

# Business Law Forum 2025

April 24, 2025 – Bradley

**Total Credits:** 3 General



9:00 – 10:00 a.m. CT

## **A Beginner's Guide to Debt Tax and Usury in Tennessee**

*During this session, participants will get a crash course in Tennessee debt tax and usury statutes – two of the more unique characteristics of Tennessee law that can be a trap for the unwary. This session will cover topics such as the calculation of debt tax, debt tax allocation, scope of payments covered by usury, the applicable formula rate, savings clauses, and example applications.*

Katie Smalley, Bass, Berry & Sims

Leslie Ford, Bass, Berry & Sims

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

## **Break**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

## **Entity Selection and Formation in Tennessee**

*An introductory course on basics, and some nuances, related to selecting, forming and maintaining legal entities in Tennessee. The session will provide an overview of various entities that can be formed under Tennessee law, best practices associated with advising clients on entity selection, and entity governance matters and comparisons to Delaware law.*

Van East, Bradley

Nathan Harris, Bradley

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

## **Break**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## **Practical Tips for Contract Drafting**

*Our panel will explore practical advice for drafting clear and effective contracts, including best practices for starting from forms, pitfalls to avoid when using precedents, and tips for concise, consistent contract language.*

Moderator: Laura McKinney, Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel

Courtney Keehan, Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel

Tyler Huseman, Bass, Berry & Sims

Dillon Reid, Riggs Davie