

22nd Annual

**Federal Civil
Practice Seminar**

Dallas, Texas
February 29, 2008

The Pavilion at the Belo Mansion
2101 Ross Ave.
Dallas, TX

MCLE Credit 7.5 hours
Including 1.75 hours of
Ethics/Professional Responsibility

Plus:
Opportunity to be Admitted to
The Northern District of Texas



Sponsored by the
Federal Bar Association, Dallas Chapter

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

DESCRIPTION:

This seminar is designed to acquaint the practitioner with the nuts and bolts of federal civil practice with an emphasis on practice in the Northern District of Texas and to provide an opportunity for admission to the Northern District of Texas.

ACCREDITATION:

It is anticipated that the seminar will be approved for 7.5 total participatory hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education by the State Bar of Texas, of which 1.75 hours will apply to the Ethics/Professional Responsibility requirement. The seminar is not sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association.

ADMISSION TO THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS:

Those intending to be admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas should make separate application to the Clerk of Court no later than February 20, 2008. Application forms are available on the internet at www.txnd.uscourts.gov or in the Clerk's Office, 214-753-2201. Each application must be thoroughly completed and notarized. Your check for the \$175 admission fee should be made payable to the "Clerk, U.S. District Court," (marked "Seminar" in the memo area) and should be mailed or brought to the Clerk's Office at the U.S. District Court, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 14A20, Dallas, Texas 75242, attention: Ms. Charlotte Braswell (FBA Seminar). The Clerk's Office will accept applications by mail for this seminar. Candidates for admission will be sworn in on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. You must be physically present to be sworn in. A copy of the Local Rules for the Northern District is available on the internet at www.txnd.uscourts.gov.

SEMINAR MATERIALS:

A notebook of written material and outlines of the seminar topics will be distributed to each person in attendance. Those individuals unable to attend may purchase seminar notebooks separately for \$125 as indicated by the registration form or by contacting an FBA officer.

REGISTRATION:

Please PREREGISTER IMMEDIATELY in order to reserve a seat. If application is being made both for FBA membership and the seminar, both application forms should be completed and returned. Seminar fees and membership dues may be made by credit card. **There will be a \$25 late fee for registration for applications and fees postmarked after February 20, 2008.**

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ABOUT THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

The professional organization for private and government lawyers and judges involved in federal practice, the FBA has offered an unmatched array of leadership opportunities and services for more than 75 years. The Dallas Chapter of the FBA has regular seminars and monthly luncheon meetings for the North Texas practitioner.

SEMINAR PROGRAM AND FACULTY

Friday, February 29, 2008
The Pavilion at the Belo Mansion

8:30 REGISTRATION
8:50-9:00 WELCOMING REMARKS
Thad Behrens, President

Morning Program

9:00-9:45 NEW RULES AND PRACTICES /
ELECTRONIC FILINGS
Karen Mitchell, Clerk
U. S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

9:45 - 10:45 THE NORTHERN DISTRICT LOCAL RULES
AND THE "LOCAL" LOCAL RULES
William Frank Carroll, Cox Smith Matthews
Incorporated

10:45-11:00 MORNING BREAK

11:00-11:45 SWEARING IN/OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL
COURT PRACTICE - The Honorable Sidney
Fitzwater, Chief Judge, United States District
Court, Northern District of Texas.

11:45-1:00 LUNCHEON (included with registration fee)
PANEL DISCUSSION: ROLE OF
MAGISTRATE JUDGE, includes Magistrate
Judges Irma C. Ramirez, Paul Stickney and
William F. Sanderson Jr.

Afternoon Program

1:00 - 1:45 FEDERAL APPELLATE PROCEDURE – Nina
Cortell, Haynes and Boone, LLP

1:45 - 2:30 CLOSING ARGUMENTS: TEN TOOLS OF
PERSUASION
Robert Manley, McKool Smith P.C.

2:30 - 3:15 FEDERAL COURT MOTION PRACTICE - Tod B.
Edel, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal,
L.L.P.

3:15 - 3:30 AFTERNOON BREAK

3:30 - 4:15 THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE: A MAP
TO THE MINEFIELD
Kimberly O'D. Thompson, McKool Smith P.C.

