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River City To Host Judicial Section Annual Conference

San Antonio will be the host city for the upcoming Judicial Section Annual Conference. Judge Thomas H. Bacus, Chairman of the Judicial Section, has called for the Annual Conference of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas to be held at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, September 24-27, 1990.

The conference format is a little different from previous years in that the conference will commence with registration on Monday instead of Tuesday. Golf, tennis and bridge will be held on Monday afternoon as well.

The educational program will begin Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the San Antonio Convention

Center, located across the street from the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel. The program will consist of a general session to include reports from the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and the State Bar of Texas, followed by presentations on various technological applications in the courtroom and on how to handle cases involving family violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

Wednesday's educational program will consist of three concurrent breakout sessions and will provide trial judges with a choice of topics in criminal law, civil law and family/juvenile law. The varied topics will be presented by law professors, attorneys and experts from around the state. A separate program will be held for appellate judges on Wednesday. A meeting for retired and former judges will also be held Wednesday afternoon.

The Thursday morning program will take place at the hotel and will include reports from the Judicial Advisory Council of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and from the Regional Presiding Judges. The session will conclude with the annual business meetings of the Judicial Section and the Texas Center.

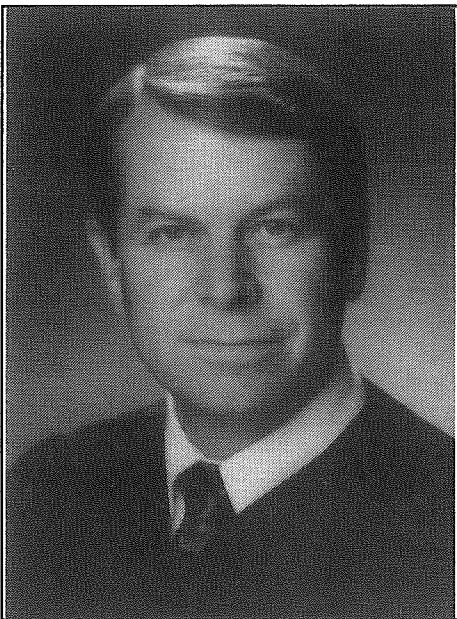
The conference will provide attending judges up to 12.25 hours of continuing judicial education.

Social activities during the conference will include golf, tennis and bridge on Monday afternoon; a welcome "Fiesta" reception on Monday evening;

the Inspirational Breakfast on Tuesday morning; and a reception and dinner/dance on Wednesday evening.

The Spouses Program will be held on Tuesday at Sea World and will give spouses an opportunity to enjoy a private tour of the park, including two shows, a tour of Cypress Gardens and lunch. Since the conference hotel is located next door to the magnificent Rivercenter Mall, spouses will have a free day on Wednesday to take in the shopping and all the other attractions on the Riverwalk.

The deadline to register for the conference is **August 31, 1990**. Make plans to attend! The conference will offer not only an excellent educational opportunity, but also the excitement of San Antonio and the charm of the Riverwalk.



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Judges Assist in Training Court Coordinators

Each year the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., sponsors the Trial Court Management Seminar in June in Huntsville, Texas. The week-long course provides court coordinators and administrators training in scheduling and tracking cases, as well as other aspects of court management. Several Texas judges are on the faculty of the seminar and provide attendees with very valuable "hands-on instruction."

The judges on the faculty at this year's seminar included: **Judge Daniel M. Downey** of Houston, **Judge Paul F. Ferguson** of Houston, **Judge Larry J. Gist** of Beaumont, **Judge Cynthia Stevens Kent** of Tyler, and **Former Justice James B. Zimmermann** of McKinney. The judges were a part of the Phase I Faculty and addressed such topics as criminal and civil procedure, axioms of caseload management, and the relationships between the judge and the court coordinator.

Approximately 70 court coordinators were in attendance at the Phase I portion of the seminar, with the entire seminar attracting over 150 attendees.

Moylan Videotapes Available for Loan

The Texas Center has two videotapes available for loan to judges who are interested in presentations by Judge Charles Moylan of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. The tape of Moylan's presentation at the 1990 Criminal Justice Conference entitled "Update of Opinions of U. S. Supreme Court" is available, as is the 1987 presentation entitled "Search & Seizure."

