether the raising of campaign funds, either before or after election, by direct mail is lawful or unlawful requires a legal opinion. Giving legal opinions is beyond the scope of the function of the Judicial Ethics Committee. The committee would note that if such procedure was unlawful, it obviously would be unethical. Canon 5C(1) sets forth guidelines for a judge's financial and business dealings.

No. 97

Q. Will the Judicial Ethics Committee write an opinion on the specified conduct of a judge, as to whether such conduct is a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, where a formal complaint for the same conduct has been filed with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the disposition of the complaint is pending?

A. No. The State Commission on Judicial Conduct is a constitutionally created commission, Tex. Constit. Art.5 SS.1-a, which is required to make disposition of complaints filed against judges. Your committee considers such a complaint to represent pending or impending litigation because certain dispositions of complaints by the commission is subject to judicial review. See, Tex. Constit. Art. 5 SS. 1-a(6)A, C (eff. Jan. 1, 1985).

The Judicial Ethics Committee is a nine-judge committee created by the bylaws of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas. As a committee, and individually, our conduct is subject to the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Canon 3A(6) states, "A judge should abstain from public comment about a pending or impending proceeding in any court..."

The committee respectfully declines to make, knowingly, public comment on a pending or impending proceeding before the Commission on Judicial Conduct which may require judicial review.

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ETHICS (continued)

Po. 98

Q. Does a senior district judge violate any ethics by serving as a substitute trustee in non-judicial foreclosure proceedings?

A. No, although the judge would of course be disqualified from any subsequent litigation involving such sale.

A trustee is normally considered to be fiduciary because of the duty owed to those whom he serves, and Canon 5D does provide that a judge should not serve as a fiduciary with certain specified exceptions. But, Canon 8D exempts a retired judge from the provisions of Canon 5D.

No. 99

Q. May a former district judge, who has qualified to accept judicial assignments, act as an arbitrator or mediator when not on judicial assignment?

The Code of Judicial Conduct does not mention former district judges, but Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. Art. 200a-1, Sec. 4.014(B) (Vernon 1987), places former judges in the same category as retired judges, when discussing "judges subject to assignment." Since the nature of the judicial assignments and duties are identical, your committee, for the purpose of this opinion, will consider a former judge in the same category as a "retired judge subject to recall" under the code.

Canon 5E states that a judge should not act as an arbitrator or mediator. However, Canon 8D states that Canon 5E is not applicable to retired judges, provided the judge should refrain from judicial service during the period of an extrajudicial appointment not sanctioned by Canon 5G.

Subject to the limitations in Canons 8D and 5G, your committee is of the opinion that a former judge may act as an arbitrator or mediator when not on a judicial assignment.

No. 100

Q. (1) May two or more judges running for judicial office at the same time jointly sponsor or have some politically active group sponsor for them a joint fund raising event?

(2) May two or more judges running for judicial office at the same time jointly advertise or have some politically active group jointly advertise for them by any news media?

A. A majority of the committee is of the opinion that such joint activity by each of the judges would be a violation of Canon 2 that prohibits a judge from lending the prestige of his office to advance the private interests of others, even though the other person or persons is a judge or group of judges.

The Code of Judicial Conduct does not prohibit a judge from identifying himself or herself as a member of a political party, or from contributing to a political party, or from speaking to such gatherings on his or her own behalf.

No. 101

Q. Would it be a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct for a judge to work in conjunction with a professional therapist in group counseling of persons who have sustained grievous losses in their lives?

A. The committee has been informed that the classes are scheduled at such times as to not interfere with the judge's judicial duties and that the judge will be paid a stipend of \$200 monthly, apparently to cover the cost of required insurance.

Canon 5A permits a judge to speak and teach on non-legal subjects in his or her avocational activities provided those activities do not detract from the dignity of his or her office or interfere with the performance of his or her judicial duties. Subject to the limitations set out in Canon 5A, the committee is of the opinion that it would not be a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct for a judge to work with the described group counseling classes.

No. 102

Q. May a retired judge, who has elected to return to the practice of law rather than being subject to recall, ethically have a phrase such as "District Judge Retired" printed on his letterhead, professional cards, telephone listings or office door?

A. Canon 2B admonishes a judge "not [to] lend the prestige of his or her office to advance the private interests of himself or herself..." Canon 2B is applicable to retired judges who have elected to return to the active practice of law.

