



SOUTHERN
TRIAL LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION

2025 Annual Mardi Gras Conference
February 19-23 ~ The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans

Wednesday, February 19

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Board of Governors Meeting

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Welcome Reception Sponsored by
Collision Specialists, Inc.

Thursday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits
Breakfast Sponsored by Reedy Miller
+ Freeman; Bloody Mary and
Mimosa Bar Sponsored by Arthur
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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
CLE Seminar: Vincent J. Glorioso, Jr.
Trial Advocacy Track

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Wisdom in Practice: A Southern
Trial Lawyer's Perspective, Vincent J.
Glorioso, Jr., New Orleans, LA

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Opening Statements:
Underestimated, but Often
Outcome-Determinative, Quentin
Brogdon, Dallas, TX

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Ethical Lessons Learned the
Murdaugh Way, Eric S. Bland and
Ronald L. Richter, Jr., Charleston, SC

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Seeing Beyond the Impact:
Addressing Vision, Hearing, and
Hidden Sequelae in Traumatic Brain
Injury Cases, Sagi Shaked, Miami, FL

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
Refreshments Sponsored by
Mirena and Company

Thursday Continued

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Ask a Trial Judge: A Candid
Conversation With the Bench
Featuring The Hon. William A.
McKinnon, Sixteenth Judicial
Circuit, South Carolina, and
Moderated by Robert V. Phillips,
Rock Hill, SC

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Using Corporate Depositions to
Support Jury Instructions in Dram
Shop and Premises Cases, David
Barber, Louisville, KY

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Caught on Tape: Using Video of the
Event Combined With Focus Groups
and Before and After Witnesses to
Win Your Case, R. Jonathan Franco,
Ocean Springs, MS

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
The Camp Lejeune Justice Act
Update, Mona Lisa Wallace,
Salisbury, NC

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
War Horse Gala
Sponsored by Forge Consulting,
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Record Retrieval

9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
President's Reception Sponsored by
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Friday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits
Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar
Breakfast Sponsored by Reedy Miller
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9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
CLE Seminar

Friday Continued

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Finding the Smoking Gun,
Robert V. Phillips, Rock Hill, SC

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
The Ethics of Being a Broke Lawyer,
Sam McGee, Charlotte, NC

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Creating Timelines to Persuade,
Phillip Miller, Nashville, TN

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break
Sponsored by Physician Life Care
Planning

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Bringing It All Together: Combining
Technology Tools for Trial,
Mediation and Motion Practice,
Justin S. Kahn, Charleston, SC

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Digging Deep on Non-party
Discovery in Trucking Cases,
Stephen G. Lowry, Savannah, GA,
and Harshila Leva, Brookhaven, GA

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Dark Patterns and the Hidden Threat
to our 7th Amendment Rights With
Arbitration, Charles A. Bennett,
Dallas, TX

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Future Claimants: Back to the
Future, Annesley H. DeGaris,
Birmingham, AL

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Young Lawyers Happy Hour
Sponsored by Gain

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Balcony Party at Galatoire's
Sponsored by Preferred Capital
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Saturday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Registration, Exhibits and Breakfast; Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar Sponsored by RebuttalPR

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
CLE Seminar

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Utilizing AI and Technology - Cost and Time Saving Strategies, Matthew Hollingsworth, Atlanta, GA

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
How to Develop the Story Without Breaking the Bank, Jon R. Hawk, Macon, GA

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Winning a Negligent Security Case With the First Deposition, Michael A. Haggard, Miami, FL

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
A Step-by-Step Plan to Handle an ERISA Healthcare Subrogation Claim, Kaci Garrabrant, Chattanooga, TN

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Digging Outside the Discovery Box, Zachary H. Thomas, Savannah, GA

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Three Yards and a Cloud of Dust: Aggressive Focusing on the Defense Medical Malpractice Expert, Gary W. Roberts, West Palm Beach, FL

12:15 p.m. Seminar Adjourns

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Closing Party: Crawfish & Shrimp Boil at Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar & Restaurant Sponsored by Physician Life Care Planning

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