

# TennBarU

## CLE FOR TENNESSEE

Litigation Forum 2014: Practical Help for your Practice  
TBA Bar Center – Nashville, TN  
March 7, 2014

**Program Description:** Litigators know that only about two percent of cases ever go to trial. This program will provide advice for the other 98 percent of your work. Experience from the bench and bar will provide litigation tips from the moment a case comes in the door, through the pleadings and discovery stages, right up to trial. Particular attention in this 7 hour CLE (6.0 General/1.0 Ethics) will be paid to getting into court, taking winning depositions, using motion practice to your advantage, and setting up your case to obtain a favorable settlement for your clients. You will enjoy a novel and engaging approach to solving everyday ethical dilemmas and here from in-house attorneys about their observations of best practices in effectively managing litigation.

**Program Producer:** **Matt Curley**, *Bass Berry & Sims PLC*

### AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.** **Registration/Introduction Remarks**
- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.** **Keynote Remarks**  
**Hon. Jane Branstetter Stranch**,  
*United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit*
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.** **Legislative Developments Impacting Litigators in Tennessee**  
*Tennessee state legislators offer their perspectives on legislative developments likely to impact attorneys practicing in Tennessee in the coming year.*  
**Sen. Doug Overbey**, *R-Maryville*  
**Rep. Mike Stewart**, *D-Nashville*
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.** **Pre-Trial Motions and Trial Preparation**  
*Experienced litigators will cover best practices in preparing and arguing pre-trial motions and pre-trial strategy.*  
**John Farringer**, *Sherrard & Roe, PLC*  
**Will Helou**, *WSMLEGAL PLLC*

- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.**                    **Tennessee Ethics Update for Litigators: Ethics and Social Media (1 Dual)**  
*Participants will learn how to navigate the ethical contours of social media.*  
**Lucian T. Pera, Adams & Reece LLP**
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**                    **Lunch (*on your own*)**
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**                    **Effective Oral Advocacy Session**  
*Experienced jurists will offer their unique view from the bench on how to effectively advocate for your client in court.*  
**Hon. Ellen Hobbs Lyle, Chancery Court of Davidson County (Part III)**  
**Hon. Joseph Binkley, Jr., Fifth Circuit Court for Davidson County**
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**                    **In House Attorneys Panel Discussion:  
 Tips from In-House Counsel**  
*In-house counsel will offer their perspective on handling litigation matters and dealing with outside counsel.*  
**Nate Gilmer, Vanderbilt University Office of General Counsel**  
**Justin Fitzdam, HCA Inc.**
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.**                    **BREAK**
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.**                    **Basics of Class Action Litigation**  
*Learn class action strategies from the plaintiff's and defendant's perspective.*  
**Gerard Stranch, Branstetter Stranch & Jennings PLLC**  
**Joe Crace, Bass Berry & Sims PLC**
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**                    **Taking and Defending Effective Depositions**  
*Learn the skills necessary to prepare your client well for depositions and how to accomplish your goals when taking depositions.*  
**Todd Presnell, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP**

**Total Credit hours:**                    6.0 general, 1.0 dual