The committee is of the opinion that after a retired judge has initially sent out his or her announcement of retirement and of returning to the active practice of law, to use the prestige of his or her former judgeship to advance the private interest of his or her law practice would violate Canon 2B.

No. 103

Q. Would it be a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct for a judge of a statutory county court at law to serve on the board of trustees of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health Insurance Trust?

A. The committee is informed that the TAC Insurance Trust is the vehicle through which the Texas Association of Counties affords its members group health insurance. The TAC trust board's responsibilities include, aquisition of insurance, collection of premiums, development of policy for the trust, preparation of contracts with (1) insurance companies, (2) participating members, (3) leases, and (4) other contracts necessary to proper administration of the trust. Board members serve without compensation. Service is voluntary.

Whether county employees have a group health program is determined by the Commissioners Court of each county. This is a governmental decision and the

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fact that a group of counties associate themselves into a common health program does not alter the nature of the decision. This is so because it is only the respective Commissioners Courts that decide whether to join a specific health program.

The committee is of the opinion that the TAC insurance trust is governmental in nature with each county delegating its authority to the trust board.

Canon 5G admonishes a judge not to accept an extra-judicial appointment to a governmental committee, commission, or other position that is concerned with issues of fact or policy on matters other than the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice.

The health insurance trust is involved with issues of fact and policy on matters not concerning the improvement of law, the legal system, or the administration of justice. The committee is of the opinion that if a judge serves as a trustee on the TAC insurance trust, he or she would violate Canon 5G.

No. 104

Q. May a judge who handles a mental illness docket ethically prepare applications and other legal pleadings for persons who desire to commit someone to a mental hospital?

No, for several reasons. Canon 3A(5) prohibits a judge from directly or indirectly initiating, permitting, or considering ex parte communications concerning the merits of a pending or impending legal proceeding. Canon 2B admonishes a judge from lending the prestige of his office to advance the private interests of others. The giving of advice and preparation of legal instruments to be filed in court is considered practicing law, which is prohibited by Canon 5F of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Finally, for a judge to prepare legal instruments to be filed in that judge's own court poses a conflict of interest and would violate the intent and purpose of the Code.

No. 105

Q. May a county court at law judge participate in the collection of court fees and other fees owed to the County Clerk's office by writing letters to or personally contacting the persons who owe the fees?

A. No. A judge should uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary (Canon 1), and should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all his activities (Canon 2). The collecting of the past due debts of the county by a judge constitutes the practice of law. A judge should not practice law (Canon 5F) and should not have ex parte communications concerning the merits of impending litigation [Canon 3A(5)].

The collecting of past due debts of a county is the duty of an authorized agency, i.e. county attorney, district attorney, or retained private practicing attorney.

No. 106

Q. Is a person who is an employee of a judge or a group of judges subject to the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct?

A. Canon 3B(2) states, "A judge should require his or her staff and court officials subject to the judge's direction and control to observe the standards of the code."

The committee is informed that the person is hired by a group of judges and appears to be under the direction and control of the judge(s) who employ that person to see that the employee complies with the provisions of the code.

The code makes no provisions for the sanctions against the employee for non-compliance with the code, but it does provide sanctions against the judge(s) in the event of non-compliance by the judge(s) in not requiring personnel under the direction and control of the judge(s) to adhere to the provisions of the code.

No. 107

Q. Is it a violation of the Code of Jud Conduct for a docket assignment clerk, an employee of a judge or judge(s), to sell subscriptions to attorneys and others, a report which the clerk compiles advising his or her subscribers of the disposition of and other docket information concerning completed jury trials?

A. The committee is advised that the docket assignment clerk in his or her discretion determines (1) the order of assignment of cases for jury trial; (2) the judge or court to whom a case is assigned or not assigned; and (3) whether, after a case is assigned, a formal written motion and hearing for continuance are required or whether the clerk will grant an "informal" continuance.

The committee is further informed that the funds received from the subscriptions are retained by the clerk.

Canon 2 requires that a judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. The committee observes no patent impropriety but respectfully gests that the combination of the gated authority to the clerk and the sale of subscriptions by the clerk invites violation of the code.

CAVEAT: Any sanctions imposed for violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct are imposed against the judge(s), not the clerk.

