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Welcome to the Main Stage

Learn How to Become a Headliner in Music City

- Get ready for your close-up and learn how to thrive in the spotlight
- Engage with judges, in-house counsel, and seasoned trial attorneys
- Take charge of your career path with practice-specific networking

June 26–28, 2019
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Welcome to Nashville, Music City and home to some of the best barbecue there is! This seminar is jam-packed with sessions to teach young lawyers practical skills while giving them ample opportunities to develop and grow meaningful, career-rocketing relationships. Join like-minded, enthusiastic young lawyers not only to develop critical skills, but also to create genuine friendships with top attorneys from around the country. Hear from engaging in-house and outside counsel alike on key issues such as voir dire techniques, making compelling opening statements and persuasive closing arguments, interfacing with the news media on behalf of your client, and more!

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What You Will Learn

- How to capture your audience, from published author Kerri Ruttenberg
- Tips for connecting with jurors during voir dire, telling the story of your case with both persuasive opening statements and closing arguments, and avoiding appealable issues
- Methods for managing the spotlight, dealing with clients in the media, and the proper use of social media as attorneys
- Approaches for learning your client’s business, its litigation strategies, and its risk tolerances

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- Access to LegalPoint™ at dri.org: Committee newsletters, seminar course materials, and other publications.
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Community Service Project: Thistle Farms 10:00 a.m.
Come volunteer at Thistle Farms, which heals, empowers, and employs women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. Tour of the facility starts at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. at their café, staffed by Thistle Farm graduates. At 12:30 p.m., we will help package and label products made by the women survivors. To sign up, please check the box on the registration page.

2:30 p.m. Fine Tuning Your Practice
Find your band members at this practice-specific CLE and networking opportunity. Hear from young lawyer leaders in the areas of drug and medical device, product liability, insurance defense, medical malpractice, commercial litigation, and labor and employment.

3:00 p.m. Practice-Specific Breakout Session
Following the general session of “Fine Tuning Your Practice,” meet with those in your practice area and discuss hot topics and emerging ideas. Do not miss this chance to network and connect with other young lawyers who do what you do and lay the groundwork for the substantive law committee you will engage in after your time in Young Lawyers is complete!

4:00 p.m. Making the Most of Your Stomping Grounds
Hear from state and local defense organization (SLDO) young lawyer leaders about the advantages of being engaged in your SLDO and how to get plugged in at the state and local level.

6:00 p.m. Registration
6:00 p.m. Networking Reception
Sponsored by S-E-A

7:30 p.m. Dine-Arounds | Join colleagues and friends at Nashville’s finest restaurants for dinner. (Electronic sign-up sent to registrants at a later time.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 a.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
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View faculty bios on the Young Lawyers Seminar webpage; click on “View speakers” button.

7:00 a.m. First-Time Attendees Breakfast
Baxter D. Drennon, Wright Lindsey & Jennings LLP, Little Rock, AR

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Laurie K. Miller, Jackson Kelly PLLC, Charleston, WV
Emily R. Motto, Baylor Evnen LLP, Lincoln, NE

8:05 a.m. Outplaying the Competition: Exposing Reptile Tactics
Hear from an accomplished trial attorney on combating reptilian tactics used in requests for admission, discovery, depositions, and trial. Learn tactics to protect against jury manipulation.
Matthew G. Moffett, Gray Rust St Armand Moffett & Brieske LLP, Atlanta, GA

9:00 a.m. Conquering Stage Fright: Building Confidence as a Young Lawyer
Hear from DRI past president and former chair of the DRI Young Lawyers Committee Laura Proctor, who will discuss skills development and building confidence as a young lawyer.
Laura E. Proctor, LP Building Products, Nashville, TN

9:45 a.m. Refreshment Break
Sponsored by Hanson Bridgett LLP

10:00 a.m. Images with Impact: Effective Visuals for Trials and Professional Presentations
Learn how to design and use visual images to communicate your message more effectively, whether you’re presenting to clients, government agencies, judges, or jurors. Kerri Ruttenberg, a trial attorney and published author, will address what works and why, how to use graphic design basics to help you improve your own visuals, and strategies for spotting and addressing misleading visuals.
Kerri L. Ruttenberg, Jones Day, Washington, DC

11:00 a.m. Getting Ready for Your Close-Up: Handling Media Coverage of Clients and Cases
Experienced trial attorney and TV/radio legal contributor Katie Phang will discuss how to address your client’s initial response to a crisis, how to prepare your clients and cases for the
media scrutiny, and how to handle your litigation in conjunction with media coverage.

