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WINTER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

HELD JOINTLY WITH LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL

❄️ 2023 ❄️

January 25 - 29, 2023



STEAMBOAT GRAND
HOTEL & SPA
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO

❄️ 2023 TADC WINTER SEMINAR ❄️
January 25-29, 2023 | Steamboat Springs, Colorado

**Program Co-Chairs: Gayla Corley, MehaffyWeber PC, San Antonio
Mitchell Smith, Germer PLLC, Beaumont/Houston**

CLE Approved for: 9 hours including 2.25 hours ethics

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

6:00 – 8:00pm TADC Welcome Reception

Thursday, January 26, 2023

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:15-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Doug Rees, TADC President
Cooper & Scully, P.C., Dallas
Gayla Corley, MehaffyWeber PC, San Antonio,
Program Co-Chair
Mitchell Smith, Germer PLLC, Beaumont/
Houston, Program Co-Chair

7:30-8:15am *CONDUCTING AN EMPLOYMENT LAW/
DISCRIMINATION INVESTIGATION*
Jim Hunter, Royston Rayzor PC, Brownsville

8:15-8:45am *A LITTLE ETHICS, A LITTLE EVIDENCE AND A
LITTLE PROCEDURE – ONE MORE TIME*
(.5 hrs ethics)
Christy Amuny, Germer PLLC, Beaumont

8:45-9:15am *SURVEY OF POST-COVID JURY VERDICTS*
Warren Wise, MehaffyWeber PC, Beaumont

9:15-9:45am *TRIAL TACTICS-TRIAL LAWYER OPTICS*
Daniel H. Hernandez, Ray Pena McChristian,
P.C., El Paso

9:45-10:30am *ANATOMY/AUTOPSY OF A JURY TRIAL*
Clayton Haley, Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith,
L.L.P., Nacogdoches

Friday, January 27, 2023

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:15-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Doug Rees, TADC President
Gayla Corley, Program Co-Chair
Mitchell Smith, Program Co-Chair

7:30-8:15am *A VIEW FROM THE BENCH (.5 hrs ethics)*
Honorable Dee Johnson, 47th District Court,
Potter and Randall Counties

8:15-9:15am *JURY CHARGES/CHARGE CONFERENCE*
(.5 hrs ethics)
Mike Bassett, The Bassett Firm, Dallas

9:15-10:00am *ANTI-INDEMNITY PROBLEMS*
Kristi Kautz, Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas,
LLP, Dallas

10:00-10:30am *LESSONS FROM A YOUNG LAWYER'S FIRST
CIVIL TRIAL* (.25 hrs ethics)
Uzochukwu Okonkwo, MehaffyWeber PC,
San Antonio

Saturday, February 2 2023

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:15-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Doug Rees, TADC President
Gayla Corley, Program Co-Chair
Mitchell Smith, Program Co-Chair

7:30-8:00am *MEDIATION TIPS AND TRICKS*
David Brenner, Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner
L.L.P., Austin

8:00-8:45am *LITIGATION OF CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS
FROM AN EXPERT POINT OF VIEW*
Kirk Wolf, P.E., SEA, Ltd., Houston

8:45-9:15am *HOW TO OBTAIN K&L AUTO CRUSHERS
DISCOVERY FROM PLAINTIFFS' PROVIDERS
AND THE RESURGENCE OF THE FAILURE TO
MITIGATE DEFENSE*
Valerie Lewis, Germer PLLC, Houston

9:15-9:45am *DIVERSITY IN YOUR PRACTICE (.5 hrs ethics)*
Ignacio Mendoza, Gault, Nye & Quintana,
McAllen

9:45-10:30am *DEFEATING THE REPTILE – REPTILE THEORY
IS ALIVE AND WELL*
Sarah Nicolas, Ramon, Worthington, Nicolas &
Cantu PLLC, Austin

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Depart for Texas

2023 TADC Winter Seminar

January 25-29, 2023 | Steamboat Grand | Steamboat Springs, CO

2300 Mt. Werner Circle - Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

Pricing & Registration Options

Registration fees include Wednesday evening through Saturday group activities, including the Wednesday evening welcome reception, all breakfasts, CLE Program each day and related expenses and hospitality room.

Registration for Member Only (one person) \$675.00

Registration for Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) \$850.00

Children's Registration

Registration fee for children includes Wednesday evening welcome reception, Thursday, Friday & Saturday breakfast

Children Age 12 and Older \$120.00 Children under 6 – no charge

Children Age 6-11 \$80.00

Spouse/Guest CLE Credit

If your spouse/guest is also an attorney and would like to attend the Winter Seminar for CLE credit, there is an additional charge to cover written materials, meeting materials, and coffee breaks.

Spouse/Guest CLE credit for Winter Meeting \$75.00

Hotel Reservation Information

For hotel reservations, CONTACT THE STEAMBOAT GRAND DIRECTLY AT 877-269-2628 and reference the TADC Winter Seminar. The TADC has secured a block of rooms at an EXTREMELY reasonable rate. It is IMPORTANT that you make your reservations as soon as possible as the room block will fill quickly. Any room requests after the deadline date, or after the room block is filled, will be on a wait list basis.

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 23, 2022

TADC Refund Policy Information

Registration Fees will be refunded ONLY if a written cancellation notice is received at least SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR (JANUARY 16, 2023) to the meeting date. A \$75.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE will be deducted from any refund. Any cancellation made after January 16, 2023 IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

2023 TADC WINTER SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM
January 25-29, 2023

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CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES TO CALCULATE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE:

☐ \$ 675.00 Member ONLY (One Person) ☐ \$ 120.00 Children 12 & Older _____
☐ \$ 875.00 Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) ☐ \$ 80.00 Children 6-11 _____
☐ \$ 75.00 Spouse/Guest CLE Credit
☐ \$ (no charge) CLE for a State OTHER than Texas - a certificate of attendance will be sent to you following the meeting

TOTAL Registration Fee Enclosed \$_____

NAME:_____ **FOR NAME TAG:**_____

FIRM:_____ **OFFICE PHONE:**_____

ADDRESS:_____ **CITY:**_____ **ZIP:**_____

SPOUSE/GUEST (IF ATTENDING) FOR NAME TAG:_____

☐ Check if your spouse/guest is a TADC member

CHILDREN'S NAME TAGS:_____

EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

In order to ensure that we have adequate materials available for all registrants, it is suggested that meeting registrations be submitted to TADC by December 23, 2022. This coincides with the deadline set by the hotel for accommodations.

PAYMENT METHOD:

A CHECK in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed with this form.

MAKE PAYABLE & MAIL THIS FORM TO: TADC, P.O. Box 92468, Austin, TX 78709 OR register online at www.tadc.org

CHARGE TO: (circle one) Visa Mastercard American Express

Card Number

Expiration Date

Cardholder Name (please print) _____ **Signature**_____

(For TADC Office Use Only)

Date Received_____ Payment-Check#_____ (F or I) Amount_____ ID#_____

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