

## Friday, October 26, 2012

2:15 PM

### Cybercrimes

Computers are gifts which just seem to keep on giving when it comes to federal criminal prosecutions. This session will focus on federal computer and internet crimes such as hacking, identity theft, cyber-stalking, unauthorized password use, and fraud.

Ken Hawk, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Texas

3:00 PM

### Effective Advocacy at Sentencing

Panel discussion of sentencing trends and issues, and how to persuade the Court.

Judge Marcia Crone, Judge Richard Schell & Judge Zack Hawthorn; Malcolm Bales, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas & Pat Black, Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Texas

## Focus On General Civil Litigation

San Jacinto

10:45 AM

### Key EDTX Non-Patent Decisions of 2011-2012

A discussion and update regarding recently decided significant decisions from the Eastern District of Texas.

Sean Rommel; **Melissa Smith** & Michael Truncale

11:45 AM

### Re-Emerging Oil and Gas Litigation

Royalty and working interest disputes and contract cases

Dick Watt, Watt Beckworth

12:35 PM

### Joint Session Lunch

**Sponsored by:** Cooley LLP, King & Spalding LLP & Winston & Strawn LLP

**Remarks by Rusty Hardi**

1:30 PM

### Thinking Outside the Box

Developing and defending new causes of action when recovery options are shrinking

Kurt Kern & Todd Tracy

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### The East Texas Tool Box: What Seasoned Trial Lawyers Use to Persuade Jurors

Judge Robert Parker; Judge Judith Guthrie; George Chandler & Tom Melsheimer

3:00 PM

### Cognitive Biases; A Look at the Science of Persuasion

Stanley Curbo (Courtroom Sciences, Inc.)

4:00 - 4:30 PM

### Annual Meeting of ED Texas Bar Association

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Stop over for a Farewell Reception and Kick-off for 2013 ED Texas Bench/Bar Conference Planning,

Center for American & International Law, 5201 Democracy Drive, Plano, Directions (*One mile or less, South on Bishop toward Danielle Rd; rt onto Danielle; 1st Left onto Bishop; Take the 1st Left onto Tennyson Pk; Turn Right onto Democracy Dr, 5201 Democracy is on the right*), 972.244.3430, Mark Smith, VP, Host.