

Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

NEWSLETTER

TDLA Trial School 2023

TDLA hosted our annual Trial School on January 27-28, 2023 in Nashville at the DoubleTree Hotel Downtown and at the Davidson County Courthouse. Young Lawyers were encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to refine their litigation skills with Tennessee judges and seasoned TDLA attorneys working from a NITA problem.

This year, we had young lawyers represented from the law firms of Parkerson Santel Garner, Bass Berry & Sims, Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan, Rainey Kizer Reviere & Bell, Dix & Massey, and Hodges Doughty & Carson.

TDLA thanks Judge Don Ash and Chancellor Michael Mansfield for their participation in the 2023 TDLA Trial School as well as all of our volunteers and sponsors. The next Trial School will be scheduled for early 2024.



Pictured First row L to R: Grace Benitone, Mickala Lewis, Stefanie Bowen, Kyle Johnson, Cody Fox, Jake Taylor, Zack Yanez, and Jeremy Gunn

Upcoming TDLA Events

February 10, 2023 - NEXT GEN Training Webinar - TDLA member and seasoned attorney Lynn Lawyer with *Travelers* will present the first Next Gen webinar on the topics of *Client Interviews, Initial Case Analysis/ Assessment*. Conducting a thorough and effective client interview is integral to building a successful attorney-client relationship. The client interview sets the stage for all future interactions throughout the life of the case. Join us for a practical guide to establishing a relationship with your client from the onset and conducting client interviews to get all the information you need for your initial case analysis and assessment. The interactive webinar will begin at Noon CST/ 1pm EST and last for one hour. To Register: Click here

March 22-23, 2023 - Southeastern Women Litigators Conference - Sonesta Resort, Hilton Head, SC - Save the date and 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. TDLA Members Lynn Lawyer with *Travelers* and Christina Hadaway with *Hickman, Goza & Spragins* are serving as chairs for the Tennessee group this year. Click here for registration and hotel reservations. Law firm sponsorships available! See event page for more!

June 15-18, 2023 - TDLA/ ADLA Joint Summer Conference - Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Miramar, FL - Save the date and more info to come on this annual conference with Alabama Defense Lawyers Association.

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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