**Katie S. Phang**, Berger Singerman LLP, Miami, FL

11:45 a.m. **Women in the Law and Diversity Luncheon**

The Honorable Sheila D.J. Calloway, Juvenile Court of Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County, Nashville, TN

For more information and to sign up, please contact Allison Ng at nga@gtlaw.com.

11:45 a.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

A WINNING AUDITION: FAST-PITCH BREAKOUT

1:00 p.m.–2:20 p.m.

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. **Limited Enrollment**. To sign up, please contact Colin Dean, colin.dean@forrestfirm.com and Kristi Arth, karth@bradley.com.

1:00 p.m. **Planning Your Path to the Main Stage**

DRI Young Lawyers Committee immediate Past Chair Joshua Webb will discuss how to take control of your path as a young lawyer to put yourself in the best position to succeed within your firm and within DRI.

Joshua C. Webb, Hill Ward Henderson, Tampa, FL

1:45 p.m. **How to Hit the Right Notes: Inspecting and Preserving Evidence During Discovery and Dealing with Spoliation in Litigation**

Get up to speed on the duty to preserve tangible evidence as well as conducting inspections and testing to bolster your client’s defense. Also, learn about the differing approaches taken by courts on spoliation and methods to defend spoliation issues in settlement negotiations, depositions, motion practice, or trial.

**Megan S. Peterson**, Simon Peragine Smith & Redfearn LLP, New Orleans, LA

**Jaime L. Regan**, Harris Beach PLLC, New York, NY

> **John C. Shashy**, Kemper Insurance Company, Birmingham, AL

2:30 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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2:45 p.m. **Inside the Industry: Understanding the Business of Your In-House Counsel**

This impressive panel of in-house counsel will discuss the importance of learning about a client’s business, its litigation strategies, and its risk tolerances. Panelists will provide practical tips on how to ask your in-house contacts for this introductory information to equip you to provide greater client service.

**MODERATOR** | **Pamela Springrose Hallford**, Carr Allison, Dothan, AL

> **Bahar Azhdari**, Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, Brentwood, TN

> **Madeleine Kvalheim**, Aaron’s Inc., Atlanta, GA

> **Peter A. Malanchuk**, Bridgestone Americas Inc., Nashville, TN

3:30 p.m. **In the Spotlight: Managing Multidistrict Litigation**

Hear about significant developments in the area of multidistrict litigation. Learn mechanisms utilized for consolidating cases and the rules of engagement once discovery commences. With ever-growing stakes reaching nearly every major industry, the reality of MDL practice is that many of the general safeguards provided by civil procedure are loosened, if not completely eliminated.

**Carolyn E. Riggs**, Ice Miller LLP, Indianapolis, IN

4:15 p.m. **Singing from the Same Song Sheet: Using Interpreters in Litigation**

Learn the practical approach to using interpreters in litigation, as well as the ethical duties implicated by limited English proficiency clients from an experienced defense attorney and a court-certified interpreter in Mandarin Chinese.

> **Wei Ralph**, Tennessee Court Certified Interpreter, Goodlettsville, TN

Kristi Wilcox Arth, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Nashville, TN

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

5:30 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 a.m.  Registration
7:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast  
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8:00 a.m.  Young Lawyers Committee Meeting and 2020 Seminar Planning Meeting (open to all). Learn about each subcommittee and how to get more involved in the Young Lawyers Committee.

