



# Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

## *NEWSLETTER*

### TDLA Trial School Recap

The TDLA Trial School was a huge success! Thank you to the participants, volunteers and speakers who gave up their Friday and Saturday in January to meet and learn with defense attorneys from throughout the state! Trial School participants below L to R front row: **Paige Goodwin** (Rainey Kizer), **Gabi Jackson** (Manier & Herod), **Peyton Carr** (Manier & Herod), 2nd row: **Brady Allen** (Peterson White), **Colton Adams** (Meridian Law), Third Row: **Sam Bommarito** (Leitner Williams), **Anna Mills** (Leitner Williams), Back row: **Brendon Pashia** (Sutter O'Connell).

TDLA Trial School Class 2024





More Pictures from  
around the Trial School!





















# **3RD ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN LITIGATORS CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 1, 2024**

**HUTTON HOTEL | NASHVILLE, TN**

**"Find out who you are,  
and do it on purpose"**  
- Dolly Parton



Women litigators in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee are teaming up again to support, educate and advance women civil defense litigators at the 3rd Annual Southeastern Women Litigators Conference (SEWL) from February 29 – March 1 in Nashville, TN.

This year, we are taking inspiration from Nashville icon and country music legend Dolly Parton who once said, *"Find out who you are and do it on purpose"*. We will spend two half-days exploring ways to excel as female trial lawyers in an often male-dominated arena.

Room Block deadline is Friday February 2, 2024! Book today! See links under Events on our website. Registration information [by clicking here](#).

# TDLA Emerging Leaders Program

TDLA Immediate Past President Hannah Lowe is excited to launch the Emerging Leaders program. **Emerging Leaders is a Leadership Development Program whereby lawyers in our organization can have the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills and be recognized for their participation in various TDLA activities.** Anyone wishing to participate in the Emerging Leaders Program will be able to sign up using the link on the TDLA website. Each participant will receive a Progress Tracker, which will have space for each participant to mark when a task is complete.

The tasks are divided into two groups: Level 1 (more basic tasks), and Level 2 (more advanced tasks). When members complete 6/8 tasks in each level, they will be recognized as a TDLA Emerging Leader either Level 1 or Level 2 and receive recognition as a graduate of the TDLA Emerging Leaders Program at the TDLA Annual Meeting Awards Dinner, in the Newsletter and/or Journal, and on the TDLA website.

There will be no specific deadline for completion of the tasks on the list; however, if a member wishes to be recognized at the Annual Meeting, the Progress Tracker must be submitted (to [office@tdla.net](mailto:office@tdla.net)) by the end of the month before the annual meeting. Members who have already completed one or more task on the lists at the time of the Program Launch may mark the task complete with the completed date on the Progress Sheet.

Any members who have completed 6 of 8 tasks from either Level 1 or Level 2 by the time of the next TDLA Annual Meeting and submit their form by the end of the month before the meeting (TDLA's next annual meeting will be in October 2024) will be recognized as a graduate of the Emerging Leaders Program at the Annual Meeting. They will also receive recognition in the TDLA Newsletter and/or Journal, and on the TDLA website. We plan to dedicate at least one hour of the TDLA Young Lawyers Boot Camp at the Annual Meeting to leadership training as part of the Emerging Leaders Program.

TDLA is excited about identifying and working with our emerging leaders to help them to develop the leadership skills they need to thrive not just in our organization but in the legal profession generally.

Emerging Leaders Program Tracker - **PDF form:** [click here](#)

Emerging Leaders Program Tracker - **Online form:** [click here](#)



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