4:15 - 5:00 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY - Prof. Wm. J.
Bridge, SMU Dedman School of Law

5:00 Adjourn

REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail this Registration Form and Federal Bar Association Membership Application along with seminar and FBA membership fees to:

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, DALLAS CHAPTER
P.O. BOX 50572
DALLAS, TEXAS 75250

_____ \$150 Federal Bar Association Current Member or Full Time Government Attorney
_____ \$290 Non-member Federal Bar Association
_____ \$150 Seminar Registration with new Federal Bar Association Membership
(Return seminar registration form and completed membership application)
_____ \$_____ Applicable FBA membership fee (insert appropriate amount from attached membership application
for membership level sought)
_____ \$125 Federal Civil Practice Seminar Notebook Only
_____ \$25 Late Fee (**if postmarked after 2/20/08**)
_____ Total

YOUR NAME: _____

FIRM/AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Method of Payment: Check Payable to the "Federal Bar Association – Dallas Chapter" Visa MasterCard Diners Club

CARD NO.: _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

FBA MEMBERSHIP

Return This Application and Save on Your Registration

Membership Eligibility: FBA membership is open to any person admitted to the practice of law before a federal court or a court of record in any of the several states, commonwealths, territories, or possessions of the United States or in the District of Columbia, provided you are or have been an officer or employee of the United States of the District of Columbia, or you have a substantial interest to participate in the area of federal law. *Foreign Associate Status* is open to any person admitted to practice before a court or administrative tribunal of a county other than the United States of America. *Law Student Associate Status* is open to any law student not admitted to the practice of law before a federal court or a court of record in any of the several states, commonwealths, territories, or possession or the United States, or in the District of Columbia.

Please indicate if this application is for (check one): NEW or REINSTATED MEMBERSHIP

NAME AND TITLE: _____
(Please provide both your work and home addresses below; and indicate which is preferred.)

OFFICE ADDRESS: _____
 Agency/Firm: _____
 Street: _____ Suite: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 HOME ADDRESS: _____
 Street: _____ Suite: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS (check one): HOME OFFICE

Email Address: _____

First Bar Admission (state, court, date): _____

List agency of which you are a current or former federal employee or officer OR list name of federal court, agency or state court of record and date of admission to practice: _____

If applying for Foreign Associate Status, please list country in which you are licensed to practice and the name of the court or administrative tribunal before which you practice: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER: _____
 MEMBER OF ABA: YES or NO TYPE OF PRACTICE Private Corporate Military Government Retired

<u>MEMBERSHIP DUES</u>	<u>Private Sector</u>	<u>Public Sector</u>
<input type="radio"/> Member - Admitted to practice 0-5 years	\$75	\$60
<input type="radio"/> Member - Admitted to practice 6-10 years	\$125	\$100
<input type="radio"/> Member - Admitted to practice 11 years or more	\$150	\$115

_____ Dallas Chapter local dues (\$10)

DIVISION/SECTION DUES: If you wish to join one or more division(s) and/or section(s), please check the box next of the name(s) printed elsewhere on this form and enter the total amount for Division/Section Dues below:

\$_____ Amount of Division/Section Dues
 Add amounts for Annual Dues and Division/Section Dues below:
 \$_____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Method of Payment: Check payable to the "Federal Bar Association" Visa Master Card Diners Club
 CARD NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____
 SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

The applicant hereby applies for membership in the Federal Bar Association on the basis of eligibility described previously, and agrees to conform to its Constitution and Bylaws and to the rules and regulations prescribed by its National Council. *Note Contributions and dues to the FBA may be deductible by members under provisions of the IRS Code, such as an ordinary and necessary business expense, except 1.68% which is used for congressional lobbying and is not deductible. Your FBA dues include \$14 for a yearly subscription to the FBA's professional magazine.

For Admission Committee Use Only Application Accepted _____
 Date: _____ Signature: _____

FBA Division/Section Membership

Please check the area next to the name(s) of all divisions and/or sections you wish to join. Enter the total of the corresponding dollar amount for Division/Section Dues elsewhere on this form.

Divisions:			Substantive Law Sections		
_____	Federal Career Service (Must be past or present employee of the Federal Government)	N/C	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Law	\$15
_____	Judiciary (Must be past or present member or staff of a judiciary)	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternative Dispute Resolution	\$15
_____	Corporate and Associate Counsels (Past/present member of corporate/ association counsel's staff)	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Antitrust and Trade Regulation	\$15
_____	Senior Lawyers (Must be age 55 or over)	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bankruptcy Law	\$10
_____	Younger Lawyers (Must be age 36 or younger or admitted to practice less than 3 years)	N/C	<input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal Law	\$ 5
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources	\$15
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Litigation	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Institutions and the Economy	N/C
			<input type="checkbox"/>	General Counsels	N/C
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Contracts	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Law	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Immigration Law	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian Law	\$ 5
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Intellectual Property and Communications Law	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	International Law	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Labor and Employment Law	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	State and Local Government Relations	\$ 5
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Taxation	\$10
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation Law	\$15
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Law	\$10