

Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association 11th Annual Meeting REGISTRATION BROCHURE

September 14 & 15, 2017

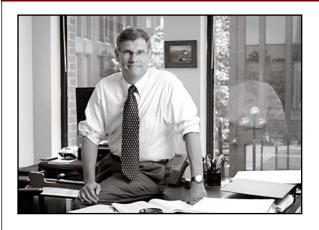


Red Jacket Mountain View Resort 2251 White Mountain Highway North Conway, NH

> TDLA Chairperson Paul C. Catsos

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Defense Counsel of Northern New England,

We hope to see you at this year's annual TDLA meeting, to be held on September 14th and 15th at the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort in North Conway, New Hampshire. We have negotiated very reasonable room rates, so please consider joining us with family or significant others and perhaps make it in to a long weekend.

For those interested, we plan a short hike at a local destination to be determined on Thursday the 14th. We will of course be back in time for the social/cocktail hour which will be followed by dinner and a trivia challenge with our featured

speaker, Michael Kennedy, Esq., Vermont's Bar Counsel. Friday's presentations will include Attorney Kennedy's session on ethics and a presentation on appellate advocacy by Matt Wessler, principal at Gupta Wessler PLLC. Matt has argued multiple cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. We also anticipate a presentation on the state of the *Affordable Care Act* (or whatever it becomes by September) by Thomas J. Dawson III, Chief Executive Officer of TD&P Consulting, Inc.

Weather and water levels permitting, on Friday the 15th TDLA will also coordinate with Northern Extremes to provide a three-mile canoe/kayak trip down the Saco and back to the resort. If that level of exertion is not how you would like to unwind on a September Friday in New Hampshire, there are many other fine opportunities for fun with your colleges or family in North Conway, of course including the tax-free retail outlet experience.

And as always, we welcome your feedback as to how TDLA can better serve your needs and the needs of other civil defense lawyers here in Northern New England.

Regards,

Paul C. Catsos
Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association

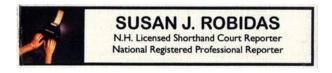
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11th ANNUAL MEETING

Red Jacket Mountain View Resort—North Conway, NH September 14 & 15, 2017

SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 14, 2017

6:00 p.m. Reception with Open Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:45 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Paul C. Catsos, Thompson Bowie & Hatch, LLC (Portland, ME)

8:00p.m. Trivia Challenge with Michael Kennedy, Esq., Vermont Bar Counsel

Friday, September 15, 2017

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00-8:10 a.m. Opening Remarks

Paul C. Catsos, Thompson Bowie & Hatch, LLC (Portland, ME)

8:10-8:25 a.m. Business Meeting (all members are invited to attend)

8:30-9:30 a.m. ETHICS

Michael Kennedy, Esq., Vermont Bar Counsel

Michael will discuss ethical issues specific to defense counsel, such as issues that arise in the tri-partite relationship.

9:30-10:30a.m. THE IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON THE COLLATERAL

SOURCE RULE AND ITS FUTURE UNDER A TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Thomas J. Dawson III, Chief Executive Officer of TD&P Consulting, Inc.

By-in-large, juries are not permitted to hear collateral source evidence in malpractice and other personal injury cases. Opponents of the rule question its practicality with the passage of the Affordable Care Act. Proponents claim that the ACA's guarantees and future are at best uncertain. We will discuss Congressional Efforts to Dismantle the ACA, the ACA's Future under the Trump Administration, and the Impact of the Trump Healthcare Agenda on the Collateral Source Rule.

10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK

10:45-11:45am APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Matthew Wessler, Principal at Gupta Wessler PLLC

The session will cover tips and strategies for effective appellate brief writing and oral argument, as well as a discussion of both the past and upcoming terms in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Just for the Well of It! Sign up for one of these family-friendly wellness opportunities:

Hike-Thursday Afternoon-September 14: Arrive early and join us for a short afternoon hike. Location to be determined.

RSVP: Email Paul Catsos—pcatsos@thompsonbowie.com

Paddle on the Saco River-Friday Afternoon-September 15: We are coordinating a 3-mile paddle on the Saco River with Northern Extremes immediately following Friday's formal presentation. Transportation to launch site will be provided. Canoe/kayak rentals available. Visit www.northernextremes.com.

