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Regional Conference Programs Announced for 1991

A Texas version of Managing Trials Effectively, a widely acclaimed program developed by the Institute for Court Management in Denver, Colorado, will be presented for the trial judges at this year's regional judicial conferences.

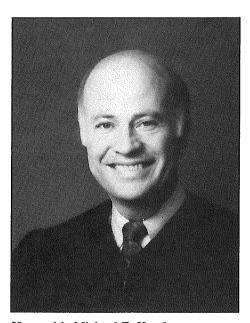
Michael Judge Keasler, who presides over the 292nd District Court in Dallas, is the new Dean of the Regional Conferences. He and a cadre of experienced trial judges who have attended the ICM seminar will constitute the faculty. They will teach, lead small group activities. facilitate and larger group discussions to make this a practical participatory workshop.

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trial judge portion of the conference will commence at about 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday and will finish at about noon on Friday.

Dean Keasler has arranged for a separate program for the appellate judges

--a writing seminar conducted by Mr. Bryan A. Garner who is the author of A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage and The Elements of Legal Style, both published by Oxford University Press. Mr. Garner is an adjunct professor at the law schools at Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas. This seminar for appellate judges will commence on Thursday morning and finish at noon on Friday.



Honorable Michael E. Keasler Dean, Regional Judicial Conferences

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Judicial Section Elects Officers

New officers and Executive Committee members of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, were elected during the annual business meeting held Thursday, September 27, 1990, in San Antonio. The Honorable Thomas H. Bacus, Judge of the County Court at Law #2 in Wichita Falls, and outgoing Section Chairman presided over the meeting.

Those elected were the following: Chairman-Judge Joe B. Evins, 206th District Court, Edinburg; Vice-Chairman-Justice Linda B. Thomas, 5th Court of Appeals, Dallas; and new Executive Committee members Judge Bill M. White, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin; Justice Marilyn Aboussie, 3rd Court of Appeals, Austin; Judge John R. McFall, 237th District Court, Lubbock; and Judge Marvellen W. Hicks, 231st District Court, Fort Worth. Judge Paul F. Ferguson, Senior District Judge, Houston, was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the Judicial Section.

Immediately upon adjournment of the Judicial Section business meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., began with the election of new board members. Elected were Justice Murry B. Cohen, 1st Court of Appeals, Houston; Judge Michael D. Schattman, 348th District Court, Fort Worth; and Judge Martin J. Chiuminatto, Jr., County Court at Law, Kingsville. Judge Raul Rivera, 228th District Court,

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Judge R. C. Vaughan Receives Award at Section Conference

Judge R. C. Vaughan of Sherman received the 1990 Outstanding Jurist Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. A plaque and a \$1,000 award were presented at the Judicial Section Annual Conference held in San Antonio in September.

Judge Vaughan was nominated for the honor by the Grayson County Bar Association for his many years of service to the judiciary. Berry Crowley, Chairman of the Texas Bar Foundation, presented Judge Vaughan with the award.

Judge Vaughan graduated from The University of Texas School of Law in 1938. He entered private practice in Sherman and was appointed assistant city attorney in Denison in 1939. Vaughan served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1946, after which he returned to the city attorney position in Denison.

In 1948, Vaughan was elected judge of the County Court at Law in Sherman and served on that bench until 1952, when he was elected judge of the 15th District Court. Judge Vaughan served as judge of that court for 32 years until his retirement in 1985.

Extremely active in his community, Judge Vaughan has served as president of the Sherman Kiwanis Club, the Sherman Community Players, and chairman of the Grayson County Commission of the Bicentennial of the United States Consititution. He was a charter member of the Juvenile Alternatives, Inc., of Grayson County, and was instrumental in the planning of the construction of the Grayson County Justice Center. These are to name but a few of the many activities in which Judge Vaughan has been involved. Judge Vaughan has been married to Ona Vaughan since 1941, and they have two sons and four grandchildren.



Texas Bar Foundation Chairman Berry Crowley and Judge R. C. Vaughan

Section and Texas Center Honor Outgoing Officers



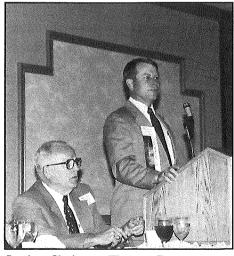
The outgoing members of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas and the Board of Directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., were honored during the Judicial Section Annual Conference in San Antonio, September 26, 1990.

Pictured are (l-r) Robert E. Raesz, Jr., Bastrop; George H. Hansard, Lamesa; Shearn Smith, Houston; Bill Logue, Waco; Joe B. Evins, Edinburg; Thomas H. Bacus, Wichita Falls; Jack Pierce, Nacogdoches; and Austin O. McCloud, Eastland. Outgoing Section Chairman Thomas H. Bacus presided over the lunch meeting during which the outgoing officers were presented with plaques for their service to the Judiciary.

