



**TDLA BOOTCAMP 2017**  
**Thursday September 21, 2017**  
**The Peabody Hotel**  
**Memphis, TN**

**12:30-1:30 Young Lawyers LUNCH**

**1:30-3:30pm Deposition Bootcamp: Expert Witnesses and Best Practices for Young Attorneys**

*(2 hours)*

Expert witnesses are crucial to cases and young lawyers may make mistakes ranging from inappropriate communication to improperly deposing them. The first hour of this two-part event features a panel discussion and Q&A with two experts providing practical tips and advice for young lawyers regarding communication, retention, and other best practices when consulting or hiring expert witnesses. These experts will also provide instruction regarding preparing for expert depositions, deposing experts, and the best methods to undermine the credibility of an opposing party's expert.

The second hour of this event features practical instruction to attendees on how to depose a liability expert by presenting mock depositions of experts. The depositions of these actual expert witnesses will be conducted by experienced trial lawyers demonstrating techniques on issues such as qualifying an expert, cross examining an expert, handling an expert who declines to commit to a position, and many other issues that arise during expert depositions. This practical portion of the presentation assumes a basic understanding of depositions in general and the TDLA will provide a fact pattern and "how-to" deposition materials to each attendee in advance of the presentation.

**Presenters:**

**Lindsay Long, Ph.D. – Exponent Engineering & Scientific Consulting**

Dr. Lindsay Long received her Ph.D. in Human Factors from Clemson University in 2013. Her research focuses on how humans perceive, move, and interact within their environments, and how the capabilities and limitations of human perception, cognition, and physiology impact their interactions, particularly with respect to safety and safety-related behaviors.

Dr. Long's expertise in understanding how humans perceive and use perceptual information applies to the detection of warnings and hazards, the use of training and safety information, the ability to perceive and navigate walking surfaces, the use of information while driving and operating machinery, and the perception of obstacles and pedestrians under darkness and limited

visibility conditions. She has analyzed human factors issues in product liability, medical malpractice, industrial accidents, slips/trips and falls, and transportation cases, among others. She is also a certified XL Tribometrist, allowing her to scientifically evaluate floor surface conditions relating to human slips, trips, and falls.

**David Cades, Ph.D. – Exponent Engineering & Scientific Consulting**

Dr. David Cades received his Ph.D. in Human Factors and Applied Cognition from George Mason University in 2011. He specializes in human factors investigations of aviation and vehicle operator behavior, including perception response time, visual perception, nighttime visibility, advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), and distractions.

Dr. Cades has expertise in the testing and analysis of how interruptions and distractions affect performance. He has investigated the negative effects of distractions in environments, including, but not limited to, driving, aviation, healthcare, offices, and classrooms. He has applied this knowledge to see how distractions can cause errors that lead to accidents. Dr. Cades has also investigated vehicle operator behavior of automobiles, commercial trucks, bicycles, motorcycles, and aircraft. He has evaluated the adequacy of warnings on products and in their manuals and he has applied his experience to projects involving safety- and health- related user behaviors of industrial equipment, kitchen appliances, video game entertainment systems, home theater products, and personal protective equipment.

**Lynn Vo Lawyer, Esq. – The Law Office of Gary R. Wilkinson, Nashville**

Lynn Vo Lawyer is a trial attorney with The Law Office of Gary R. Wilkinson, the Nationwide Trial Division Office in Nashville, Tennessee. She received her B.S. in Business Administration from UT Martin and her Masters in Business Administration and Juris Doctorate from Southern Illinois University in 2002. Lynn is licensed in both Kentucky and Tennessee. She is serving her second term on the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council and is a member of several organizations, including TDLA, DRI, LAW, NBA, and TBA.

**Michael Mansfield, Esq. – Rainey, Kizer, Reviere and Bell, Jackson**

Michael Mansfield is a partner at Rainey, Kizer, a firm he has been with since he received his law degree, with honors, from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in 1997. Since that time, he has focused his practice on defending insured and self-insured persons and entities in worker's compensation, trucking/automobile accidents and premises liability cases throughout the state. He also represents insurers in connection with coverage issues, including the investigation and denial of fraudulent claims, and with regard to coverage exclusions under commercial general liability and individual insurance policies. Michael was named a Super Lawyer and is AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

**3:30-4:00 BREAK**

## **4:00-5:00pm What I Wish I Knew Then: Experienced Attorneys Reflect on Life as a Young Associate**

*(1 hour)*

Senior associates and junior partners join together in a panel discussion to provide advice to young lawyers on navigating their complex and new-found roles as young associates. From practice tips to finding the best work-life balance, this discussion will help young associates learn to practice law in the most effective and efficient manner.

### **Presenters:**

#### **Rob Carden, Esq. – Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan, Chattanooga**

Rob has been practicing law since 2011 and has been at the Leitner Firm since 2014. He is a member of the Board of Directors for TDLA and is also a Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers Section. In his community, he is a Board Member for the Young Lawyers Division of the Chattanooga Bar Association, the Lookout Mountain Conservancy, and the Friends of Memorial Council.

#### **Hannah Lowe, Esq. – Trammell, Adkins & Ward, Knoxville**

Hannah Lowe joined Trammell, Adkins & Ward as an Associate in September 2011 after working as a clerk for Chancellor Walter Evans in Shelby County. Hannah's practice is focused primarily on representing insureds and insurance companies in a wide variety of litigation, including defense litigation involving automobile accidents, homeowners' claims, fire and casualty, premises liability, general liability, and insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.

#### **Cate Dugan, Esq. – Peterson White, Nashville**

Cate Dugan is the Managing Attorney of the Nashville office of Peterson White, LLP, and the Immediate Past President of TDLA. Cate's practice focuses primarily on representing employers and insurers in workers' compensation litigation in Middle and West Tennessee. She is also a frequent speaker/presenter at seminars and conferences across the state on workers' compensation and litigation topics.

#### **Jennifer Lankford, Esq. – Thompson Burton, Franklin**

Jennifer Lankford is an attorney with Thompson Burton PLLC, in Franklin, Tennessee, focusing her practice on employment law. Jennifer has been recognized among Super Lawyers - Rising Stars, within the employment law field and has extensive experience assisting businesses with issues unique to employment law disputes, including matters at the state and federal level involving discrimination, harassment, and wage and hour disputes.

#### **Kate Van Namen, Esq. – Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, Memphis**

Kate Van Namen is a member of Wyatt Tarrant & Comb's Litigation & Dispute Resolution Service Team. She concentrates her practice in the areas of general and commercial civil litigation. Ms. Van Namen has experience counseling and representing clients in pharmaceutical and medical device litigation, product liability defense cases, intellectual property matters, breach of contract suits, construction litigation, breach of fiduciary duty actions, business tort claims including lender liability, unfair competition, theft of trade secrets and fraud, and other complex litigation.

**W. Christopher Frulla, Esq. – Rainey, Kizer, Reviere and Bell, Memphis**

Chris joined Rainey, Kizer, Reviere and Bell, PLC as an associate after he graduated from the Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law at the University of Memphis in 2012. His practice focuses on personal injury defense, insurance coverage, and general insurance defense. His favorite area of the law is premises liability defense. Chris is the Memphis Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the TDLA.