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**TADC**  
*Calendar of Events*



**June 20-21, 2025**

**2025 TADC “Catch A Wave” Seminar**

Margaritaville Resort, South Padre Island, Texas



**July 16-20, 2025**

**2025 TADC Summer Meeting**

The Grand Hyatt, Vail, Colorado



**September 17-21, 2025**

**2025 TADC Annual Meeting**

Hotel Emma, San Antonio, Texas

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**TADC**

**2025 SPRING MEETING**



**April 23-27, 2025 | The Brown Hotel**

*Louisville, Kentucky*



# TADC 2025 SPRING MEETING

Louisville, Kentucky ~ April 23-27, 2025

Christy Amuny, Germer PLLC, Beaumont & Amy Stewart, Stewart Law Group PLLC, Dallas – Program Co-Chairs

CLE Approved for: 11.0 hours, including 1.5 hours ethics

## Wednesday, April 23, 2025

6pm – 8pm Welcome Reception

## Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:00 – 9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:30 – 7:45am Welcome & Announcements  
**Mike Shipman**, TADC President  
**Christy Amuny & Amy Stewart**, Program Co-Chairs

7:45 – 8:15am *OVER THE ROAD: RULES AND REGULATIONS AND WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT ON A TRUCK*  
**Joshua Park**, SEA, Dallas

8:15 – 8:45am *JUST BECAUSE YOU DID IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE NEGLIGENT: DEFENDANT & CRAFTING A RECORD FOR APPEAL IN CLEAR LIABILITY CASES*  
**Catrina Guerrero**, Nye Law Office, PLLC, Corpus Christi

8:45 – 9:30am *THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PREPARING THE DIFFICULT WITNESS (.25 hours ethics)*  
**Slater Elza**, Underwood Law, Amarillo

9:30 – 10:15am *NOT YOUR AVERAGE AI TALK – SIMPLE STEPS TO LEVERAGE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN YOUR LAW PRACTICE (.25 hours ethics)*  
**Robert Booth**, Mills Shirley L.L.P., Galveston

10:15 – 10:30am B R E A K

10:30 – 11:15am *THE ROAD TO REVERSAL: TIPS FOR PRESERVATION OF ERROR IN TEXAS COURTS*  
**Amy Prueger**, Clark Hill PLC, Austin

11:15 – 12:00pm *EXPERT BATTLES: RETAINING, DESIGNATING, CHALLENGING AND DEFENDING*  
**Kristi Kautz**, Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP, Dallas

12:00-1:30pm *LUNCHEON SPEAKER: THE LAW AND LAWLESSNESS OF BOURBON*  
**Brian Haara**, Fultz Maddox Dickens PLC, Louisville, KY

1:30– 2:15pm *BUSINESS COURTS UPDATE*  
**Jerry Bullard**, Texas Business Court, Eighth Division, Fort Worth

2:15-2:45pm *LIQUOR LIABILITY AND THE DRAM SHOP ACT*  
**Sean Swords**, Chamberlain McHaney, Austin

Thursday Afternoon Free to Enjoy Louisville!

## Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 – 9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:15 – 7:30am Welcome & Announcements  
**Mike Shipman**, TADC President  
**Christy Amuny & Amy Stewart**, Program Co-Chairs

7:30 – 8:15am *THE NEW RULES OF THE GAME: EFFECTS OF THE 2021 AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXAS RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE*  
**Stew Schmella**, Lanza Law Firm, PC, Bellaire

8:15 – 8:45am *LEGAL MALPRACTICE AND ETHICS UPDATE*  
**Sarah Nicolas**, Ramon Worthington Nicolas & Cantu, P.L.L.C., Bee Cave

8:45 – 9:45am *THE 3-MINUTE RULE FOR LAWYERS: A NEW WAY TO TRY CASES (.25 hours ethics)*  
**Chris Martin**, Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., Houston (.25 ethics)

9:45- 10:30am *NONECONOMIC DAMAGES AFTER GREGORY V. CHOHAN: A BRAVE NEW WORLD*  
**Rob Ford**, Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP, Houston

10:30 – 10:45am B R E A K

10:45 – 11:45am *LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (.5 hours ethics)*  
**Jerry Bullard**, Texas Business Court, Eighth Division, Fort Worth  
**David Chamberlain**, Chamberlain McHaney, Austin

11:45am- 12:15pm *INSURANCE 101 (.25 hours ethics)*  
**Greg Wilkins**, Wilkins | Gire, Beaumont

12:15-12:45pm *CHAPTER 95*  
**Emily Gearhart**, MehaffyWeber, PC, San Antonio

Friday Afternoon & Evening Free to Enjoy Louisville!

## Saturday, April 26, 2025

7:00 – 9:00am Buffet Breakfast

Saturday Afternoon & Evening Free to Enjoy Louisville!

## Sunday, April 27, 2025

Depart for Texas

# 2025 TADC Spring Meeting

April 23-27, 2025 – The Brown Hotel ~ Louisville, Kentucky

335 W. Broadway Street, Louisville, KY 40202

## Pricing & Registration Options

Registration fees include Wednesday through Saturday group activities, including the Wednesday evening welcome reception, all breakfasts, CLE Program each day and related expenses. If you would like CLE credit for a state other than Texas, check the box below.

Registration for Member Only (one person) \$925.00  
Registration for Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) \$1,225.00

## Spouse/Guest CLE Credit

If your spouse/guest is also an attorney and would like to attend the Spring Meeting for CLE credit, there is an additional charge to cover meeting expense.

Spouse/Guest CLE credit for Spring Meeting \$75.00

## Hotel Reservation Information

For hotel reservations, CONTACT THE BROWN HOTEL DIRECTLY AT 888-888-5252 and reference the TADC 2025 Spring Meeting. The TADC has secured a block of rooms at a FANTASTIC rate starting at \$194 per night. It is IMPORTANT that you make your reservation as soon as possible as the room block will sell out. Any room requests after the deadline date, or after the room block is filled, will be on a space available basis.

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 28, 2025

## TADC Refund Policy Information

Registration Fees will be refunded ONLY if a written cancellation notice is received at least TEN (10) business days prior (APRIL 9, 2025) to the meeting date. A \$75.00 Administrative Fee will be deducted from any refund. Any cancellation made after APRIL 9, 2025 IS NON-REFUNDABLE

## 2025 TADC SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

April 23-27, 2025

Hotel Reservations - contact the Brown Hotel DIRECTLY at 888-888-5252

CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES TO CALCULATE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$ 925.00 Member ONLY (One Person)
- \$ 1225.00 Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people)
- \$ 75.00 Spouse/Guest CLE Credit
- (no charge) Certificate of Attendance for a state OTHER than Texas

TOTAL Registration Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST (IF ATTENDING) FOR NAME TAG: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if your spouse/guest is a TADC member

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

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