The procedural landscape of multidistrict litigation has been rapidly evolving and become a critical focal point of complex litigation. MDL cases have generated a vast array of procedural and administrative innovations aimed not only at efficient management of massive numbers of cases, but also forging new pathways to global settlements. The Eastern District of Louisiana has been the source of many of these innovations, offering pathmaking approaches to managing, administrating, and ultimately resolving some of the most complicated disputes in the nation. How have these innovations come to be, and what do they mean for the future of MDL in Louisiana and the nation? This Symposium will bring together leading federal judges, attorneys, and scholars to explore these questions.

Friday, March 22, 2013

8:00-8:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided)

8:30-8:45 a.m.  Welcome Address & Opening Remarks
Chancellor Jack Weiss
Professor Margaret Thomas

8:45-9:45 a.m.  Introduction to Multidistrict Litigation
Moderator: Professor Margaret Thomas
The Honorable Eldon Fallon
The Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt
The Honorable Stanwood Duval

9:50-10:50 a.m.  Selection of Lead Counsel
Moderator: The Honorable Lee Rosenthal
The Honorable Stanwood Duval
The Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt
Elizabeth Cabraser
Professor Francis McGovern

10:55-11:55 a.m.  Settlements & Attorney’s Fees
Moderator: Professor Francis McGovern
Elizabeth Cabraser
Calvin Fayard
Patrick Juneau
Professor Samuel Issacharoff
Teddy Rave

12:00-12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch Presentation
Compensating the Victims After the Deepwater Horizon Disaster
Professor Samuel Issacharoff
Teddy Rave

1:35-2:35 p.m. Reporting Time & Expense
Moderator: Professor Francis McGovern
Leonard Davis
Philip Garret

2:40-3:40 p.m. Common Benefit Fund
Moderator: Professor Francis McGovern
The Honorable Eldon Fallon
Jeremy Grabill
Allan Kanner

3:40-3:45 p.m. Closing Remarks
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