

Tri State Defense Lawyers Association

2013 7th TDLA Annual Meeting

September 19 & 20, 2013

Hilton Garden Inn

Portsmouth, NH

Registration Form

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Name: _____

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Check states for which you wish to receive CLE credit: ME ___ NH ___ VT ___

State Bar Number: ME _____ NH _____ VT _____

Meeting Registration Fees: Registration fee includes reception, dinner and CLE program and handout. No breakouts.

Member: \$190 _____

Non-Member Attorney: \$305 _____

Spouse/Guest: \$100 _____

Total of Check _____

Make a check payable to TDLA and mail with registration form to:

Mark Filler
P. O. Box 4177
Portland, ME 04101-0377

A block of rooms has been reserved at the
Hilton Garden Inn, Portsmouth Downtown
100 High Street, Portsmouth, NH
under the name of TDLA

Rate: \$185+

Parking is \$15 per night

Reservations can be made by calling the Hilton at 603-431-1499.

For more information, please contact:

Peggy Schultz, Executive Director, TDLA

304-344-1611 or email at www.tristatedefenselawyers.org.



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TDLA Chairperson

Bonnie Badgewick

Thomas McKeon, Maine President

Elizabeth Hurley, New Hampshire President

Bonnie Badgewick, Vermont President

Registration Brochure





Dear TDLA Members:

Five out of the last six years my partners and I have made an annual trek to Portsmouth during the month of September for TDLA's Annual Meeting. We go, not just because Portsmouth is beautiful in September and the town has a lot to offer for weekend fun, but to reunite with colleagues from Vermont, and across borders, as well as to meet new friends and continue to grow our networks in the profession. Truth be told, we also go because every trial lawyer loves a good war story, and with a group like TDLA such stories abound.

This year, however, is different for me, as I am honored to hold the position of Chair of this august group of practitioners across the three states. I am humbled by the knowledge I have gained from this group and from the defense bar as a whole over the years. Most importantly, I am very proud to offer a fantastic schedule of events for the Annual Meeting after a diligent year of efforts by the Executive Board!

First, as a slight change in the schedule, we begin the Meeting on Thursday evening, instead of Friday. This change comes after several requests that the members not be asked to give up precious weekends for CLE credits and a business meeting... we heard you. The Meeting will start on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. with a welcoming reception, leading into dinner. Thursday night's speaker, Richard Levenstein, comes from Stuart, Florida and Fayston, Vermont. Richard will speak and educate us on Adult Civics. Specifically, he will explain the impact of the large scale lack of knowledge by American adults of the importance of the role of civics, and importantly for our profession, the role and purpose of the judiciary, and our role as members of the bar in attempting to remedy this shortfall.

Friday will start with our business meeting, which is open to all members; the CLE credits will follow. First up, a remarkable panel that should not be missed! We have recruited Supreme Court Justices from each state to thrill and scare us about ethical issues from the bench for an hour. Chief Justice Leigh Saufley from Maine, Justice Gary Hicks from New Hampshire and Chief Justice Paul Reiber from Vermont will have specific ethical issues to discuss on both a state specific level, and across state borders. The panel will also be called upon to field questions from the audience. The panel's years on the bench, and experience in litigation across the three states, will provide us with a complete look at some of the current ethical issues facing our respective bars.

After we receive ample schooling on ethics from the Bench, we will focus on our business prospects, rainmaking techniques, and tactics in the new economy. DRI speaker Marc Williams from West Virginia will enlighten us on how trial lawyers these days bring in business, and especially new business in an environment where no one wants to part with their money. Marc is a dynamic and interesting speaker offering similar topics across the country. Marc is a past DRI President, also involved in numerous leadership roles in professional organizations, and is currently on the Board for the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence. He will certainly leave us with some practical tips and inspired motivation to build and maintain our business relationships.