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San Antonio, was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Texas Center.

Board members and Executive Committee members will serve three-year terms, with the exception of Judge Bill White who will fill the unexpired term of Judge M. P. Duncan, III.



Section Chairman Thomas Bacus presided over the business meeting in San Antonio. Looking on is Vice-Chairman Joe B. Evins.

NEW JUDGES....NEW JUDGES....NEW JUDGES

Amado Jose Abascal, III 365th District Court, Eagle Pass Succeeded Eugene David Stewart

Catherine H. Adamski 141st District Court, Fort Worth Succeeding Dixon W. Holman

Charles F. Baird Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin Succeeding David A. Berchelman, Jr.

Philip S. Barker County Criminal Court #6, Dallas Succeeding Berlaind Brashear

Dan R. Beck 155th District Court, La Grange Succeeding Oliver S. Kitzman

Richard P. Bianchi 333rd District Court, Houston Succeeding Davie L. Wilson

J. A. Bobo County Court at Law, Odessa Succeeding Carol Gregg

Wallace Bowman County Criminal Court #4, Fort Worth Succeeding Pete Perez

Dennis Wayne Bridewell 249th District Court, Cleburne Succeeding John R. MacLean

Spencer W. Brown County Court at Law, Kerrville Succeeding William L. Baskette, Jr.

William E. Burdock 371st District Court, Fort Worth Newly Created Court

Chap B. Cain, III County Court at Law, Liberty Succeeding L. J. Krueger

Brent A. Carr County Criminal Court #9, Fort Worth Newly Created Court Jimmy Carroll
Chief Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals,
Austin
Succeeding Bob Shannon

Fred R. Clark County Court at Law, New Braunfels Succeeding Ronald Prichard

Daryl R. Coffey County Criminal Court #8, Fort Worth Newly Created Court

John Cornyn, III Supreme Court of Texas, Austin Succeeding Franklin S. Spears

Thomas R. Culver, III 240th District Court, Richmond Succeeding Charles A. Dickerson

Bobby L. Cummings 10th Court of Appeals, Waco Succeeding Vic Hall

John K. Dietz 250th District Court, Austin Succeeding Will R. Wilson, Jr.

Robert D. Dinsmoor 120th District Court, El Paso Succeeding Brunson D. Moore

Cas Dunlap County Criminal Court #2, Dallas Succeeding John J. Orvis

Lupe Rivera Eggemeyer 168th District Court, El Paso Succeeding Jose E. Trouche

Benjamin Euresti 107th District Court, Brownsville Succeeding Gilberto Hinojosa

Wilford Flowers 147th District Court, Austin Succeeding Mace B. Thurman, Jr.

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Shay Gebhardt County Court at Law #3, San Antonio Succeeding Raymond A. Wietzel

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Pete F. Gilfeather County Criminal Court #10, Fort Worth Newly Created Court

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Gilberto Hinojosa 13th Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi Succeeding William H. Keys

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J. D. Langley 85th District Court, Bryan Succeeding W. T. McDonald, Jr.

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January 28-February 1, 1991 Plaza Hotel, Lubbock

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

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

Central Texas Judicial Conference March 20-22, 1991 Ramada 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 Southpark Hotel, Austin

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

Appellate Court Attorneys Institute September 11-13, 1991 Crest Hotel, Austin

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

Texas Association for Court Administration Annual Conference October 15-18, 1991 Radisson Plaza Hotel, 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

IN MEMORIAM

Judge T. Armour Ball

Judge T. Armour Ball of San Antonio died December 14, 1990. He was 63 years old. Ball attended the University of Texas at Austin where he received his B. A. in 1949 and his J.D. in 1950. He began the practice of law in 1950. Ball was appointed to the County Civil Court at Law in San Antonio in 1963 and subsequently elected to that bench in 1964, He served as judge of that court until 1990. Judge Ball was active in the National Council on Alcoholism in the San Antonio area and served as president of the organization.

Judge Robert H. Bean

Judge Robert H. Bean of Lubbock died March 26, 1990. He was 89 years old. Bean attended the University of Kansas and graduated from the University of Texas School of Law. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1924, and was in private practice with the firm of Klett and Bean. He served as county judge of Lubbock County from 1928 until 1930. In 1955 he was appointed Judge of the 140th District Court and served on that bench until 1970.