Both tapes are available in VHS format only and are not suitable for reproducing; however, we will make them available for viewing for several days at no charge. To reserve a copy of the videotapes, please contact our Publications Coordinator, Tricia Stringer, at (512) 463-1530.

Fifth Annual Dispute Resolution Week Kicks Off With Publication of New ADR Handbook

September 8-15, 1990, will commemorate the Fifth Annual Dispute Resolution Week in Texas, a statewide campaign to increase awareness about dispute resolution options. Dispute Resolution Week is sponsored by the State Bar's Alternate Methods of Dispute Resolution Committee and includes a full schedule of seminars, community forums, open houses, and related events throughout the state.

Kick-off events for Dispute Resolution Week include a full-day CLE program, "The Role of the Attorney in an Alternative Dispute Resolution Proceeding." This seminar, which is jointly sponsored by the State Bar's ADR Committee and Professional Development Program, will occur on September 7 at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin. The new *Handbook of Alternative Dispute Resolution* will be available for the first time at this course. The Handbook, a project of the Bar's ADR Committee and the Texas Bar Foundation, will be the ultimate guide to ADR.

"Dispute Resolution Week in Texas" was inaugurated in 1986 as a means of

increasing public awareness of dispute resolution options at the community, court, and corporate levels. That same year, the Center for Public Resources cited Dispute Resolution Week in Texas as an event of "significant practical achievement" in the field of alternative dispute resolution. Other states have since adopted the concept of dispute resolution week, but no other state has implemented the comprehensive format used in Texas.

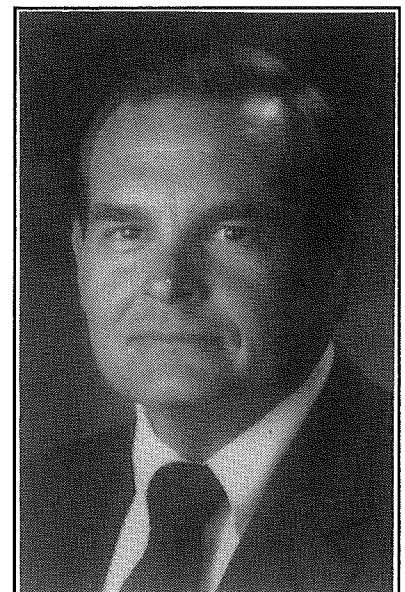
For more information on Dispute Resolution Week, the ADR Handbook, or the kick-off events, contact the Dispute Resolution Program, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-1417 or 463-1472.

The ADR Handbook will be made available, free of charge, to all members of the Judicial Section. Those judges attending the Judicial Section Annual Conference may pick up the handbooks at that time.

Judge Duncan Honored Posthumously as "Jurist of the Year" by Section of State Bar

The late Judge M. P. "Rusty" Duncan, III, Judge of Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, was named 1990 Jurist of the Year by the Criminal Justice Section of the State Bar of Texas. The award was presented June 7, 1990, at the Section's annual meeting in Dallas. The award, given every year, recognizes the dedication of the jurist that has most served the judiciary.

Judge W. T. McDonald, Jr., Chairman of the Criminal Justice Section, presented the award posthumously to Judge Duncan's 16 year old daughter, Christy, noting that Judge Duncan served the judiciary and his fellow man and made many contributions to improving the quality of life for his fellow man.



In Memoriam

Justice Lewis B. Hightower

Justice Lewis Buckner Hightower of Crystal Beach died November 16, 1989. He was 75 years old. Hightower attended Lamar College and received his J.D. from Cumberland University School of Law. He practiced law in Livingston and Beaumont. From 1946 until 1956, he served as Judge of Jefferson County Court at Law. In 1956 he was elected Associate Justice of the Ninth Court of Appeals and served as the Court's Chief Justice in 1961, 1962, and again in 1966.

