



Criminal Law Forum: Jumping Through the Hoops
December 11, 2015 – Nashville, Tennessee

Program Description: The constant change in criminal practice is what keeps criminal lawyers on their toes. From one day to the next you could be in General Sessions on a motion, off handling a sensitive matter with a victim, or back in the office reading up on a death penalty issues. In the mix of these matters we continue to find ways to be more effective in our practice and make sure we balance our time with calls, reviewing discovery, meetings, and avoiding common ethical issues. This program will help you jump through all those hoops and get up to speed.

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Agenda

Credit hours: 4 general, 2 Dual

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast/Welcome
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>ABA Death Penalty Representation Project <i>The ABA Death Penalty Representation Project is the ABA's expert on issues related to legal representation in death penalty cases, with a focus on improving the quality and availability of legal representation for persons facing a possible death sentence.</i></p> <p>Emily Olson-Gault, <i>American Bar Association (Director - Death Penalty Representation Project)</i> Keith Simmons, <i>Bass Berry & Sims PLC</i></p>
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (1 Dual)	<p>Prosecutorial Misconduct (Ethics) <i>Prosecutors have special responsibilities under law and the Rules of Professional Conduct. This presentation will include examples of prosecutorial misconduct and how it can be addressed at trial and on appeal.</i></p> <p>Patrick McNally, <i>Weatherly McNally & Dixon PLC</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	BREAK

- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. General Session Motion Practice
Many attorneys maintain a healthy motions practice in circuit court but often overlook opportunities in General Sessions. This presentation will address motions that may be useful in General Sessions Court.
Thomas Parkerson, Parkerson | Santel PLLC
- 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch (*on your own*)**
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Judges Panel: Learn What to Do and What Not to Do
A panel discussion about things to do – and not to do – in court, from a judge’s perspective.
Honorable Lee Bussart, Marshall County General Sessions
Honorable Tim Easter, Court of Criminal Appeals
Honorable Deanna Bell Johnson, 21st Judicial District Circuit Court
David Veile, Schell & Davies LLC - **Moderator**
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Addressing the Needs of Victim’s Family Members in the Criminal Justice System
This session will discuss the importance of victim outreach on both sides of the aisle including perspectives on the criminal justice system from the viewpoint of the relative of a recent murder victim.
Pamela Blume Leonard, Georgia State University
(Executive Director – Council for Restorative Justice)
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
(1 Dual) Ethics Primer – Practicing The Right Way & Avoiding Common Missteps
Practicing law can be amazing – and amazingly stressful. This presentation includes a primer on how to manage your work life and avoid common missteps.
Honorable Tom Woodall, TN Court of Criminal Appeals – TLAP Commission’s Vice-Chair