8:40 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction  
Brett A. Tarver, Jones Day, Atlanta, GA

8:45 a.m.  Social Media Ethics for Millennial Lawyers: Don’t End Up in the Limelight for the Wrong Reasons  
Three seasoned millennial lawyers delve into the ethics and professionalism on how young lawyers can and cannot use social media in their daily lives. Learn tips and tricks to avoid ethical pitfalls in confidentiality, advertising, and more. #ethicalposting #nosanctions

Bryana L. Blessinger, Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, Portland, OR
Laura Emmett, Strigberger Brown Armstrong LLP, Waterloo, ON
Hali Hill, Hooters of America LLC, Atlanta, GA

9:45 a.m.  Setting the Stage: Voir Dire  
This interactive training session by two skilled trial attorneys will show young lawyers how to conduct voir dire by communicating with the jurors, eliciting the past experiences of jurors, and navigating negative press.

Patrick M. Causey, Trenam Law, Saint Petersburg, FL
Pamela Newsom Lee, Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers LLP, Atlanta, GA

10:45 a.m.  Refreshment Break  
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11:00 a.m.  Telling the Story of Your Case: Persuasive Opening Statements and Closing Arguments  
Effective opening statements and closing arguments tell the jury the story of your case. Learn how best to lay out and then review the evidence and information involved in the trial, as well as how to attack weaknesses. Engage with two experienced trial attorneys as they demonstrate openings and closings and also address the use of media and other materials.

Mario R. Bordogna, Clark Hill PLC, Pittsburgh, PA
Monté L. Williams, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Morgantown, WV

12:00 p.m.  Don’t Sing the Blues on Appeal  
A seasoned appellate attorney shares secrets on avoiding waiver traps and preserving errors for appeal in both discovery and trial.

Michael B. King, Carney Bradley Spellman PS, Seattle, WA

12:45 p.m.  How to Read a Crowd: Using Litigation Analytics in Practice and Business Development  
Litigation analytics can help you anticipate the behavior of judges, lawyers, and parties and predict the outcome of various legal strategies. Learn tactics to identify and assess your competition; predict legal spend and timing; and demonstrate expertise about judges, venues, opposing parties, and counsel.

Emily Myers Ruzic, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Birmingham, AL

1:30 p.m.  Adjourn

2:00 p.m.  Nashville Brewery Tour  |  Join us for a tour of three Nashville breweries. Each brewery will include tastings, and the first brewery will include delicious barbecue. Private transportation to and from the hotel is included. Additional payment required. To register and pay, please contact Elizabeth Googe at ebrunette@foxrothchild.com.

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Registration Policy

Save $100 when you register by May 27, 2019. (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 June 3, 2019 (please allow 10 days for processing). Registrations received after June 3, 2019, will be processed on-site.

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2) Or contact the hotel directly at 615.620.1000 and mention the DRI Young Lawyers Seminar.

The hotel block is limited and rooms and rates are available on a firstcome, first-served basis. You must make reservations by May 27, 2019, to be eligible for the group rate. Requests for reservations made after May 27 are subject to room and rate availability.
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Inclusiveness is the chief means to increase the diversity of DRI’s membership and leadership positions. DRI’s members and potential leaders are often also members and leaders of other defense organizations. Accordingly, DRI encourages all national, state, and local defense organizations to promote diversity and inclusion in their membership and leadership.

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Omni Austin Downtown, Austin, TX

May 8–10
**Employment and Labor Law**
Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, Phoenix, AZ

May 8–10
**Intellectual Property Litigation**
Omni Austin Downtown, Austin, TX

May 9–10
**Retail and Hospitality Litigation**
Loews Sapphire Falls/Royal Pacific Resorts at Universal, Orlando, FL

May 15
**Cannabis Law**
Renaissance Washington DC Downtown, Washington, DC

May 16–17
**Drug and Medical Device Litigation**
Renaissance Washington DC Downtown, Washington, DC

June 5–7
**Insurance Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability**
Westin Washington, D.C. City Center, Washington, DC

June 20–21
**Diversity for Success**
Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

June 26
**Trucking Law Primer**
Hilton Nashville Downtown, Nashville, TN

July 19
**Appellate Advocacy**
Loews Chicago, Chicago, IL

September 12–13
**Strictly Automotive**
S-E-A/Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus, OH

September 19–20
**Nursing Home/ALF Litigation**
Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL

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