Judge Henry King

Judge Henry King of Dallas died July 29, 1990. He was 94 years old. He received his law degree from Baylor University School of Law in 1926. After several months of private practice, he was named assistant district attorney and served in that capacity until 1933. King was elected Judge of the County Criminal Court #2 and served as judge of that court for 30 years until his retirement in 1967.

Judge Raymond E. Magee

Judge Raymond E. Magee of Galveston died January 3, 1990. He was 80 years old. Magee attended night school at the Galveston School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1931. From 1931 until 1937, he worked as a forecaster for the National Weather Service. He practiced law with the City of Galveston legal department, the district attorney's office, and later as a sole practitioner. From 1948 until 1954, he served as Galveston County Attorney. In 1966 he became Judge of the County Court at Law #1 and remained on that bench until 1983.

Justice Trueman Edgar O'Quinn

Justice Trueman Edgar O'Quinn of Austin died January 4, 1990. He was 84 years old. He received his J. D. from the University of Texas School of Law and

was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1932. He served as Austin Assistant City Attorney from 1936 to 1939, and as City Attorney from 1939 to 1942 and from 1946 to 1951. O'Quinn was in private practice from 1932 to 1936 and again from 1951 to 1967. He also served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1931 to 1932. From 1952 to 1966, O'Quinn served as Travis County Democratic Chairman and was legal counsel to the president of the University of Texas. He also served as an instructor of law at the University of Texas from 1957 to 1958. In 1967, he became a justice on the Third Court of Appeals in Austin and served on that bench until 1980.

Judge Christopher Burt Potter

Judge Christopher Burt Potter of Corpus Christi died April 17, 1990. He was 81 years old. Potter was a graduate of Southwestern University of Louisiana and earned a law degree from Baylor University School of Law in 1933. He served as a county attorney for San Patricio County and city judge for Aransas Pass. In 1949, he was appointed special district judge for Nueces County. Potter served as director of the Nueces County Bar Association in 1949-1950, and director of the State Bar of Texas in 1951.

Justice James F. Warren

Justice James F. (Bud) Warren of Huntsville died August 13, 1990. He was 58 years old. Warren received his business degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the University of Houston School of Law. He served as city attorney in Navasota from 1967-1969 and as district attorney of the 12th District from 1969 until 1972. He served as judge of the 12th District Court from 1972 until 1979. In 1979, Warren became a justice on the 1st Court of Appeals in Houston and served on that court until his death.



Traveling to SanAntonio?

Travel Tips:

For those interested in flying to San Antonio for the Annual Conference, the following information may be helpful in getting to and from the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel:

"Supervan" . . .

Offers continuous service from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight. A Supervan ticket booth is located in the baggage claim area of the airport terminal. The cost is \$7.00 per person, one-way or \$12.00 per person, round trip (not including gratuity). After midnight, Supervan is available upon request.

Taxicab . . .

service is available and the cost from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$12.00 one-way (not including gratuity). Cab companies now have a program where up to four passengers can ride for the price of one passenger.

After the conference:

For transportation to the airport, arrangements should be made one-day in advance of departure for either "Supervan" or taxicab service.

Parking Tips:

Underground parking is available at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel at \$6.00 per day for self-parking or \$9.00 for valet parking. Parking is limited. There is also a parking facility adjacent to the hotel--the Marina Garage--located on the corner of Bowie and Commerce. The Marina Garage charges by the hour with a maximum of \$3.20 per day per vehicle; however, you are charged a fee each time you leave the garage.

Judicial Calendar

**Institute for Appellate
Court Attorneys**
September 5-7, 1990
Red Lion Hotel, Austin

**Judicial Section
Annual Conference**
September 24-27, 1990
Marriott Riverwalk, San Antonio

**Texas Association for
Court Administration
Annual Conference**
October 16-19, 1990
Radisson Plaza Hotel, Austin

**Faculty Development Seminar for
Faculty of College for New Judges**
October 24-26, 1990
Hotel to be Announced, Austin

**Constitutional County Judges
Education Course**
November 13-16, 1990
Wyndham Hotel, Austin

Juvenile Justice Seminar
November 7-9, 1990
Doubletree Hotel, Austin

Texas College for New Judges
December 2-7, 1990
University Hotel, Huntsville

**Constitutional County Judges
Orientation for New Judges
and Education Course**
January 28-February 1, 1991
Hotel to be Announced, Lubbock

