



Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

NEWSLETTER

TDLA Trial School

One of the initiatives for TDLA this year is to create an exceptional Trial School for young Tennessee attorneys. TDLA President **Michael Mansfield** has been speaking to and gathering information from other State and Legal Defense Organizations (SLDOs) in our region to assist us with this project. We are tentatively looking at the dates of August 3 - 4, 2018 in Nashville for our first Trial School.

TDLA is seeking member volunteers to head up the committee for this endeavor. Specifically, we need seasoned attorneys who would like to volunteer their time to help create the program and recruit participants for the mock trial setting. Interested attorneys may contact Executive Director Mary Gadd by email office@tdla.net.

We would like to have the committee formed by April 13th so please contact us soon to confirm your commitment to this important initiative for our state.



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Welcome New Members

TDLA welcomes the following new member: **Ron Hill** with Egerton, McAfee, Armistead and Davis. TDLA Renewal invoices will be sent in June.

Upcoming CLE Events

April 2018- TDLA Tort Section webinar- TDLA's Tort section will be presenting a one hour FREE TN CLE webinar in April & August. More information will be coming soon!

April 25-27, 2018 - DRI Construction Law Seminar- Hilton Downtown, Nashville, TN - Risk managers, construction professionals, and attorneys will benefit from the educational and networking opportunities at the DRI Construction Law Seminar. This year's informative and current keynote topic is "Building a Framework of Inclusion: Diversity in Construction," which focuses on the trials of advancement within the industry in the face of an increasing labor shortage. Our exceptional faculty includes leading specialists who will share their expertise in the diagnosis and exclusion of brain-injured plaintiffs; the drafting of contractual liability limitations; and coverage triggers, tenders, and the right to independent counsel. We are fortunate this year to have an OSHA area director and leading speaker on the recent changes to the law under the current administration. Industry leaders from the plaintiffs' bar will speak to the newest claims, and recognized experts will offer opinions on the newest technology used to investigate losses. [Click here](#) for more information or go to DRI's website at www.dri.org

May 2018 - TDLA Young Lawyers Section webinar- TDLA Young Lawyer section member **Dylan Gillespie** with *Hickman, Goza and Spragins* will be presenting a one hour FREE TN CLE webinar for members in May. More information coming soon!

June 21-24, 2018 - TDLA/ ADLA Joint Summer Conference - Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL - Join TDLA this summer at the beach for a wonderful networking and CLE event with Alabama Defense Lawyers Association at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL! Agenda coming soon! **Hotel Information:** Room Rates begin at \$252 per night. Discounted rates apply for three days before and after the conference, based upon availability. *Rooms are expected to sell out early, reserve today.* Reserve a room online at www.perdidobeachresort.com, or by calling 800-634-8001 or 251-981-9811 with Group ID #13153. If you book online and one of the dates in your date range isn't available, you will not be able to complete the reservation. You can either adjust the dates in your room night search or call the hotel directly to make your reservation. The hotel is expected to sell out, please book early. Group ID#13153

July 19, 2018 - TDLA Labor & Employment/ Workers' Comp Section webinar- TDLA Member **Marcia McShane** with *Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete* will present a one hour Labor & Employment & Workers' Comp Section FREE CLE webinar! More information will be coming soon!

August 2018- TDLA Trial School - Seeking committee volunteers, contact Mary Gadd at office@tdla.net

August 2018 - TDLA Tort Section- TDLA's Tort section will be presenting a one hour FREE TN CLE webinar. More information will be coming soon!

October 3-5, 2018 - TDLA Annual Meeting - Join us in Chattanooga at the new downtown Westin hotel. Save the date and more hotel room information will be coming very soon!

October 2018 - TDLA Labor & Employment / Workers' Comp Section webinar- This section will present a FREE TN CLE webinar in October.



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