



Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals Academy

Supreme Court Building
401 Seventh Avenue North

Nashville, Tennessee

October 18, 2016

Program Description

The Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals is unfamiliar territory for most lawyers. Opportunities to practice in this court are few and success requires skills of oral and written advocacy. A persuasive performance in both areas is important to success; a poor performance in either can lead to defeat. Accordingly, lawyers need the information and insight required to develop and perfect their oral arguments and legal writing. Indeed, this is true at all levels of legal practice, and the lessons learned during this seminar will be generally applicable to practice in trial courts.

Lawyers will learn from a distinguished faculty and through observation of oral arguments. This seminar will cover the best practices for oral argument, common mistakes made, and standards of review.

On October 18 attendees will register at the Tennessee Bar Center and walk over to the Tennessee Supreme Court Building for observation of oral arguments. Afterwards, we will return to the Tennessee Bar Center for an executive lunch and then end the day with topics related to appellate practice.

October 18, 2016 Morning Session: Tennessee Supreme Court

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| 8:15-8:45 am | Continental Breakfast and Registration at the Tennessee Bar Center |
| 8:45-9:15 am | TBA Special Committee on the Evolving Legal Market Report [0.50 Dual] |
| 9:15am | Depart for Tennessee Supreme Court Building |
| 9:30-11:30 am | Oral Argument Observation [2.0 General] |
| 11:30-12:00 pm | Break and Walk back to Tennessee Bar Center |

Afternoon Session: Tennessee Bar Center

12:00-12:30pm **Oral Argument Debriefing [0.50 General]**
Donald Capparella, Dodson Parker Behm & Capparella PC

12:30-1:30 pm **Executive lunch provided- Networking**

1:30-2:30 pm **Protecting the Trial Record for Appeal [1.0 General]**
David Raybin, Raybin & Weissman PC

2:30-3:30 pm **Tennessee Office of the Post-Conviction Defender [1.0 General]**
Justyna Scalpone, Office of the Post-Conviction Defender

3:30-3:45 pm **Break**

3:45-4:45 pm **Appellate Practice Ethics Panel [1.0 Dual]**
Hon. John Everett Williams, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals
Justice Roger Page, Tennessee Supreme Court

Total number of hours:
4.5 General, 1.5 Dual