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**GRAND HYATT VAIL RESORT & SPA
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TADC 2025 SUMMER SEMINAR

GRAND HYATT VAIL RESORT & SPA ~ VAIL, COLORADO ~ JULY 16-20, 2025

*Gayla Corley, MehaffyWeber, PC, San Antonio &
Stephen B. Edmundson, Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., Houston Co-Chairs*

CLE Approved for: 10.25 hours, including 2.0 hours ethics

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

6pm – 8pm TADC Welcome Reception

Thursday, July 17, 2025

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:30-7:45am Welcome & Announcements
Mike Shipman, TADC President
Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP, Dallas
Gayla Corley, Program Co-Chair MehaffyWeber, PC, San Antonio
Stephen B. Edmundson, Program Co-Chair Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., Houston

7:45-8:15am *ELEVATED EXPRESSION: MODERN LEGAL WRITING TOOLS*
Justice Alex Yarbrough, 7th Court of Appeals, Amarillo

8:15-9:15am *SLIPPERY SLOPES & SOLID GROUND: ETHICAL USE OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS (1.0 ethics)*
Kevin M. Pipkins, Pipkins Investigations, Houston

9:15-10:00am *MOUNTAINS OF MONEY: DEFENDING AGAINST FUNDED CARE IN PERSONAL INJURY CASES*
Rey Flores, Ahmad, Zavitsanos & Mensing PC, Houston

10:00-10:15am B R E A K

10:15-10:50am *FLY FISHING FOR LITIGATORS: GENERAL ADVOCACY SKILLS & PRINCIPLES*
Kendyl T. Hanks, Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., Austin

10:50-11:30am *VERDICT VISTA: A PANORAMIC VIEW OF TEXAS JURY TRENDS*
Warren Wise, MehaffyWeber, PC, Beaumont

11:30-12 Noon *FROM TRAIL MARKERS TO TEXTS: CHARTING CELL DATA IN DISCOVERY DISPUTES*
Greg D. Perez, McCoy Leavitt Laskey LLC, San Antonio

12:00-1:30pm *THIN AIR, THICK AWARDS: NUCLEAR VERDICTS AND THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE’S RESPONSE (.5 ethics)*
Elizabeth “Heidi” G. Bloch, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Austin,
Justice Dale Wainwright, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Austin
David L. Brenner, Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner, L.L.P., Austin

1:30-2:15pm *RISK ON THE RIDGE: INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE IN COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS*
Julia E. Bobbit, Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, Houston

Afternoon Free to Enjoy Vail!

Friday, July 18, 2025

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:30-7:45am Welcome & Announcements
Mike Shipman, TADC President
Gayla Corley, Program Co-Chair
Stephen B. Edmundson, Program Co-Chair

7:45-8:20am *RULE THE RANGE: NAVIGATING THE LATEST SHIFTS IN TEXAS PROCEDURE*
Kennon L. Wooten, Scott Douglas & McConnico LLP, Austin

8:20-9:05am *FROM BASE CAMP TO SUMMIT: ELEVATING EXPERT WITNESSES FROM DEPOSITION TO TRIAL*
Erich D. Bain, Ph.D., Engineering Systems Inc., Dallas & **Susan J. Travis**, Robbins Travis PLLC, Fort Worth

9:05-9:40am *AVALANCHE WARNING: IDENTIFYING VALID STOWERS DEMANDS BEFORE THEY BURY YOU*
Craig L. Reese, Fletcher Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP, Dallas

9:40-9:55am B R E A K

9:55-10:35am *HIGH STAKES, LOW BLOWS: THE LEGAL TERRAIN OF BUSINESS DISPARAGEMENT (.25 ethics)*
Daniel P. Elms, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Dallas

10:35-11:10am *PRECIPICE OR PATH: NAVIGATING OFFERS OF JUDGEMENT IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURT*
Sarah-Michelle Stearns, Greenberg Traurig L.L.P., Dallas

11:10-12:10pm *PATH TO THE PEAK: SECURING YOUR CASE AT EVERY STEP*
Stuart S. Miles, Ph.D., Trial Quest, Louisville

12:10-12:45pm *SCALING PRECEDENT: TEXAS SUPREME COURT UPDATE FOR THE LEGAL CLIMBER (.25 ethics)*
Elizabeth Cantu, Ramon Worthington Nicolas & Cantu, P.L.L.C., Edinburg

Afternoon Free to Enjoy Vail!

Saturday, July 19, 2025

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

Saturday Free to Enjoy Vail

2025 TADC SUMMER SEMINAR

July 16-20, 2025 • Grand Hyatt Vail Resort & Spa • 1300 Westhaven Dr., Vail, CO 81657

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) \$775.00

Registration for Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) \$925.00

Children’s Registration

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

Children Age 12 and Older \$125.00

Children Age 6-11 \$100.00

Spouse/Guest CLE Credit

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

Spouse/Guest CLE credit for Summer Seminar \$75.00

Hotel Reservation Information

For hotel reservations, **CONTACT THE GRAND HYATT VAIL DIRECTLY AT (888) 591-1234 and reference the code G-TADC OR** reserve online at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/EGEGH/G-TADC>. 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 JUNE 25, 2025

TADC Refund Policy Information

Registration Fees will be refunded ONLY if a written cancellation notice is received at least SEVEN BUSINESSSS (7) DAYS PRIOR (July 9, 2025) to the meeting date. A \$125.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE will be deducted from any refund. Any cancellation made after July 9, 2025 IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

2025 TADC SUMMER SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM
JULY 16-20, 2025

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[2025 TADC Summer Meeting Hotel Reservations](#)

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☐ \$ 775.00 Member ONLY (One Person) ☐ \$ 125.00 Children 12 & Older _____

☐ \$ 925.00 Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) ☐ \$ 100.00 Children 6-11 _____

☐ \$ 75.00 Spouse/Guest CLE Credit

☐ (no charge) CLE for a State OTHER than Texas _____ You will receive a certificate of completion for out-of -state CLE

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