**Southeast Texas
Judicial Conference**
February 13-15, 1991
University Hotel, Huntsville

**South Texas
Judicial Conference**
March 6-8, 1991
La Posada Hotel, Laredo

**Central Texas
Judicial Conference**
March 20-22, 1991
Hilton Hotel, Wichita Falls

**Northeast Texas
Judicial Conference**
April 3-5, 1991
Harvey Hotel, Plano

**West Texas
Judicial Conference**
April 17-19, 1991
Holiday Inn, San Angelo

Criminal Justice Conference
May 15-17, 1991
Wyndham Hotel, Austin

**Trial Court Management
Seminar**
June 17-21, 1991
University Hotel, Huntsville

**Judicial Section
Annual Conference**
September 24-27, 1991
Galvez & Flagship Hotels, Galveston

**Texas Association for
Court Administration
Annual Conference**
Date to be Announced
Hotel to be Announced, Austin

Juvenile Justice Seminar
November 6-8, 1991
Hotel to be Announced, Austin

**Constitutional County Judges
Education Course**
November 19-22, 1991
Hotel to be Announced, Austin

Texas College for New Judges
December 8-13, 1991
University Hotel, Huntsville

New Judges

David Escobar
County Court at Law #4
El Paso
Succeeding D. Clark Hughes

Robert E. May
149th District Court
Angleton
Succeeding John D. Rainey

Pat McDowell
Presiding Judge
1st Admin. Judicial Region
Dallas
Succeeding Ron Chapman

Thomas A. Neely
46th District Court
Vernon
Succeeding Leslie L. Thomas

Martin Richter
County Court at Law #2
Dallas
Succeeding Glenn R. Snyder

Laura A. Weiser
County Court at Law #1
Victoria
Succeeding Jerry J. Garrett

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Judges Must Claim Exemption from MCLE Each Year

Each year the Minimum Continuing Legal Education Department of the State Bar of Texas, in administering the MCLE program, mails out annual reporting affidavits to all active Texas attorneys, and this, of course, includes all Texas judges. All Texas lawyers, including judges, are required to use this form to either report their continuing legal education hours to the State Bar or to claim exemption from the MCLE requirements. The easiest thing for a Texas judge to do is turn over the form, sign for the appropriate judicial exemption on the back, and return the form. Failure to return the form can result in a \$50.00 non-compliance fee being assessed.

The State Bar has been somewhat lenient in the past in assessing judges the \$50.00 non-compliance fee. However, after a presentation to and discussion with the Judicial Section Executive Committee, it was agreed that the rules would be applied across the board to both lawyers and judges. **Send in the form--it only takes about 30 seconds once a year.**

Please keep in mind that the recordkeeper for the continuing **judicial** education requirements of active Texas judges is the Texas Center for the Judiciary and that the MCLE reporting requirements are separate and distinct from the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

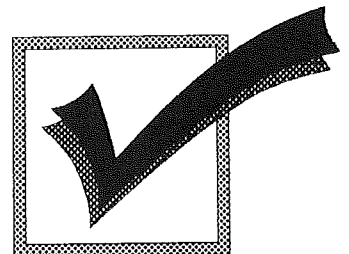
A Change of Venue for Criminal Justice Conference

The Board of Directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., based on the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee, voted to move the annual Criminal Justice Conference from Huntsville.

The decision to move the conference was based on the results of a survey mailed to all judges who are eligible to attend the conference. Six hundred nineteen (619) post cards were mailed and four hundred thirty-one (431) responses were received. Of the responses, 77.7% did not list Huntsville as their first choice. The largest number of those indicating a desire to move preferred Austin and the next choice was rotating between Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin and Houston.

The Board of Directors decided that the conference will be held in Austin on odd numbered years beginning in 1991, and in the even numbered years the conference will alternate between Houston and the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

In keeping with the results of the survey and the Board's directive, the 1991 Criminal Justice Conference will be held in Austin at the Wyndham Southpark Hotel, May 15-17, 1991.



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