No. 108

Q. May a judge ethically serve as an officer or director of a non-profit corporation which collects maintenance fees from subdivision property owners and uses the money to maintain roads and parks in the subdivision? The corporation is controlled by subdivision property owners, and the subdivision is not located within the geographical area assigned to the court over which the judge presides.

A. The answer to the question is determined by whether the corporation is

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wiblicly owned business" or a "civic orinization." Canon 5B(2) prohibits a judge from being "an officer, director or manager of a publicly owned business." Canon 5B permits a judge to serve "as an officer, director, trustee or non-legal advisor of a ... civic organization not conducted for the economic or political advantage of its members, subject to" the limitations set forth in Canon 5B (1), (2), and (3).

The committee is divided five to four on the proper classification to be given to the corporation, but the majority of the members of the committee are of the opinion that the corporation is a publicly owned business. Thus, if a judge serves as an officer or director of the publicly owned corporation, it would be a violation of Canon 5B(2).

No. 109

Q. May a judge serve on a steering committee for an organization whose purpose is to effectuate the passage of a constitutional amendment giving certain rights to victims rime?

A. Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct permits a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice provided that in doing so, the judge does cast doubt on his or her capacity to decide impartially any issue that may come before the court.

Canon 4C permits a judge to serve as a member, officer, or director of an organization or governmental agency devoted to the same purposes stated in Canon 4.

A majority of the Ethics Committee is of the opinion that the purpose of the described steering committee is the improvement of the law, and that, subject to the limitations stated in Canon 4, it would not be a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct for the judge to serve as a member of the steering committee.

The above opinions are provided by the Committee on Judicial Ethics of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas.

In Memoriam



Judge Quentin Keith

Justice Quentin Keith of Beaumont died August 7, 1987 at the age of 77. Judge Keith received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas and was admitted to the bar on June 12, 1933. In 1969, he was appointed Associate Justice of the Ninth Court of Civil Appeals by former Governor John Connally and served on that bench until his retirement in 1982. Judge Keith was appointed a commissioner for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 1973 and served in that capacity until 1980. He was chairman of the Judicial Ethics Committee from 1974-79 and served as chairman of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas in 1979-80. Judge Keith also served as dean of the Texas College for the Judiciary from 1981-83.

Justice Jack M. Langdon

Justice Jack M. Langdon of Granbury died August 28, 1987. He was 76 years old. Judge Langdon earned his undergraduate degree at Texas Christian University in 1935 and received his LL.B from the University of Texas in 1940. He served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1936-40 and was a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1940-45. He took the bench as Judge of the 17th District Court in 1951 and also served

as Presiding Judge of the 8th Administrative Judicial District from 1957-63. Judge Langdon was elected to the bench of the 2nd Court of Appeals in 1963 and held that position until his retirement in 1975. He was chairman of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas in 1967-68.

Judge Earl Conner, Jr.

Judge Earl Conner, Jr. of Eastland died September 22, 1987 at the age of 82. Judge Conner graduated from the University of Texas School of Law. He served as District Attorney of Eastland County from 1937-48 and from 1958-64. He was Judge of the 91st District Court of Eastland County from 1968 until he retired in 1979.

Chief Justice James A. Ellis

Chief Justice James A. Ellis of Lubbock died September 27, 1987 at the age of 75. He was admitted to the Texas bar in 1943 and served as an assistant attorney general of Texas from 1945-46. Judge Ellis served as the County Judge of Hockley County, as a County Court At Law Judge in Lubbock County, and as Judge of the 137th District Court of Lubbock County before he was appointed Chief Justice of the 7th Court of Civil Appeals in 1970. He served on that court until his retirement in 1977.

Judge Wayland G. Holt

Judge Wayland G. Holt of Snyder died June 18, 1987 at the age of 72. Judge Holt attended Baylor University School of Law and graduated, cum laude, in 1949. He served as County Attorney of Scurry County from 1953-56 and District Attorney from 1957-70. In 1970 he was appointed Judge of the 132nd District Court where he served until his retirement in 1984.

Judge Lewis M. Williams

Judge Lewis M. Williams of Knox City died May 28, 1987 at the age of 85. He was elected Judge of the 50th District Court in 1940 and retired from that bench in 1971.

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