



Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association

10th ANNUAL MEETING

Hilton Garden Inn, Portsmouth, NH
September 22 & 23, 2016

SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 22, 2016

- 6:00 p.m. Reception (open bar)
7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:45 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
Matthew S. Borick, TDLA Chair, Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC (Burlington, VT)
8:00 p.m. Stump! The Ultimate Live Trivia Experience

Friday, September 23, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00-8:10 a.m. Opening Remarks
Matthew S. Borick, TDLA Chair, Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC (Burlington, VT)
8:10-8:25 a.m. Business Meeting (all members are invited to attend)

8:30-9:45 a.m. CUTTING-EDGE JURY RESEARCH: WHAT CLIENTS NOW GET FOR \$6,500

Since 1989, First Court has provided trial lawyers and claim managers with mock trial and focus group feedback to reduce the cost and uncertainties of litigation. The process combines the ease and efficiency of the internet with the passion of diverse jurors deliberating face-to-face and giving a constant flow of real-time feedback. The presenters will share results of a mock trial for a nursing home case. Learn how using some of these jury research tools can save you time and money and result in efficient dispute resolution.

Michael Liffbrig, Senior Counsel and Jury Consultant, First Court (Mandan, ND)
Paul C. Catsos, Thompson & Bowie, LLP (Portland, ME)

9:45-10:45 a.m. TOP TEN ETHICAL TRAPS: AVOIDING MISCONDUCT IN TODAY'S LEGAL LANDSCAPE

This training highlights a "top ten" list of ethical missteps that can trip up even the most ethically diligent lawyer. From inadvertently creating an attorney-client relationship to engaging in business transactions with clients, there are a number of issues that come up in an attorney's practice that could potentially lead to liability and sanctions. This engaging presentation is meant to provide an overview of such traps for the unwary, such that attorneys will be able to spot the traps and understand how to spare themselves from falling prey to inadvertent unethical conduct.

Amy Carlin, Partner, Morgan, Brown & Joy (Boston, MA)

10:45-11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m.-Noon AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE: A PANEL ON THE CHANGING RULES FOR DISCOVERY

At the time of TDLA's annual meeting in September, the Federal Rule amendments will have been effect 9.5 months. The focus of this session is on how the federal courts in our jurisdictions have ruled under the new amendments, particularly on Rule 26(b)(1) on proportionality and Rule 37(e) spoliatio of Electronically Stored Information.

Moderator: Patricia S. Orr, Law Offices of Patricia S. Orr PLLC (Shelburne, VT)
Twain Braden, Thompson & Bowie, LLP (Portland, ME)
Kevin Lumpkin, Sheehey, Furlong & Behm (Burlington, VT)