



# Young Lawyers

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Participate in hands-on training, live demonstrations, lectures, and facilitated discussions

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**T**he 2017 Young Lawyers Seminar will provide “actionable” training—lessons learned here can be immediately implemented in practice. Young lawyers can expect a mixture of hands-on learning opportunities, live demonstrations, facilitated discussions, and some traditional presentations. A Texas Supreme Court Justice, in-house counsel, deans of the defense bar, and up-and-comers will offer insights useful to junior associates, senior associates, junior partners, and in-house counsel. This seminar will also feature formal and informal networking opportunities to enable all seminar attendees to make new contacts and reconnect with old friends.



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## What You Will Learn

- Skills—takeaways directly applicable to your practice that you can apply immediately
- Advocacy—writing and arguing to win, taught in an interactive setting
- Leadership—effectively and ethically managing support staff and project teams
- Perspective—what is important to your in-house counsel, what plaintiff’s counsel is thinking, and how to get on the same page with experts
- Strategy—how your clients make business decisions that affect litigation, and form strategy for large-scale litigation




## Get Started

- 1 Review the brochure and identify sessions of interest to you
- 2 Share this brochure with colleagues
- 3 **Register online** or complete the **form in the back**
- 4 Download the DRI App  and  and make use of its features to get the most out of this program
- 5 Share on social media   

## Maximize Your DRI Seminar Experience

*No one gets you connected like DRI.*

- Use the DRI App to customize your schedule, view course materials, and communicate with fellow attendees and speakers.
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- Discover the  **DRI Client Connection**—meet in-house and claims professional registrants and speakers.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.



Serving the Community

#### Community Service Project

Come work with the Boys & Girls Club to provide local youths with positive leadership. Activities include serving lunch, arts and crafts time, and story reading. Please see registration form to sign up. **Must register on or before May 29, 2017.**

#### 4:00 p.m. State and Local Defense Organization Meeting

Leaders, founders, and members of various SLDOs from the United States and Canada will discuss starting a young lawyers section within an SLDO, strengthening an existing section, and increasing participation of young lawyers in SLDOs. See registration form to sign up.

MODERATOR | **Baxter D. Drennon**, *Wright Lindsey & Jennings LLP*, Little Rock, AR

#### 6:00 p.m. Registration

#### 6:00 p.m. Networking Reception

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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site to network after dinner. Contact Allison Waase at [awaase@kbrlaw.com](mailto:awaase@kbrlaw.com) or Stephanie Wurdock at [swurdock@sturgillturner.com](mailto:swurdock@sturgillturner.com).

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

#### Wireless Access

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#### 7:00 a.m. Registration

#### 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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#### 7:00 a.m. First-Time Attendees' Breakfast

 **Christiane R. Fife**, *Daimler Trucks North America LLC*, Portland, OR

#### 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

**Gail Rodgers**, *DLA Piper LLP (US)*, New York, NY  
**Kimberly L. Beck**, *Ulmer & Berne LLP*, Cincinnati, OH

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#### 8:05 a.m. Mind the Gap: Objective Advice for Navigating the Generation Gap

Hear a discussion about the generation gap found among clients, experts, judges, jurors, and opposing counsel; how these diverse groups perceive one another; and how to manage these perceptions to your advantage.

 **Sarah E. Madsen**, *TrueNorth Companies LLC*, Cedar Rapids, IA

#### 8:45 a.m. Steer Your Experts in the Right Direction

This panel will help you arm your experts for depositions and trial. Also learn how they can help you challenge opposing experts, both technically and legally.

MODERATOR | **John H. Dollarhide**, *Butler Snow LLP*, Ridgeland, MS

**Thomas M. Dydek, PhD, DABT, PE**, *Dydek Toxicology Consulting*, Austin, TX

**Scott A. Nesvold, MS, MEng, PE**, *Crane Engineering*, Plymouth, MN

**R. Torrey Roberts, PE**, *S-E-A Limited*, Golden, CO

 **Kaylen M. Silverberg, MD**, *Texas Fertility Center*, Austin, TX

#### 9:35 a.m. Refreshment Break

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#### 9:50 a.m. Strategy for National Litigation

Learn valuable strategies about serving as local counsel on a national defense team by an in-house attorney and his trusted outside counsel.

 **Robert J. Haddad**, *Delphi Corp.*, Troy, MI  
**Chris Pearson**, *Germer PLLC*, Austin, TX

#### 10:30 a.m. Niche Practice: Data Breach Primer

Understand the basics of data breach law, as well as the latest developments in the world of data security, to help you effectively counsel clients.

MODERATOR | **Katie A. Fillmore**, *Butler Snow LLP*, Austin, TX

**Heather L. Hughes**, *U.S. Legal Support*, Houston, TX

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11:10 a.m. **Finance: Making Sense of the Numbers**  
An experienced outside counsel and a forensic accountant will teach you how to interpret financial records, calculate lost profits, and understand common financial data.

