



Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

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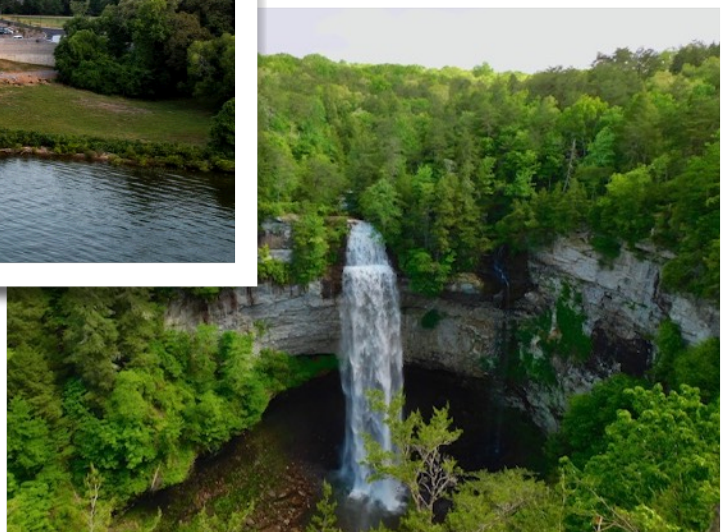
TDLA Annual Meeting 2023

The Board has rescheduled dates to announce for our TDLA Annual Meeting and Boot Camp.

The new dates will be **Wednesday November 29 through Friday December 1** at Fall Creek Falls in Spencer, TN. This is the week after Thanksgiving. At this time, we are reaching out to confirm speakers and program again, but will keep the same timeframes as seen in the Agenda.

The Board is planning to incorporate into the program a memorial for Nathan Shelby, our TDLA President-Elect, we lost suddenly earlier this month. More information to come on this event.

We hope to see you for a wonderful networking, educational and family-friendly event!



TDLA Leadership Conference

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 - TDLA “Past, Present, Future”

Leadership Retreat - Everyone is invited! Whether you are a current or past Board Member or Committee/Section Chair or are interested in becoming more involved in TDLA in the future, TDLA wants you! Join us at beautiful Fall Creek Falls State Park for our “Past, Present, Future” Leadership Conference and Retreat, where past, present, and future TDLA leadership will meet to brainstorm, share ideas, and conduct strategic planning for the future of our organization. We invite anyone who wishes to be involved in the Leadership Conference and Retreat, whether you have been active in TDLA in the past, are currently an active TDLA Board or Committee member, or wish to participate in TDLA in the future.

As part of this Leadership Conference, we will be launching our new Emerging Leaders Program, whereby young lawyers who participate in our organization can have the opportunity to learn and develop their leadership skills and be recognized for their participation in various TDLA activities. We will of course also be offering our usual 6 hours of CLE programming for regular members at the Annual Meeting, plus 3 hours of CLE programming for young lawyers in the annual Young Lawyers Boot Camp. We are also looking forward to spending some time outside together in the beautiful State Park, including a BBQ and Bluegrass Past Presidents Reception. We also have plans for a service project at the State Park. We hope you will join us for some or all of these activities.

Examples of topics to be discussed at the Leadership Conference and Retreat:

- Reviewing Sections and Committees
- Action Items and Ideas for Member Engagement
- Long Term Planning

TDLA Annual Meeting - Tentative AGENDA*

The Annual Meeting education committee is currently working to confirm speakers and agenda.

Wednesday November 29, 2023

12 PM - 1 PM: Leadership Lunch

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Leadership Conference and Retreat - all members invited!

4:00 PM: Exhibitor set up begins

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Reception honoring TDLA Past Presidents, Fall Creek Falls State Park

Hospitality suite opens at 9pm

Thursday November 30, 2023

7:00 AM – 7:30 AM: TDLA For Life - Outdoor Nature Walk

8:00 AM – 8:20 AM: Breakfast and Visit with Exhibitors

8:20 AM - 8:30 AM: Welcome and Announcements

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: TBA

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Introduction of Sponsors and Break

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: **Keys for Effective Mediations** – Warren McWhirter, Esq.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: **Bridging the Generational Gaps** – Steve Dix, Rachel Bishop and Mickala Lewis

12:00 PM – 12:40 PM: Lunch

12:40 PM – 2:00 PM: Free Time

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: TDLA Cares - Service Project with TN State Park Ranger

