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2026 WINTER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

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March 6, 2026 - March 7, 2026
2026 TADC Trial Academy
South TX College of Law, Houston
Springhill Suites – Houston, Texas



April 29, 2026 - May 3, 2026
2026 TADC Spring Meeting
Atlantis Resort – Nassau, The Bahamas



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A Seminar for Young Lawyers
Margaritaville Beach Resort - South Padre Island

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 4-8, 2026
STEAMBOAT GRAND HOTEL & SPA

TADC 2026 WINTER SEMINAR

February 4-8, 2026

Steamboat Grand Hotel & Spa – Steamboat Springs, CO

Program Co-Chairs: Robert Sonnier, Germer Beaman & Brown PLLC

Robert Booth, Mills Shirley L.L.P.

CLE Approved for: 10.5 hours including 1.75 hours ethics

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

6:00–8:00pm TADC Welcome Reception

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:25-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Russell R. Smith, TADC President,
Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith, L.L.P.,
Nacogdoches
Robert Sonnier, Program Co-Chair,
Germer Beaman & Brown PLLC, Austin,
Robert Booth, Program Co-Chair,
Mills Shirley LLP, Galveston,

7:30-8:15am EXPERTS: DEPOSITION TACTICS AND THE
LATEST DAUBERT CHALLENGES
Curtis Kurhajec, Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee,
PLLC, Austin

8:15-9:00am TEXAS MENTAL ANGUISH DAMAGES:
EVOLUTION, STANDARDS AND DEFENSE
TACTICS
Shauna Lozano, Royston, Rayzor, Vickery &
Williams, L.L.P., Brownsville

9:00-9:45am EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE
Christy Amuny, Germer PLLC, Beaumont

9:45-10:30am BILLING EXPERTS – WHEN AND HOW TO
USE THEM
Valerie Lewis, Germer PLLC, Beaumont

10:30-11:15am BURN NOTICE: PRESERVING LI-ION
EVIDENCE
Adam E. Davis, PE, BS, CFEL, AEI, Denver, CO

Friday, February 6, 2026

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:25-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Russell R. Smith, TADC President
Robert Sonnier, Program Co-Chair
Robert Booth, Program Co-Chair

7:30-8:15am CONTRACT CLAUSES THAT CONTROL
CONSTRUCTION CONFLICTS
Joe Tolbert, Brackett & Ellis, P.C., Fort Worth

8:15-9:00am THE CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR TRUCK
DRIVER: WHY IT MATTERS
Mike Bassett, The Bassett Firm, Dallas

9:00-9:45am THE EVOLVING LAW OF DISCOVERY RULE
AND LIMITATIONS: TEXAS TRENDS AND
TROUBLING MISAPPLICATIONS
David Brenner, Burns, Anderson, Jury & Brenner,
L.L.P., Austin (.25 hrs ethics)

9:45-10:30am EVIDENTIARY BURDENS AND OBJECTIONS
TRIAL LAWYERS NEED TO KNOW
Kristi Kautz, Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas,
LLP, Dallas

10:30-11:15am POST JUDGMENT PRACTICE: BONDS,
CHALLENGES AND DISCOVERY
Rachel Delgado, Mills Shirley LLP, Galveston
(.25 hrs ethics)

Saturday, February 7, 2026

6:45-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:25-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Russell R. Smith, TADC President
Robert Sonnier, Program Co-Chair
Robert Booth, Program Co-Chair

7:30-8:15am PRECISION VOIR DIRE: RAPID FIRE
QUESTIONS, FOR CAUSE STRIKES AND
TOTAL CONTROL
Robert Booth, Mills Shirley LLP, Galveston

8:15-9:00am DEFENDING AGAINST REPTILE TACTICS IN
DEPOSITIONS AND MOTION PRACTICE
Noemi Lopez, Ray Peña McChristian, P.C., El Paso
(.25 hrs ethics)

9:00-9:45am LEGAL MALPRACTICE AND ETHICS UPDATE
Sarah Nicolas, Ramón Worthington Nicolas &
Cantu, P.L.L.C., Bee Cave (.75 hrs ethics)

9:45-10:30am OSHA AND CSB AND NTSB OH MY!
INTERFACING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
DURING INCIDENT RESPONSE
(.25 hrs ethics)
Kristen L. Lussier, P.E., ESI, Houston

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Depart for Texas

2026 TADC Winter Seminar

February 4-8, 2026 | Steamboat Grand Hotel & Spa | 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) \$695.00
Registration for Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) \$895.00

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 meeting materials and all associated meeting expenses.

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 or use the Passkey Reservation Link. TADC has secured a block of rooms at an EXTREMELY reasonable rate, which is available for 3 days pre and post the Winter Meeting dates. It is IMPORTANT that you make your reservations as soon as possible as the room block will quickly fill. 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 20, 2025

TADC Refund Policy Information

Registration Fees will be refunded ONLY if a written cancellation notice is received on or before JANUARY 23, 2026. A \$100.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE will be deducted from any refund. Any cancellation made after January 23, 2026 IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

2026 TADC WINTER SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

February 4-8, 2026

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CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES TO CALCULATE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE:

☐ \$ 695.00 Member ONLY (One Person) ☐ \$ 120.00 Children 12 & Older _____
☐ \$ 895.00 Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) ☐ \$ 80.00 Children 6-11 _____
☐ \$ 75.00 Attorney Spouse/Guest CLE Credit ☐ No charge for children under 6
☐ \$.00 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/CELL: _____

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: _____ BAR CARD# _____

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 20, 2025. This date 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 _____ (as it appears on card)

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Date Received _____ Payment-Check# _____ (F or I) Amount _____ ID# _____

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