

**TDLA Executive Committee** 

## **Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association**

# VEWSLETTER

#### TDLA Annual Meeting 2023 Recap

The Board was pleased to host our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner event at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill, TN this year. After a last minute change in venue due to drought in Fall Creek Falls, members and sponsors made the sudden change to Chapel Hill, TN where we were met with the best in hospitality. Thank you to those members and speakers who were able to make the guick change and a big shout out to sponsors for pivoting quickly as well! Congratulations to our new Board appointments and 2023 award winners!





The TDLA Board is made up of the Executive Committee: President, President-Elect, Secretary/ Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The Board is also made up of Director I and Divisional Directors. The officers of this association shall be a President, a President-Elect, three (3) Director I's (elected from the membership at large rather than as representatives of any specific geographical areas), Secretary/ Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The Divisional Directors consist of one (1) member from each of the three Federal Judicial Districts of Tennessee as constituted on July 1, 1965, who shall be elected by the association at the Annual Meeting for alternating terms of three (3) years each, except that initially one Director from each district shall be elected one year and one Director from the second district shall be elected for two years, and one Director from the third district for three years and upon expiration of said initial terms of one and two years, their successors shall thereafter be elected for terms of three years. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors to serve the unexpired term, or until a successor is elected at the next Annual Meeting of the association at which he/she is elected. The DRI State rep for TN is also a voting member. Full TDLA by-laws may be circulated to a TDLA member upon request.





# TDLA Award Winners 2023

Christina Hadaway Rising Star









Nathan E. Shelby Emerging Leaders Award Recipient A.J. Parker



More Pictures from around the conference!







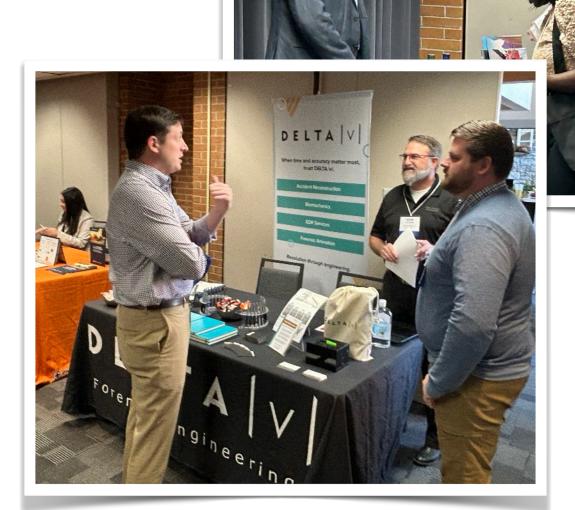


























### TDLA Emerging Leaders Program

TDLA Immediate Past President Hannah Lowe is excited to launch the Emerging Leaders program. 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. 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 <a href="mailto:office@tdla.net">office@tdla.net</a>) 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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