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Calendar of Events



October 22, 2026
2026 TADC Deposition Bootcamp
Zoom Meeting/Virtual

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January 27-31, 2027
2027 TADC Winter Seminar
Elevation Resort, Crested Butte, CO



April 21-25, 2027
2027 TADC Spring Meeting
The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

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2026 ANNUAL MEETING



San Luis Resort & Spa
Galveston, Texas
September 23-27, 2026



2026 TADC ANNUAL MEETING



September 23-27, 2026 ~ San Luis Resort & Spa ~ Galveston, Texas

Program Co-Chairs: Stephen B. Edmundson, Greenberg Traurig, Houston & Fred D. Raschke, Mills Shirley L.L.P., Galveston

CLE Approved for: 12.00 hours, including 1.50 hours ethics

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

6:00–8:00pm TADC Welcome Reception

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:00-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:15-7:30am Welcome & Announcements
Russell R. Smith, TADC President
Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith, Nacogdoches
Stephen B. Edmundson, Greenberg Traurig, Houston
Fred D. Raschke, Mills Shirley L.L.P., Galveston

7:30-8:00am *THE ROLE OF THE GUARDIAN LITEM AND HOW IT MAY AFFECT YOUR PRACTICE*
Jordan Elton, Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea & BenMaier PLLC, Galveston

8:00-9:00am *BRIDGING GENERATIONS: HARNESSING AI IN TEXAS LEGAL PRACTICE – PERSPECTIVES FOR YOUNG AND SEASONED LAWYERS (.5 ethics)*
Robert Booth, Mills Shirley L.L.P., Galveston

9:00-10:00am *A LITTLE OF THIS AND A LITTLE OF THAT: ADVOCACY TIPS AND JUDICIAL VIGNETTS (.5 ethics)*
Hon. Jeff Brown, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Galveston
Hon. Ken Wise, Texas 14th District Court of Appeals, Houston

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

10:15-11:00am *TEXQUICENTENNIAL: RECLAIMING THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION (.5 ethics)*
Justice Evan Young, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin

11:00-12:00pm *TIME-LIMITED DEMANDS AND INSURANCE TOWERS*
Gregory Hudson, Cozen O’Connor, Houston

12:00-1:00pm LUNCHEON PANEL: *THE NEW SUMMARY JUDGEMENT RULES: VIEW FROM THE BENCH*
Hon. Jeth Jones, 122nd Judicial District Court, Galveston
Hon. Jared Robinson, 405th Judicial District Court, Galveston
Hon. Rebecca Millo, 10th Judicial District Court, Galveston

1:00-1:45pm *TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS – A BUSINESS COURTS UPDATE*
Paul Kerlin, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Houston
Matthew Przywara, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Houston

1:45-2:00pm *FROM INTAKE TO VERDICT: BUILDING THE DEFENSE STORY EARLY*
Stewart Schmella, Lanza Law Firm, P.C. Houston

Thursday Afternoon free to enjoy Galveston!

Friday, September 25, 2026

7:00-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:30-7:45am Welcome & Announcements
Russell R. Smith, TADC President
Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith, Nacogdoches
Stephen B. Edmundson, Greenberg Traurig, Houston
Fred D. Raschke, Mills Shirley L.L.P., Galveston

7:45-8:30am *WHEN A CIVIL CASE GOES CRIMINAL: SPOTTING PARALLEL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE YOUR CLIENT TALKS THEMSELVES INTO AN INDICTMENT*
Michael Besser, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Dallas

8:30-9:15am *ELECTRICITY, THE SHOCKING TRUTH.*
Brent Holub, P.E., CFEI, S-E-A, Houston

9:15-10:00am *WHO WANTS TO BE A BENEFICIARY? THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WORNGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL CLAIMS FOR COWBOYS AND CAPTAINS*
Elizabeth Strunk, Liskow, Houston

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

10:15-11:00am *WHAT PUBLIC ADJUSTERES CAN AND CANNOT DO UNDER TEXAS LAW*
Karl A. Schulz, Cozen O’Connor, Houston

11:00-12:30pm *BRIDGING THE GENERARTIONAL GAPS IN YOUR LAWFIRM: THE STRUGGLE IS REAL*
Wendy Merrill, Strategy Horse, Baltimore/Washington, DC

12:30-12:45pm B R E A K

12:45-1:30pm *MEANWHILE, IN THE COURTS....RECENT INTERESTING INSURANCE CASES AND HOW THEY MAY AFFECT YOUR PRACTICE... OR NOT*
Darin Brooks, Gray Reed, Houston
Reynolds Sands, Gray Reed, Houston

1:30-1:40pm TADC Business Meeting

6:30pm-9:00pm
TADC Awards Dinner

Saturday, September 26, 2026

7:00-9:00am Buffet Breakfast

Saturday free to enjoy Galveston!

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Annual Meeting Adjourned

2026 TADC ANNUAL MEETING

September 23-27, 2026

San Luis Resort ~ Galveston ~ 5222 Seawall Blvd. – Galveston, Texas 77551

Pricing & Registration Options

Registration fees include Wednesday through Saturday group activities, including the Wednesday evening welcome reception, Hospitality room, 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) \$1,295.00

Spouse/Guest CLE Credit

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

Spouse/Guest CLE credit for Annual Meeting \$75.00

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For hotel reservations, **CONTACT THE SAN LUIS RESORT DIRECTLY AT 800-392-5937 and reference the TADC 2026 Annual Meeting.** The TADC has secured a block of ALL OCEAN FRONT rooms at a FANTASTIC rate of \$259 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 AUGUST 24, 2026 —

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Registration Fees will be refunded ONLY if a written cancellation notice is received at least SEVEN (7) days prior (SEPTEMBER 16, 2026) to the meeting date. A \$75.00 Administrative Fee will be deducted from any refund. Any cancellation made after SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 IS NON-REFUNDABLE

2026 TADC ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

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☐ \$ **1,295.00** **Member & Spouse/Guest (2 people)**
☐ \$ **75.00** **Spouse/Guest CLE Credit**
☐ \$ **(no charge)** **Certificate of Attendance for a state OTHER than Texas**

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