6:00 PM: Reception

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Awards Dinner

Hospitality Suite opens at 9pm

Young Lawyers Luncheon and Boot Camp - Thursday afternoon

Thursday, November 30, 2023

12 PM – 12:45 PM: Lunch and Leadership Discussion

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM: **Developing Skills and Relationships for Leadership** - TBA

1:45 PM – 2 PM: Break

2 PM – 3 PM: TDLA Cares

3 PM – 3:15 PM: Break; Return to Boot Camp

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM: **Preparing for Rule 30 Depos** – Chris Frulla

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM: **Taking Rule 30(b)(6) Depos** - TBA

6:00 PM: Reception and Awards Dinner

Friday, December 1, 2023

7:00 AM – 7:30 AM: TDLA For Life - Outdoor Nature Walk

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Breakfast and Visit with Exhibitors

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: **Down to the Bone: Anatomy for Lawyers** – TBA

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Introduction of Sponsors – Giveaways and Break/ Exhibitor Tear Down

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: **What You Need to Know About Third Party Litigation Funding** – Michael Goodin, Esq.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: **Comparing Steno, Digital and AI in Court Reporting** – Tri Star Court Reporting

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM: TDLA Member Meeting and Conference Ends

*Agenda subject to change

TDLA Annual Meeting 2023

Hotel Information:

If making your reservations outside our blocked dates (Nov 29-Dec 1), please call the hotel for assistance.

Room Rates: \$145/ night + tax

Steps to reserve rooms online:

1. Steps to reserve those rooms:
<https://guestrez.megasysrms.com/NWD42/fall-creek-falls-state-park/SearchCriteria/>
2. Enter in preferred dates and then click on 'special rates.' Type in 1648 as the group code.
3. It will pull up what is available for you to reserve online.

Steps to reserve the rooms via telephone:

1. Please call our Call Center at (888) 678-2757 and give them group code 1648.
2. Or please call the Lodge Front Desk at (423) 881-5241 and give them group code 1648.

Registration Fees:

Regular Member: \$450 - [Register online here](#)

Non-Members: \$550

Young Lawyer Members: \$75 (Boot Camp Only); \$175 (Entire Conference) - Register on the Young Lawyer Conference page - [click here](#) to be redirected.

Upcoming Events

DRI Annual Meeting - October 25-27, 2023 - San Antonio, TX - Don't miss the flagship event of the year for the civil defense community. This year's DRI Annual Meeting is all about connections, so join us in San Antonio and explore new ways to learn, connect, and engage with your DRI community! **To Learn More:** [Click Here](#)

NEXT GEN Webinar - October 19th, 1pm CST/ 2pm EST - **Motions in Limine, the Defense Lawyers Greatest Tool** - Our October Next Gen training webinar will be presented by **Dawn Carson** of *Hickman, Goza and Spragins* on **Thursday October 19th at 1pm CST/ 2pm EST**. She will present on Motions in Limine, the Defense Lawyers Greatest Tool. As defense lawyers we must be reactive to the filings and evidence presented by the plaintiff. Motions in Limine are a wonderful tool to prevent unnecessary and excludable evidence from the jury. Dawn Carson will provide you with information and tools that will assist you in identifying when Motions in Limine that may be helpful. One hour of general TN CLE credit is approved. Zoom link will be circulated to registrants prior to the webinar. **To Register:** [Click Here](#)

NEXT GEN Webinar - November 7th, 12pm CST/ 1pm EST - **Mediation Strategy: Those Who Get it, Get it Done** - Our November Next Gen training webinar will be presented by **Tommy Santel** of Parkerson, Santel and Garner and titled *Mediation Strategy: Those Who Get it, Get it Done*. Mediation is not about convincing the other side that you are "right." While one side of the case may be in a better position in litigation, or pre-litigation, it is important to remember that in order to settle a case at mediation, both sides still need to find common ground. Attorney Tommy Santel will share tips and strategies on what he has learned as a litigator and Rule 31 mediator on the most effective techniques to get a case across the finish line at mediation. This one hour Free CLE is part of TDLA's Next Gen Series of webinars. Approved for one hour of TN General CLE. Registrants will receive Zoom link prior to the webinar. **To Register:** [Click Here](#)

TDLA Emerging Leaders Program

TDLA President Hannah Lowe is excited to launch the Emerging Leaders program on November 29, 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 November 29 - December 1, 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](#)

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