



Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

March 22-23, 2023 - Southeastern Women Litigators Conference - Sonesta Resort, Hilton Head, SC - Join women litigators from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee who are all learning to support, educate and advance women civil defense litigators. This one day seminar will combine speakers and panelists who will discuss developing leadership and career building skills with hot topics tailored specifically for women litigators. This conference takes place during the Hilton Head Wine & Food Festival. [Click here](#) for registration and hotel reservations. **Law firm sponsorships available!** See event page for more!

March 31, 2023 - NEXT GEN Training -Attorney Tom Shumate with *Meridian Law* will present the NEXT GEN Training Webinar for March. It will be presented on **Friday March 31 at Noon CST/ 1 pm EST**. The title is **"Strategies and Tips for Responding to the Complaint"**. When your client is sued, it is important to respond to the Complaint in a timely and strategic manner. This presentation will discuss the various ways to respond to the Complaint and when each method can be the most effective. We will discuss how to draft effective Answers to the Complaint and the importance of not waiving your affirmative defenses. We will discuss when and how to use Motions to Dismiss to increase your chances of obtaining a dismissal and streamlining the claims in the case. We will also discuss when to file a Motion for Judgment on the pleadings and how to remove a case to federal court. This course has been approved for one hour of General TN CLE. Zoom link will be circulated to registrants prior to the webinar. [Click here](#) to register!

June 15-18, 2023 - TDLA/ ADLA Joint Summer Conference - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Miramar, FL - More info to come on this annual conference with Alabama Defense Lawyers Association. [Click Here](#) for hotel information.

September 13-15, 2023 - TDLA Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner with Young Lawyer Boot Camp - Please save the date and join us at the newly renovated, and most visited state park in Tennessee this fall, for an excellent networking and educational event. September 13-15, 2023 at Fall Creek Falls State Park. See park brochure and hotel reservations on [the event link](#) on our website.

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