Finally, we will wrap up Friday morning with an interesting and highly current discussion with Curt R. Cyr, Ph.D., R.Ph., from the University of New England's College of Pharmacy. Dr. Cyr will offer a timely discussion on the expanding role of pharmacology in our case load and how to appropriately address medication use, abuse, and cost assessments in civil litigation. Dr. Cyr speaks frequently to those in the health care field, and is retained as an expert in the litigation arena on these issues. For our audience, he will offer insight into the excessive costs of medication errors and misuse, providing data on the quantity of those errors, as well as his own perspectives on the impact of excessive narcotic prescribing on civil litigation.

You are invited to come join us in Portsmouth for this exciting and educational event. As part of our ever growing attempt to continue TDLA's growth, both in membership and involvement, you are encouraged to bring not only your senior members, but also your young associates. In addition to the CLE credits, and great venue, the Annual Meeting gives us all a chance to socialize and network with friends and colleagues in the defense bars across our three states; it will be a great experience for all practitioners.

I look forward to seeing you in Portsmouth, if not sooner!

Regards,

Bonnie

Bonnie Badgewick, TDLA Chair



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Agenda

Thursday, September 19, 2013

- 6:00 p.m. Reception
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:45 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
Bonnie Badgewick, TDLA Chairman
Hayes & Windish, PC, Woodstock, VT
- 8:30 p.m. Adult Civics
Richard Levenstein, *Kramer, Sopko & Levenstein, P.A.*, Stuart, FL
Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer * Certified Circuit/Civil Mediator

Friday, September 20, 2013

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 - 8:10 a.m. Opening Remarks
Bonnie Badgewick, TDLA Chairman
Hayes & Windish, PC, Woodstock, VT
- 8:10 - 8:25 a.m. Business Meeting (*all members are to attend*)
- 8:25 - 9:25 a.m. CLE: Ethical Perspectives from the Supreme Court Bench: A Tri-State Panel.
(60 mins.)
Ethics
Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley, ME
Chief Justice Saufley is a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law. She served as a deputy attorney general as well as a Maine District and Superior Court judge before being chosen as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court in 1997. In 2001, she was sworn in as Maine's first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court by then Governor King.
Supreme Court Justice Gary Hicks, NH
The Honorable Gary E. Hicks was sworn in as the 104th Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court on January 31, 2006 after serving for four years on the Superior Court, the state's major trial court. Before becoming a judge, Justice Hicks was a commercial litigator for 23 years with Wiggin & Nourie, then one of New Hampshire's largest law firms.
Chief Justice Paul Reiber, VT
Chief Justice Reiber served in the private practice of law in Rutland and as a partner in the law firm Kenlan, Schweibert & Facey from 1986 until his appointment as an Associate Justice by Governor James Douglas in October, 2003. He was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court by Governor Douglas on December 17, 2004.
- 9:25 - 10:55 a.m. CLE: Making Rain the New Legal Economy
(90 mins.)
Marc Williams, DRI Past President and Defense Trial Counsel of WV, Past President *Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, Huntington, WV*
Mr. Williams is the managing partner in Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough's West Virginia office. He has held first chair responsibility for more than 100 jury trials and appeals in his career in both state and federal courts. Practice includes experience in the trial and appellate levels of class actions and other mass torts, as well as commercial litigation, employment disputes, toxic torts, consumer fraud, drug and medical device litigation, intellectual property and trade secrets, and environmental claims
- 10:55 - 11:10 a.m. Break
- 11:10 - 12:10 p.m. CLE: Challenging Damage Assessments and Life Care Plans in Cases of Excessive Opiate Use - A Pharmacologist's Perspective
(60 mins.)
Curt R. Cyr, Ph.D., R.Ph., Senior Lecturer, *University of New England's College of Pharmacy* Portland, ME
For over ten years, Dr. Cyr has acted as a forensic consultant in both criminal murder and manslaughter cases and civil litigation, including product liability, workers' compensation and malpractice claims involving pharmacists, physicians and nurse practitioners.