Chief Justice Tom F. Coleman

Chief Justice Tom F. Coleman of Houston died November 17, 1990. Coleman attended the University of Texas at Austin where he received his B. S. in 1934 and his LL.B. in 1937. He served as County Attorney of Angelina County from 1938 unti 1944. He served as Judge of the 151st District Court from 1955 until 1961. He then became a justice on the 1st Court of Appeals in Houston in 1966. In 1973, he became Chief Justice of the appeals court and served in that capacity until 1981.

Judge Howard C. Davison

Judge Howard C. Davison of Lubbock died December 3, 1990. He was 81 years old. Davison received his B.A. from Hardin-Simmons University in 1931. He served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1935 until 1939. Davison served as Judge of the 99th District Court from 1959 until 1975. While on the bench, Judge Davison served as Presiding Judge of the 9th Administrative Judicial Region from 1971 until 1975. Davison was Vice-Chairman of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Judge Ed Gossett

Judge Ed Gossett of Dallas died November 6, 1990. He was 88 years old. Gossett attended the University of Texas where he received his A.B. in 1924 and his LL.B. in 1927. He served as District Attorney for the 46th District from 1932 until 1936; Congressman from 1939 until 1951; and General Counsel for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Texas from 1951 until 1967. In 1968, Gossett became Judge of the Criminal District Court No. 5 in Dallas. He served on that bench until 1977.

Judge Thomas H. Routt

Judge Thomas H. Routt of Houston died January 3, 1991. He was 60 years old. Routt attended Prairie View University and Texas Southern University. He received his J.D. in 1961 from Texas Southern School of Law. After law school, he was assistant attorney general from 1965 until 1966, and later served as a municipal court judge and judge of the County Criminal Court at Law #6 in Houston. In 1977, Routt was appointed judge of the 208th District Court by then Governor Dolph Briscoe and served on that bench until his death.

Judge R. H. Stinson

Judge Robert H. Stinson of Cedar Hill died May 6, 1990. He was 66 years old. Stinson received his LL.B. from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1949. He practiced criminal law in Dallas from 1949 until 1964, and was assistant district attorney from 1964 until 1972. In the early 60's Stinson was a Dallas municipal judge. In 1972, he became

Judge of the Criminal District Court No. 3 and served on that bench until 1978.

Judge Kirby Vance

Judge Kirby Vance of Taylor died May 12, 1990. He was 81 years old. Vance received his B.A. and J. D. from the University of Texas and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1940. He practiced law in Austin from 1940 until 1941, in Llano in 1941, and in Taylor from 1946 until 1964. From 1964 until 1976, Vance was the District Judge of the 26th District Court in Georgetown. After serving on the district bench, Vance served as a visiting judge in various district courts until 1980.

Judge Sam Williams

Judge Sam Williams of Mt. Pleasant died June 1, 1990. He was 94 years old. Williams attended Cumberland University where he received his LL.B. in 1917. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1918. He served as County Attorney for Titus County from 1922 until 1925. In 1941, Williams became Judge of the 76th District Court and served as judge of that court until his retirement in 1956.

Judge D. B. Wood

Judge D. B. Wood of Dilley died November 10, 1990. He was 97 years old. Wood attended Cumberland University where he received his J.D. in 1920. He practiced law in Granger and served as city attorney from 1921 until 1929. From 1929 until 1931 he served as County Attorney of Georgetown, and Criminal District Attorney of Williamson County from 1931 until 1937. Wood was appointed judge of the 26th District Court in 1951, serving on the district bench until 1964. Judge Wood served as Regional Presiding Judge of the Third Administrative Judicial Region for three terms lasting from 1957 until 1970. He also served as Chairman of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas. Judge Wood was active in the judiciary until his retirement at the age of 86.

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Late Items of Interest:

Reporting of Judicial Education Hours

At the behest of the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Center is working with the State Bar of Texas to establish a single registry concept of reporting continuing education hours. The tentative plan is for all Texas lawyers and judges to use a standard SCANTRON form to report attendance to a single entity (the MCLE Department of the State Bar) and for that department's computer software/hardware to credit attendance, as appropriate, to the Texas Center for the Judiciary, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, the Texas Bar College, and/or Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Department.

We hope the plan will be operational in time for the Southeast Texas Judicial Conference in Huntsville in mid-February.

Benchbooks for Trial Judges to be Revised

The Board of Directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary decided on January 11, 1991, to combine the benchbook for district judges and the benchbook for statutory county judges into one Benchbook for Trial Judges. The new books may be ready by late summer.

Claims for Expenses by Judges for Legislative Business

The Executive Committee of the Judicial Section stated as policy on January 11, 1991, that expenses of judges who travel to Austin on legislative business will be paid by the Judicial Section Secretary-Treasurer only if those expenses have been approved previously by the Chairman of the Legislative Committee and the Chairman of the Judicial Section.

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