



# Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

## NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming TDLA Events

**July 31, 2019 - Labor & Employment/ Workers' Comp Committee Webinar** - Committee co-chair **Marcia McShane** with *Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete* will present this committee webinar in July - Ms. McShane will discuss the ever increasing interplay of WC and other employment laws, as well as the difficult position employment attorneys are placed in when asked to protect and advance ALL of the employer's interests during a WC claim. There are unreasonable limitations placed upon lawyers handling matters in the Court of WC Claims, and this is true regardless of whether the lawyer is handling non-WC employment matters directed related to the WC claim, while also defending the underlying claim itself. There also are serious ethical implications that arise when an insurance company retains an attorney to represent the employer, and then takes steps that could be viewed as attempting to manage that legal representation. Finally, the waiver of the attorney-client privilege also is an increasing problem for lawyers and their clients due to insurance companies' use of third-party auditing companies. These companies review the lawyer's detail billing entries, and doing so may result in the inadvertent waiver of the attorney-client privilege. Lawyers must fully inform their clients and obtain consent prior to permitting such a disclosure - This is a FREE Webinar for TDLA Members and is approved for one hour of General TN CLE. **To Register:** [Click Here](#)

**August 21, 2019 - Young Lawyers Committee Webinar** - TDLA Young lawyer **Taylor Payne** with *McClellan, Powers, Ehmling & Rogers* will discuss arbitration and separability. Arbitration clauses pop up in virtually every construction and consumer contract, and this webinar will focus on the enforceability of arbitration provisions in a contract. Registration coming soon!

**September 2019 - Labor & Employment/ Workers' Comp Committee Webinar** - Committee co-chair **Geoffrey Lindley** of *Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell* will present this webinar in September. Topic and time TBA!

**October & December, 2019 - DRI Speaker Mike Bassett** of the *Bassett Law Firm* in Dallas, TX will be presenting two webinars for TDLA later this year. One of the webinar topics is "*Six Things I Learned from Suing a Trucking Company*". This webinar is based on the unique perspective of a plaintiff's attorney who is now defense counsel. He has given this seminar to defense counsel nationwide with rave reviews and TDLA is happy to extend this webinar to our membership. He is planning another webinar in December with a possible topic on mediation.

**September 18-20, 2019 - TDLA Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner** - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! The TDLA Annual Meeting Committee has been hard at work procuring an excellent line up of speakers for our fall meeting September 18-20, 2019 at the Hyatt Place in downtown Knoxville. Dr. Jeff Hazlewood, Honorable Chief Judge Pamela Reeves, and Attorney General Slatery are just a few of our featured speakers at the conference! TDLA will apply for 6 hours general TN CLE with 1 hour of Ethics. Young Lawyers can earn up to 9 hours of CLE and an hour of Ethics. Plan to join us in East Tennessee for a wonderful networking and educational event!

**To view Agenda and Registration:** [click here](#)  
Hotel reservations may be made by [clicking here](#). Room block deadline is Friday August 30, 2019.

**October 16-19, 2019 - DRI Annual Meeting** - New Orleans, LA - TDLA Member **Peter Winterburn** will be presenting on a Healthcare topic on Wednesday during this meeting. Don't miss out on this amazing line up of speakers and networking events. Registration now open!



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