Litigation Forum 2015
TBA Bar Center – Nashville, TN
April 15, 2015

Program Description: The Litigation Forum contains everything you need to know about litigation, from oral advocacy to effective case management from the client's perspective. This 7 hour CLE (6.0 General/1.0 Ethics) will cover taking effective depositions, using motion practice to your advantage, and setting up your case to obtain a favorable settlement for your client. Judges will share their insights into what makes oral arguments effective, including Supreme Court Justice Holly Kirby who will provide the Forum's keynote remarks. You will enjoy an engaging approach to solving everyday ethical dilemmas and hear perspectives on tort reform from the plaintiff and defense bar.

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AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	**Registration/Introduction Remarks**
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	**Keynote Remarks** **Speaker: Hon. Holly Kirby**, *Tennessee Supreme Court*
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	**Panel Discussion- Effective Oral Advocacy** **Hon. Holly Kirby**, *Tennessee Supreme Court* **Chancellor Carol McCoy,** *20th Judicial District Chancery Court, Pt. 2*
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	**BREAK**
10:15 – 11:30 a.m.	**Tort Reform - The Verdict** *The impact of tort reform in Tennessee- was there one?* **William "Bill" Haltom,** *Lewis Thomason* **Randall Kinnard,** *Kinnard, Clayton & Beveridge*
11:30 – 12:30 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*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	**Lunch (*on your own*)**
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **(1 Dual)**	**The Ballad of a (Now-Suspended) North Carolina Lawyer: A Litigator's Primer on How Not to Reconcile Your Ethical Obligations With Your Role as Zealous Advocate** *This seminar will explore, using a real-life example of a 20-count disciplinary complaint that led to a five-year suspension from the practice of law, one lawyer's inadvertent effort to become a helpful example to litigators everywhere of what not to do.* **Brian Faughnan,** *Lewis Thomason*
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	**In House Attorneys Panel Discussion:** **Tips from In-House Counsel** *In-house counsel will offer their perspectives on handling litigation matters and effective case management.* **Terrence Reed,** *Federal Express Corporation* **Mike Rusie,** Dollar General Corporation
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	**BREAK**
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	**Pre-Trial Motions and Trial Preparation** *An experienced litigator covers best practices in trial preparation and getting your case to a jury.* **Jon Harris,** *Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart*

Total Credit hours: 6 general, 1 Dual