**Patrick C. Gorman**, *Jones Skelton & Hochuli PLC*, Phoenix, AZ

**Michael Haugen, CPA/CFF, CFE**, *Epps Forensic Consulting PLLC*, Scottsdale, AZ

11:45 a.m. **Women in the Law/Diversity Luncheon**  
Ms. Mignano will discuss her decision to open her own firm as a young lawyer, focusing on risks, gender, and culture.

**Lindsey S. Mignano**, *Smith Shapourian Mignano LLP*, San Francisco, CA

1:00 p.m. **Beat the Bully Without Becoming One**  
Learn how to deal with “bully” attorneys who utilize speaking objections at depositions, dominate available air time at hearings, or rely on their “decades of experience” to intimidate.

**Sheila S. Boston**, *Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP*, New York, NY

1:00 p.m.–2:20 p.m. **Fast-Pitch Breakout**  
Attendees will work with and receive feedback from one of our in-house counsel instructors on making an effective business pitch in a mock exercise.

1:45 p.m. **Wellness for Young Lawyers in Texas and Beyond**  
As state bars become more cognizant of mental wellness issues in the profession and more proactive about addressing them, this session will help you identify and navigate issues such as depression and anxiety and how to manage them.

**Bree Buchanan**, *Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program of the State Bar of Texas*, Austin, TX

2:20 p.m. **Refreshment Break**  
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2:35 p.m. **Navigating Punitive Damages**  
Learn how to evaluate the likelihood that the plaintiff will recover punitive damages, address punitive damages with your client, and effectively manage a punitive damages claim.

**Jeffrey A. Holmstrand**, *Grove Holmstrand & Delk PLLC*, Wheeling, WV

3:15 p.m. **Career Development Breakout Sessions**  
(See page 4 for more details.)

4:00 p.m. **The Trifecta of Perspectives**  
Learn a number of strategies and skills from someone who has seen litigation as a plaintiff’s attorney, defense attorney, and now, as assistant general counsel.

 **Darryl M. Phillips**, *Entergy Services Inc.*, New Orleans, LA

4:45 p.m. **Young Lawyers Committee Meeting and 2018 Seminar Planning Meeting** (*open to all*)

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**  
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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). After dinner join us for networking and fun at one of Austin’s hottest “West Sixth” bars. For further information, please contact Allison Waase at [awaase@kbrlaw.com](mailto:awaase@kbrlaw.com) or Stephanie Wurdock at [swurdock@sturgillturner.com](mailto:swurdock@sturgillturner.com).

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7:30 a.m. **Registration**

7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
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8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**  
**Geoff E. Moysa**, *McMillan LLP*, Toronto, ON

8:35 a.m. **Writing to Win**  
After a discussion about tips for writing well and avoiding common mistakes, attendees will have an opportunity to apply what they have learned, either by rewriting or redlining mediocre paragraphs from exemplar briefs.

**Troy A. Price**, *Wright Lindsey & Jennings LLP*, Little Rock, AR

9:25 a.m. **Oral Advocacy at Every Stage of the Case**  
Attendees will receive tips for oral arguments and see live demonstrations of both effective and ineffective approaches. The speakers will



seek input, ideas, and demonstrations from the audience of successful techniques.

**The Honorable Jeff Brown**, *Supreme Court of Texas*, Austin, TX

**Chad Ruback**, *Chad Ruback Appellate Lawyer*, Dallas, TX

10:10 a.m. **Practical Advice About Getting Ready for Trial**

Learn what you need to think about leading up to and during trial. Leave with a checklist of the key aspects of trial work, including admitting evidence and ensuring that you include the most important details in your closing argument.


**Sheryl J. Willert**, *Williams Kastner*, Seattle, WA

10:55 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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11:10 a.m. **Business Considerations That Affect Litigation**

You are in business to win lawsuits. Your clients are not. In this presentation learn some of the business considerations that affect litigation, including setting reserves and protecting products or reputation.

 **Theodore R. (T.R.) Bynum III**, *Wells Fargo–Wells Fargo Advisors*, Saint Louis, MO

 **Jobina Jones-McDonnell**, *Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc.*, Malvern, PA

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11:45 a.m. **Your Practice Will Be Bigger After Texas: Perspectives on Business Development**

How to go from good attorney to rainmaker? Three attorneys who started out where you are now will describe how they did it, and how their strategies may work for you.


**Jeffrey A. Holmstrand**, *Grove Holmstrand & Delk PLLC*, Wheeling, WV

**Lindsey S. Mignano**, *Smith Shapourian Mignano LLP*, San Francisco, CA

**Sheryl J. Willert**, *Williams Kastner*, Seattle, WA

12:30 p.m. **Ethical Concerns of Delegating**

In this interactive session, learn how to delegate, how much control you are ethically obligated to maintain, how much oversight is ethically required, and how to balance all of those considerations.

 **Donna L. Crossley-Van Lieu, RN, JD, LLM**, *University of Cincinnati Health Department*, Cincinnati, OH

**Merton A. Howard**, *Hanson Bridgett LLP*, San Francisco, CA

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

3:00 p.m. **Lady Bird Lake Boat Tour and Networking Event**

Join us for a two-hour, upscale cruise on Lady Bird Lake featuring incredible views of Austin. Additional fee payment required. For more information and to register and pay please contact Stephanie Wurdock at [swurdock@sturgillturner.com](mailto:swurdock@sturgillturner.com).

