

Creditors Practice Forum

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This annual staple for creditors' lawyers will take place in person at the new TBA office in Nashville. Topics include corporate foreclosures, use of AI by pro se defendants, ethics and more.

9 – 10 a.m. CDT

Registration / Breakfast

10 – 11 a.m.

Foreclosure Law Update: 7 Common Mistakes to Avoid After the 2025 Statute Changes

In response to the July 2025 changes to Tennessee's foreclosure statutes, this session identifies 7 easily avoidable mistakes practitioners are already making – and provides a broader look at the current Tennessee foreclosure landscape for attorneys at every experience level.

David Anthony, Exo Legal

11 – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Administrative Hurdles & Alternative Remedies in General Sessions Court

This session will provide an overview of operations and alternative remedies for cases in general sessions court. The presenter will discuss scheduling, timely pleadings and executions, remittances, and examples of how these basic processes have been delayed in Tennessee courts. The presentation will offer novel remedies for when issues arise under certain circumstances.

Joel Vallejo, Buffaloe & Vallejo

12:15 – 1 p.m.

Lunch (Provided)

1 – 2 p.m.

AI & Pro Se Defendants

This session will discuss the rise in use of AI by pro se defendants. The presenter will offer insight into the methods used, problems that arise and how courts have adapted to the practice.

Daniel Barsky, Holland & Knight

2 - 2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Ethics for Creditors' Lawyers

This session will provide ethical guidance for attorneys that represent creditors. Topics will include (1) communication with unrepresented parties; (2) remote work; (3) succession planning; (4) responsibilities of lawyers with managerial and supervisory authority; and (5) refraining from the assertion of frivolous legal or factual claims.

Steven Christopher, Tenn. Board of Professional Responsibility