

Trial Practice for Today's Litigator April 8, 2010 Howard H. Baker Jr. U.S. Courthouse, Courtroom 3C Knoxville, TN

The Program Description

As jury trials become less frequent, litigators increasingly spend their time handling out-of-court tasks such as document production, depositions and settlement negotiations. While this trend may have benefits for the legal system, it often means that lawyers miss the opportunity for on-the-job training in the courtroom. Designed for both new and seasoned attorneys, this course will fill that gap by recreating a "real" jury trial with lawyers, witnesses, jurors and a presiding judge. Attendees will observe all aspects of a basic trial including voir dire, opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments. At each stage of the process, the trial participants will recreate the courtroom scene, provide commentary on their arguments and tactics, and then open the floor to questions and group discussion. At the end of the trial, jury members will comment on the presentation of the case and what arguments and tactics they found convincing. By the end of the day, participants will be better equipped to handle themselves and represent their clients in the courtroom.

Participating Attorneys

T. Scott Jones (presenting plaintiff case) Banks & Jones

Gary M. Prince (presenting plaintiff case) O'Neil, Parker & Williamson, PLLC

Glenn Walter (presenting defense case) Lewis, King, Krieg & Waldrop PC

Presiding Judge

The Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee

<u>Agenda</u>

8:00 – 8:30am Registration

8:30 – 9:30am Voir Dire

9:30 - 10:30am	Opening Statements
10:30 – 10:45am	Break
10:45-11:45am	Direct Examination of Plaintiff Case - T. Scott Jones Cross Examination of Plaintiff Case - Glenn Walter
11:45 – 12:45pm	Lunch
12:45 – 1:45pm	Direct Examination of Defense Case - Glenn Walter Cross Examination of Defense Case - T. Scott Jones
1:45 – 2:45pm	Closing Statements
2:45 – 3:00pm	Break
3:00 – 4:00pm	Jury Verdict/Group Discussion