



# Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

## NEWSLETTER

### DRI / TDLA Amicus Brief

DRI and TDLA will prepare and file an amicus brief in the Tennessee Supreme Court in support of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee (BCBST). The issue—whether the discovery rule should toll the statute of limitations in breach-of-contract actions—is one of first impression in the Tennessee Supreme Court and important to defense lawyers and their clients. Thanks to **Buck Lewis** of Baker Donelson for agreeing to draft and file the brief for DRI/TDLA. Updated information will be posted on TDLA's website [www.tdla.net](http://www.tdla.net)

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# Upcoming CLE Events

**April 25-27, 2018 - DRI Construction Law Seminar-** Hilton Downtown Nashville

**June 21-24, 2018 - TDLA/ ADLA Joint Summer Seminar -** Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, AL

**October 17-21, 2018 - DRI Annual Meeting -** Marriott Grand Marquis, San Francisco, CA

## \*2018 TDLA FREE Webinars\*

**February 23, 2018 -** TDLA Professional Negligence & Healthcare section- Attorney **Chris Vrettos** of *Gideon, Cooper & Essary law firm* will present on more information from the oral argument on the constitutionality of 29-26-121(f) (defense ex parte communications with treaters in health care liability actions). One hour of TN CLE will be applied for. Register today [by clicking here.](#)

**April & August -** TDLA Tort Section webinars





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