

Tort and Appellate Forum 2018

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Join tort and appellate lawyers from across the state to learn about the topics that will impact your practice. You will hear about the latest updates on the appellate court's new e-filing process, updates in tort law, a review of the claims evaluation process and practice pointers for insurance coverage and bad faith. Hon. Neil Thomas, Hon. Kyle Hendrick and Former Chief Justice Janice Holder will share effective lawyering in front of juries and Dean Bill Koch of Nashville School of Law will address ethical considerations and professionalism in appellate practice.


8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  **Registration/Welcome**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **New E-Filing Process and Its Impact on Tennessee Rules**
The Supreme Court intends to adopt electronic filing ("e-filing") in the appellate courts in the coming months. Upon the Court's release of e-filing, Rule 46 will authorize parties to e-file documents voluntarily until such time that the Court adopts e-filing on a permanent basis. This session will address these changes and its impact on the Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Rules of the Court of Appeals, and the Rules of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Jim Hivner, Clerk of the Appellate Courts

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Ethics and Professionalism in Appellate Practice**
(DUAL) This session will review ethical issues in this practice area. We will discuss duty of candor with the court, limits of a lawyer's ability to criticize courts and judges, and frivolous appeals.

Dean Bill Koch, Nashville School of Law

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  **Break**


10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Practice Pointers for Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith**

Robertson "Bobby" Leatherman, Attorney at Law

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  **Lunch – Sponsored by Commercial Surety Bond Agency (CSBA)**

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Tort Law Update: A discussion of recent changes in Tennessee tort law.**
Nathan E. Shelby, Rainey Kizer Reviere & Bell PLC

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Claim Evaluations: How the Process Works**
Morris Ricketts, Consumers Insurance USA a Motorists Insurance Group Company
Anna Watts, Consumers Insurance USA a Motorists Insurance Group Company
William “Bill” Teas, Willis Towers Watson

2:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.  **Break**

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
(DUAL) **Effective Lawyering in front of Juries**
Hon. Neil Thomas
Former Chief Justice Janice Holder
Moderator: Parke Morris, Parke Morris & Associates