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September 17-21, 2025  
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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 Yarborough, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

10:15-11:15AM PATH TO THE PEAK: SECURING YOUR CASE AT EVERY STEP  
Stuart S. Miles, Ph.D., Trial Quest, Louisville

11:15-12 Noon VERDICT VISTA: A PANORAMIC VIEW OF TEXAS JURY TRENDS  
Warren Wise, MehaffyWeber, PC, Beaumont

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

7:45-8:30am RULE THE RANGE: NAVIGATING THE LATEST SHIFTS IN TEXAS PROCEDURE  
Kennon L. Wooten, Scott Douglas & McConnico LLP, Austin

8:30-9:15am 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

9:15-10:00am AVALANCHE WARNING: IDENTIFYING VALID STOWERS DEMANDS BEFORE THEY BURY YOU  
Craig L. Reese, Fletcher Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP, Dallas

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

10:15-11:00am HIGH STAKES, LOW BLOWS: THE LEGAL TERRAIN OF BUSINESS DISPARAGEMENT (.25 ethics)  
Daniel P. Elms, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Dallas

11:00-11:35am PRECIPICE OR PATH: NAVIGATING OFFERS OF JUDGEMENT IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURT  
Sarah-Michelle Stearns, Greenberg Traurig L.L.P., Dallas

11:35-12:10pm FLY FISHING FOR LITIGATORS: GENERAL ADVOCACY SKILLS & PRINCIPLES  
Kendyl T. Hanks, Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., Austin

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

CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES TO CALCULATE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE:

☐ \$ 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

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

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☐ Check if your spouse/guest is a TADC member

CHILDREN’S NAME TAGS: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.tadc.org)

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