

# THE SUBPOENA

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## Seminar to Update Attorneys On New Federal Sentencing Act

New federal sentencing guidelines may require an offender to serve virtually all of any prison sentence imposed, for it abolishes parole and forbids probation for many offenses for which probation is now frequently given.

These radically new sentencing procedures, created by a New Federal Sentencing Guidelines Act, will be the focus of a seminar sponsored by the San Antonio Bar Association and the U.S. District Committee Dec. 18.

In an effort to maintain the Supreme Court's standard for effective counsel among San Antonio attorneys, four speakers will give updated information and discuss the guidelines in presentations from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Commander's Room of Frost Bank.

These speakers include John Schmolesky, professor, St. Mary's University School of Law; Harvey Whitehill, U.S. Probation Officer; Richard Durkin, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Lucien

Campbell, U.S. Public Defender, West District of Texas.

All written materials of the speakers, as well as the *Federal Sentencing Guidelines* published by West Publishing Company, will be distributed.

The seminar has been approved for 3.75 hours of MCLE credit, and the cost will be \$40 per person.

Reservations can be made by sending your name, address, phone number, bar card number, firm name and a check payable to SABA to the San Antonio Bar Assoc., Bexar County Courthouse 5th floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205 before Dec. 18. Registration is limited to 150 persons.

Reservations should be cancelled for those who are unable to attend at least 24 hours in advance of the seminar.

Please note that Frost Bank does not allow any food or beverages to be brought into the Commander's Room. Thus, no refreshment will be served.

### St. Marys Courses Provide MCLE Credit

The State Bar of Texas Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Rules and Regulations permit up to 15 hours of credit for any course attended at an accredited law school *after* becoming an active member of the State Bar of Texas.

The School of Law, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, has arranged for a one semester hour registration for any course a member of the Bar desires to pursue. The tuition is \$292 per semester hour, and the member may choose to complete the course (as an audit student), without payment of additional tuition or cease attending when the required hours are completed.

Tentative course offerings for the spring semester include: 7:35 - 8:50

a.m., Tu-Th, Consumer Credit; 5:20-7:10 p.m., Monday, Workers Compensation & Securities Regulations; Tuesday, Estate Planning and Immigration & Naturalization; Wednesday, Trademarks and Unfair Competition and International Business Transactions.

Members of the Bar interested in receiving a copy of the spring semester schedule may contact Ms. Catherine Mery or Fran Robinson at 436-3424.

MCLE rules require 60 minutes of instruction for each MCLE credit hour. Since the law school class "hour" is 50 minutes, 18 classes must be attended for 15 hours of MCLE credit. However, success on an examination is not required for MCLE credit.