



Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

NEWSLETTER

TDLA/ ADLA Summer Meeting

TDLA hosted our Summer Meeting at the SanDestin Golf and Beach Resort this year on June 15-18, 2023 in conjunction with the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association Annual Meeting. Great educational and networking opportunities for our members. TDLA Young Lawyer member **Mickala Lewis** of *Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC* in Chattanooga served as conference chair for the Tennessee portion of the conference. Next year will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort! More to come!



TDLA President **Hannah Lowe** kicked off the conference alongside ADLA President Jonathan Hooks.

L to R: TDLA Board member **Kenny Veit**, Monica Veit, Michelle Fraser, TDLA member **Alyssa Minge** and Conference chair **Mickala Lewis**.



L to R: **Mickala Lewis**, **Steve Dix**, Gena Dix and **Hannah Lowe**.

TDLA member **Alyssa Minge** wins one of many conference prizes!



TDLA members **Alan Easterly** and **Mickala Lewis**.



TDLA Executive Director **Mary Gadd**, TDLA Past President **Kitty Boyte** and ADLA Executive Director **Jennifer Hayes**.

TDLA Happy Hour Scenes



TDLA held our Annual Happy Hour statewide event for members on June 29, 2023. Thanks to those of you who attended from Chattanooga, Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis and the Tri-Cities. This event is held for our civil defense members to network in a local casual setting. Thank you to our happy hour sponsor **S-E-A**, Cheers!

TDLA Upcoming Events

July 18, 2023 - Don't miss the next TDLA FREE one-hour CLE webinar sponsored by [Young & Associates](#) on Tuesday July 18, 2023 starting at 1pm EST/ Noon CST. **"Sunburned by Solar: Mixed Field of Opportunities"** will be presented by Jeremy Jones, JD, Director of Expert Services – YOUNG & Associates and David Olmstead, PE (Electrical Engineer) – YA Engineering Services. This solar panel presentation will cover product defect, construction defect, negligent maintenance, negligent installation, operator error/abuse, to name a few. **To Register:** [click here](#)

July 26, 2023 - TDLA's Next Gen Training continues with a free, one hour webinar on **"Dispositive Motions"** presented by TDLA President and attorney **Hannah Lowe** with *Farmers Insurance* on **Wednesday July 26 at 1pm EST/ Noon CST**. Dispositive motions are motions that dispose of one or more issues in the case. We will discuss the types of dispositive motions, including motions under TRCP 12/FRCP 12 and TRCP/FRCP 56, and how to determine which type of motion is appropriate for your case. We will discuss how to support your Motions for Summary Judgment in state court under TRCP 56 and in federal court under FRCP 56, including the types of documents and evidence that can be used in support. We will discuss tips and tricks for drafting successful dispositive motions. We will discuss how to make the record to support your MSJ, and tips for setting and preparing for oral arguments on dispositive motions. We will also address making the record for appeal if your MSJ is granted and ends up on appeal. **To Register:** [click here](#)

September 13-15, 2023 - TDLA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner - Fall Creek Falls State Park, Spencer, TN - Join us this fall for an educational and networking event at the recently renovated Fall Creek Falls State Park and Lodge. A beautiful, family-friendly setting with lakes, waterfalls, hiking and more at the most visited state park in Tennessee. Room rates will be \$145/ night + tax. TDLA will host six hours of CLE for members and up to nine hours for Young Lawyers!

Regular members: [click here](#) for more info and to register

Young Lawyer members: [click here](#) for more info and to register

TDLA Emerging Leaders Program

TDLA President Hannah Lowe is excited to launch the Emerging Leaders program on September 13, 2023. **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.** The program will launch at the TDLA Annual Meeting at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Spencer, TN on September 13-15, 2023. 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) 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](#)



2023 TDLA Awards Nomination Form

The Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association wishes to recognize the talent and achievements of our members by presenting the following two annual awards at the Fall Meeting's Awards Dinner event. Nominations are now being accepted. The **Deadline for nominations is August 25, 2023**. To be eligible for the awards, nominees must be members in good standing of TDLA.

DEFENSE LAWYER OF THE YEAR

To honor a TDLA member who has made significant contributions to TDLA, to the defense bar, and/or to the practice of law in Tennessee this year.

RISING STAR AWARD

To honor a TDLA member who has been practicing law 10 years or less and who has made significant contributions to TDLA, to the defense bar, and/or who has promoted the interests of young lawyers in Tennessee this year.

Nominee for

____ **Defense Lawyer of the Year**

or

____ **Rising Star Award**

Nominee Name: _____

Firm/Co.: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Nominated by: _____

Please explain the basis for the nomination (Feel free to attach additional sheets, as needed, including any additional materials you wish TDLA to consider):

Please submit completed nominations no later than August 25, 2023, by email to office@tdla.net (with subject line: Award Nominee) or by mail to TDLA, PO Box 282, Lookout Mountain, TN 37350. Please call Executive Director Mary Gadd (423-314-2285) with any questions.

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