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Calendar of Events



June 12-14, 2026

**2026 TADC “Catch A Wave”
A Seminar for Young Lawyers**

Margaritaville Resort, South Padre Island, Texas

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July 15-19, 2026

2026 TADC Summer Seminar

Coeur d'Alene Resort – Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



September 23-27, 2026

2026 TADC Annual Meeting

San Luis Resort – Galveston, Texas



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SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION

2026 SPRING MEETING

NASSAU

The Bahamas



ATLANTIS-PARADISE ISLAND, THE BAHAMAS

2026 SPRING MEETING

Paradise Island, Bahamas ~ April 29-May 3, 2026

Kristi Kautz, Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP, Dallas &
Emily Gearhart, Santoyo Wehmeyer P.C., San Antonio – Program Co-Chairs
CLE Approved for: 11.5 hours, including 3.0 hours ethics

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

6pm – 8pm Welcome Reception

Thursday, April 30, 2026

7:00 – 9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:30 – 7:45am Welcome & Announcements
Russell R. Smith, TADC President
Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith, L.L.P.,
Nacogdoches
Kristi Kautz, Program Co-Chair
Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas, LLP, Dallas
Emily Gearhart, Program Co-Chair,
MehaffyWeber, PC, San Antonio

7:45 – 8:30am *WITNESS PREPARATION FOR DEPOSITION
AND TRIAL*
Amy Stewart, Stewart Law Group PLLC, Dallas

8:30 – 9:30am *CHANGES IN THE COURTHOUSE: NEW
EXPECTATIONS FOR TRIALS AND SUMMARY
JUDGMENTS (1.0 hrs ethics)*
The Honorable Melody Wilkinson, 17th District
Court, Fort Worth

9:30 – 10:15am *WATCH YOUR STEP: PREMISES LIABILITY
UPDATE*
DJ Hardy, Fletcher, Farley, Shipman & Salinas,
LLP, Dallas & **Jeff Smith**, Fletcher, Farley,
Shipman & Salinas, LLP, Dallas

10:15 – 10:30am B R E A K

10:30 – 11:15am *CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION UPDATE*
Maria Moffatt, Gerstle Snelson, LLP, Dallas

11:15 – 12:45pm LUNCHEON SPEAKER
RIDING THE WAVES OF TRIAL PRACTICE
(1.0 hrs ethics)
Bud Grossman, Craig, Terrill, Hamm, Grossman
& Erwin, LLP, Lubbock

12:45 – 1:15pm *LESSONS IN LAW: THINGS I LEARNED FROM
MY FIRST DEPOSITIONS & DISCOVERY
HEARINGS (0.25 hrs ethics)*
Jake McClellan, Beck | Redden LLP, Houston

1:15 – 2:00pm *EMPLOYEE & INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
LIABILITY*
Sarah Nicolas, Cokinos | Young, Austin

2:00 – 2:45pm *ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION &
BIOMECHANICAL EVIDENCE*
(0.25 hrs ethics)
Trevor Ewing, SEA Limited, Houston

Thursday Afternoon & Evening Free to Enjoy the Bahamas!

Friday, May 1, 2026

7:00 – 9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:25-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Russell R. Smith, TADC President
Kristi Kautz & Emily Gearhart,
Program Co-Chairs

7:30 – 8:15am *COVERAGE TRAPS FOR DEFENSE COUNSEL*
(0.5 hrs ethics)
Darin Brooks, Gray Reed, Houston

8:15 – 9:15am *THE TBI LANDSCAPE ACROSS THE STATE
A PANEL DISCUSSION*

9:15 – 10:00am *FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT AGAINST BAD
BILLS*
Kurt Paxson, Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi,
Paxson & Galatzan, P.C., El Paso

10:00 – 10:15am B R E A K

10:15 – 11:00am *UPDATE ON JURY VERDICTS & TRIAL
OUTCOMES*
Gayla Corley, MehaffyWeber, PC, San Antonio

11:00 – 11:45pm *MARITIME LAW UPDATE*
Mike Golemi, Liskow & Lewis APLC, Houston

11:45 – 12:30pm *ROAD WARRIORS: TRUCKING LIABILITY
IN TEXAS*
Dan Hernandez, Ray Pena McChristian, P.C.,
El Paso

Friday Afternoon & Evening Free to Enjoy the Bahamas!

Saturday, May 2, 2026

7:00-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

Saturday Free to Enjoy the Bahamas

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Depart for Texas

2026 TADC SPRING MEETING

April 29-May 3, 2026 | Atlantis-Paradise Island | Bahamas

One Casino Drive, Paradise Island, Bahamas

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) \$ 995.00
Registration for Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people) \$1,425.00
Registration for Children (per child - 12 yrs and older) \$ 175.00

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 materials, and coffee breaks.

Spouse/Guest CLE credit for Spring Meeting \$75.00

Hotel Reservation Information

For hotel reservations, CONTACT THE ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND 800/386-4786 and reference the TADC Spring Meeting OR online at our special link <https://book.passkey.com/e/49946586> The TADC has secured a block of rooms in the Royal Tower at an EXTREMELY reasonable rate. It is IMPORTANT that you make your reservations as soon as possible *as the room block will fill quickly*. TADC rates apply 3 days before and after the meeting dates, based on availability. 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 APRIL 8, 2026 —

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CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES TO CALCULATE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$ 995.00 Member ONLY (One Person)
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 \$ 175.00 Children's Registration (per child) # of children _____
 \$ 75.00 Spouse/Guest CLE Credit
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TOTAL Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

NAME: _____ FOR NAME TAG: _____

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

Check if your spouse/guest is a TADC member

CHILDREN'S NAME TAGS: _____

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