



# Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

## *NEWSLETTER*

### DRI Regional Meeting

TDLA leadership recently attended a DRI Regional Meeting in New Orleans. The DRI Southern region attended which is made up of Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky as well as the DRI Mid-Atlantic (NC, SC, VA, MD, DC) and DRI Southwest (TX, LA, AR, OK, NM) Regions.

The group had engaging discussions on member recruitment, retention and reinstatement and giving meaningful value to our members. We gathered a lot of information in a short amount of time to bring back to our Tennessee association, hoping to make it one of the best in the region.

If you have suggestions of how TDLA can be even better, please do not hesitate to reach out to our leadership at anytime.



Pictured L to R above: **Michael Haynie** (TDLA Treasurer/ Secretary), **Mary Gadd** (TDLA Executive Director), **Hannah Lowe** (TDLA President), **Cate Dugan** (DRI Regional Director), **Lynn Lawyer** (DRI State Representative) *Not pictured* **Nathan Shelby** (TDLA President-Elect)

# *TDLA Events*

**May 9, 2023 \*\*Rescheduled webinar\*\*** (*previous date was April 24*) - **NEXT GEN Training Webinar - Written Discovery:** The NEXT GEN training webinar will take place now next Tuesday May 9th at Noon CST/ 1pm EST. Attorney **Kitty Boyte** with *Peterson White* will present on **Written Discovery - Answering It and Drafting It.**

Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents are the standard in every litigated file. Are they overused or underutilized? Should they be “standard” or tailored to the facts of the case? What information do we want to provide in responding to written discovery propounded on our client and how can we keep some information to ourselves? Let’s look at the reason for submitting written discovery and what we want to accomplish by doing so. Objectives: (1) determine whether and why written discovery is needed and/or helpful in a file, (2) determine what information is being sought, and the most efficient way to obtain it, (3) determine how to carefully respond to written discovery so as to act ethically but not give away everything we know about the case. This webinar is approved for one hour of General TN CLE. Zoom link will be circulated to registrants prior to the webinar.

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**May 17, 2023** - Join us for the NEXT GEN Training webinar for May discussing "**Party Depositions**" with **Steve Dix** with *Dix and Massey* in Murfreesboro. This webinar will be held Wednesday **May 17th at 1pm EST/ Noon CST.**

Steve Dix will discuss the logistics of a deposition, who will you be deposing, preparing your client, preparing your questions for the other party and your strategy. Please join us for this informative webinar with a seasoned Tennessee defense trial lawyer. We hope you will attend with questions for him! This is a great way for young lawyers to learn in a safe and non-intimidating environment.

TDLA will apply for one hour of General TN CLE. Webinar zoom link will be emailed prior to the webinar.

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# *TDLA Events*

**June 1, 2023 \*\*Rescheduled webinar\*\*** (*previous date was May 25*) - **Health Care Liability Case Update Webinar** - TDLA member and Professional Negligence/ Health Care Law Committee co-chair **Chris Vrettos** with *Cumberland Litigation, PLLC* in Brentwood, TN will present the next TDLA Free webinar which will now take place **Thursday, June 1 at 1pm EST/ Noon CST**. He will discuss recent health care liability appellate opinions, as well as cases in which opinions are expected shortly. Issues addressed will include discovery of surveillance video, the locality rule (it's not dead yet) and discovery of expert files.

TDLA will apply for one hour of General TN CLE. Webinar Zoom link will be provided to registrants prior to the webinar.

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**June 7, 2023 - "The Power of Audio, Video, and Image Evidence: How to Use It to Your Advantage"** will take place **Wednesday, June 7th at Noon CST/ 1pm EST** and is sponsored by **Principle Forensics** entitled .

Our speaker will be **Nick Barreiro**, BAC, AVFA, DIVRT, Certified Audio Video Forensic Analyst and the founder of [Principle Forensics](#). During this presentation, attorneys will learn how to maximize the impact of recorded evidence in court, avoid common mistakes, properly handle recorded evidence, and use it to your advantage. Mr. Barreiro will cover the basics of audio, video, and image forensics, and answer common questions about authenticity, tamper detection, enhancement, photogrammetry, best practices, and demonstrative exhibits. Real-world case studies will be used to illustrate and emphasize many of the topics covered.

TDLA will apply for one hour of general TN CLE. Zoom link will be provided prior to the webinar.

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**June 15-18, 2023 - TDLA Joint Summer Conference with ADLA -** Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Miramar, FL - Keynote speaker is **Dr. Marissa Beyers**, CEO and Senior Jury Consultant with Trial Behavior Consulting. She is a social psychologist recognized for her expertise in developing winning strategies, including in jury selection, pre-trial research, witness preparation, courtroom communications and graphics. Activity highlights include an ADLA/ TDLA Golf Tournament, a Whiskey and Wine Tasting, YLS Mixer and Luncheon, Women in the Law Lunch and Reception, along with many children's activities.

Registration Link can be seen through ADLA's website: [Click Here](#)

TDLA Agenda: [Click Here](#)

**TDLA / ADLA Hotel Room Block Reservation Information Group**  
**Code: 24E78L**

**Book Online:** <https://www.sandestin.com/AL/TN Def. Lawyers 24E78L>  
**1-800-320-8115 \*\*Room Block deadline May 15th\*\***

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**September 13-15, 2023 - TDLA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner -** Fall Creek Falls State Park, Spencer, TN - Save the date and join us in the fall of 2023 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. Bring the family and enjoy this state park this coming fall 2023. Room rates will be \$145/ night + tax. More information on reserving your hotel room may be seen [by clicking here.](#)

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