



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.  
Welcome to New Orleans  
STLA President Christopher  
Marlowe, Miami Springs, FL

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 J. 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.  
Empowering Juries With One  
Deposition in a Negligent Security  
Case, 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,  
High Impact, and Streamlined  
Record Retrieval

9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
President's Reception Sponsored by  
Mirena and Company

Friday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits  
Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar  
Breakfast Sponsored by Reedy Miller  
+ Freeman

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

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  
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Saturday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Registration and Exhibits  
Breakfast and Bloody Mary and  
Mimosa Bar

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  
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Planning

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