RSVP: Email Samantha Lednicky—slednicky@drm.com



View from Mt. Kearsage North Photo by Paul Catsos

THE IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ON THE COLLATERAL SOURCE RULE AND ITS FUTURE UNDER A TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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Thomas J. Dawson III—TD&P Consulting (Silver Spring, MD)

Thomas (Tom) J. Dawson III, is the founder and CEO of TD&P Consulting, Inc., a health policy firm focused on health reform and its impact on private and public health insurance markets. With over 23 years in healthcare policy, Dawson has served on Capitol Hill, at the Department of Labor, with non-profits and in the private sector.

Before his time as a senior lobbyist for the American Dental Association, Dawson acted as the senior health care counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business during the 110th and 111th

Congress. In his role, Dawson provided guidance on healthcare reform, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement policy and commercial health insurance markets. During his time on the Hill, Dawson also provided healthcare policy guidance as an advisor to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) Health Care Task Force and drafted legislation relevant to the health science industry and small businesses.

From 2001 to 2007, Dawson served as a pension law specialist with the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA). His responsibilities included advising senior leadership on health care and pension issues affecting ERISA-covered employee benefit plans. During this time, Dawson was appointed as special assistant to the deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Program Operations. He also served as a trial attorney in the Office of the Solicitor in the Pension Benefits Security Division.

Prior to joining EBSA, Dawson managed government relations for Financial Executives International, working with senior executives on public policy, strategic planning, and legislative strategy in health care and retirement income policy. As an associate with Health Policy Analysts, Inc., Dawson served as senior staff to the Corporate Health Care Coalition and the Employer Health Care Innovation Project.

Dawson has also been on the frontlines of healthcare as a provider relations associate, physician contract negotiator and health insurance broker. Dawson holds a law degree and Master of Public Health from George Washington University, in addition to degrees from University of Florida and Morehouse College.

ETHICSMichael Kennedy, Esq.—Vermont Bar Counsel (Montpelier, VT)



Michael Kennedy graduated from the University of Vermont and the George Washington University Law School. After gaining admission to the Vermont bar, he worked for several years as an Assistant Attorney General. He was named Disciplinary Counsel in 2000, a position he held until 2012 when he was appointed as Bar Counsel.

Michael is the current President of the Vermont Bar Association's Board of Managers, a former member of the Board of Bar Examiners, a marathoner, and a happily retired high school basketball coach.



APPELLATE ADVOCACYMatthew Wessler—Gupta Wessler PLLC (Cambridge, MA)

Matt is principal at Gupta Wessler PLLC, where he focuses on public interest and plaintiffs'-side appellate and complex litigation. He handles high-profile cases at all levels of both state and federal court and has argued multiple cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including *Coventry Health Care of Missouri v. Nevils* and *US Airways v. McCutchen*—a landmark ERISA case. Outside of the Supreme Court, Matt's practice involves a wide range of areas including class actions, health care, personal injury, employee benefits, consumer protection, preemption, arbitration, antitrust, and banking. He has been named a *Washington DC Rising Star* in appellate

litigation for the past three years and has been profiled by the National Law Journal for his appellate work. In addition to his appellate work, Matt frequently co-counsels with trial firms in complex, ground-up litigation.

Before starting the firm in July 2015, Matt spent six years as a staff attorney at Public Justice, P.C. in Washington, DC, where he spearheaded the firm's focus on Supreme Court litigation and earned national attention for taking the lead in high-profile cases involving ERISA, preemption, arbitration, and health care. Matt previously practiced at the Washington law firm of Williams & Connolly LLP and was a member of Obama for America's sensitive litigation team, where he handled election litigation on behalf of the presidential campaign. He clerked for the Honorable Richard L. Nygaard of the U.S Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Honorable William E. Smith of the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island. Matt is a graduate of Cornell Law School and Williams College.



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

ACCOMMODATIONS:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort 2251 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860 Rate: \$129+. To reserve a room, call 800-672-0500 and use group reference #477570.

The deadline for the block rate is August 13, 2017.

For more information, please contact: Sheri Leahan, Executive Director, TDLA Email: sleahan@tristatedefenselawyers.org | www.tristatedefenselawyers.org