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Thursday, June 22, 3:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**

Determine what you are doing well and what you need to be doing better to advance your career. Attend one of these breakout sessions tailored to your career stage.

■ **Associates 0–6 years**

Learn how to complete a self-evaluation effectively, what is most important to the partner who assigned you work, how to use litigation budgets to your advantage, and much more.

**Sara Deskins Tucker**, *Greenberg Traurig LLP*, Atlanta, GA

■ **Associates 6-plus years**

Understand why some associates make partner and why some do not. Identify the skills required for a successful senior associate and learn best practices to complete your personal toolkit.

**Merton A. Howard**, *Hanson Bridgett LLP*, San Francisco, CA

■ **Junior Partners**

Congratulations! You made partner! Now what? Learn what skill sets you need to continue to get noticed and be rewarded within your firm.

**Sheila S. Boston**, *Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP*, New York, NY

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### In-House Counsel

In-house counsel are eligible for free registration to DRI seminars. In-house counsel are defined as licensed attorneys, who are employed exclusively by a corporation or other private sector organization for the purpose of providing legal representation and counsel only to that corporation, its affiliates and subsidiaries. In order to qualify for free registration, the individual must also be a DRI member and a member of DRI's Corporate Counsel Committee. Offer excludes the DRI Annual Meeting.

### Claims Executives

Any member of DRI employed as a claims professional by a corporation or insurance company, who spends a substantial portion of his or her professional time hiring or supervising outside counsel in the representation of business, insurance companies or their insureds, associations or governmental entities in civil litigation, will be entitled to free attendance at any DRI program. **Limited to one seminar per calendar year.** Offer excludes DRI Annual Meeting.

### CLE Accreditation

This seminar has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California for up to **10.75** hours, including **1** hour of ethics credit. Accreditation has been requested from every state with mandatory continuing legal education (CLE) requirements. Certificates of attendance will be provided to each attendee. Attendees are responsible for obtaining CLE credits from their respective states. Credit avail-

ity and requirements vary from state to state; please check the DRI website at [dri.org](http://dri.org) for **the latest information for your state.**

### Registration Policy

**Save \$100 when you register by May 22, 2017.** (See the registration form for pricing.) The registration fee includes course materials, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, networking receptions, and access to the DRI App. If you wish to have your name appear on the registration list distributed at the conference and receive the course materials in advance, DRI must receive your registration by **May 29, 2017** (*please allow 10 days for processing*). Registrations received after **May 29, 2017**, will be processed on-site.

### Refund Policy

The registration fee is fully refundable for cancellations received on or before **May 29, 2017**. Cancellations received after **May 29** and on or before **June 5, 2017**, will receive a refund, less a \$100 processing fee. Cancellations made after **June 5** will not receive a refund, but a \$100 certificate good for any DRI seminar within the next 12 months will be issued. All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing. Fax (312.795.0747) or email ([seminars@dri.org](mailto:seminars@dri.org)) to DRI's Accounting Department. Processing of refunds will occur within four weeks after the date of the seminar. All refunds will be processed in the same method that the payment was received. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge and must be submitted in writing.

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- Speakers and times may be subject to last-minute changes.
- A small portion of your room rate offsets the costs of the seminar.
- DRI policy provides there will be no group functions sponsored by others in connection with its seminars.



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A limited number of discounted hotel rooms have been made available at the **Westin Austin Downtown, 310 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78701** ([click here](#) to view hotel photos).

Take advantage of the group rate of **\$245 Single/Double** in one of two ways:

- 1) Reserve online: [Click here](#) or visit [dri.org](http://dri.org) and go to the **DRI Young Lawyers Seminar page** and click on the "Book hotel" button.
- 2) Or **contact the hotel directly at 512.391.2333** and mention the **DRI Young Lawyers Seminar**.

The hotel block is limited and rooms and rates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must make reservations by **May 22, 2017**, to be eligible for the group rate. Requests for reservations made after **May 22, 2017** are subject to room and rate availability.

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*Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, LA*

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**Intellectual Property**  
*Gleacher Center, Chicago, IL*

May 17–19  
**Employment and Labor Law**  
*Hilton Nashville Downtown, Nashville, TN*

June 22–23  
**Marijuana Law**  
*Hotel 1000, Seattle, WA*

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Members can access committee newsletters and seminar course materials via **DRI Online** at [dri.org](http://dri.org).

**Newsletter** *The Whisper* (12 times a year)  
 Visit the **Young Lawyers Committee page** on [dri.org](http://dri.org) for information about the committee and related resources.

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DRI is the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation.

Diversity is a core value at DRI. Indeed, diversity, which includes sexual orientation, is fundamental to the success of the organization, and we seek out and embrace the innumerable benefits and contributions that the perspectives, backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences a diverse membership provides.

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