

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association 48th Annual Meeting

Early Bird
Registration
Deadline and
Hotel Deadline:
May 12



**June 11-14, 2015
Hammock Beach Resort
Palm Coast, Florida**



**Georgia Defense
Lawyers Association**
Advancing the Civil Defense Bar®

WHAT IS THE GDLA ANNUAL MEETING?

Civil defense lawyers from across the state will gather for the 48th time, convening this year at Hammock Beach Resort, June 11-14. You can find the weekend schedule on page 4, but below we have highlighted the various educational opportunities, networking events, as well as recreation and family fun activities. Don't miss the chance to bring your family to the beach for this great event.

Educational Opportunities

Blockbuster CLE

This year's CLE format will resemble TED Talks with shorter topics by more speakers. The seminar offers 6 CLE hours, 1 Professionalism Hour and 5 Trial Hours. See our impressive lineup on [page 6](#).

Sponsors Exhibit Showcase

Meet and talk with GDLA's Platinum and Gold sponsors from a wide variety of legal industry suppliers that can answer your questions and demonstrate the latest tools and services to enhance your practice. [See our sponsors on page 7](#).

Networking Social Events

Welcome, Y'all! Reception

As is tradition, the Welcome, Y'all! Reception will kick off the 48th GDLA Annual Meeting festivities on Thursday with a feast of heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. We'll gather on the oceanfront Lodge Event Lawn, which promises to be a spectacular setting for members and their families to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

[Participating Sponsor Miles Mediation & Arbitration Services -Team Murphey](#)

Young Lawyers Networking Breakfast

Bright and early on Friday morning, we'll have a networking breakfast for GDLA members who are age 36 or under. While there is no additional charge for this event, please indicate on the registration form in you plan to attend.

President's Reception

On Friday, members and their guests are invited to join the GDLA Board of Directors and Past Presidents as we honor President Kirby Mason for her year of service.

[Participating Sponsor Robson Forensic](#)

Annual Closing Dinner

Saturday's Closing Dinner concludes the Annual Meeting activities with a sumptuous buffet of surf and turf favorites. The whole family is invited to join the fun when we gather on the Grand Event Lawn overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and golf course. It will prove to be a memorable evening as we bid farewell until 2016.

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Recreation & Family Fun

Golf Tournament

Enjoy camaraderie and competition as we play Hammock Beach's Ocean Golf Course. Format will be based on the number of entries. Fee includes greens fees, carts and winners' prizes.

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Tennis Tournament

Hit the courts in the annual tennis tournament featuring a "meet-em-all" doubles round robin. Fee includes court fees, balls, refreshments and winners' prizes.

Participating Sponsor Esquire Deposition Solutions

Sandcastles Contest

Don't let your kids miss the sandcastles contest for ages 15 and younger. Your children can work as a team or solo to channel their parents' favorite HGTV stars and build a castle – or whatever they imagine – on the beach.

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Family Fun

Your kids will love the 91,000 sq. ft. water park, where they can zip down the 3-story water flume or float the lazy river. Enjoy separate upper and lower level pools, an adult pool, a swimming pool sized spa, a zero-entry beach pool, beach volleyball, poolside bar and more. Sign up the younger set for Kids Crew (ages 4-12) and they'll enjoy scavenger hunts, beach games and more. Stop by Kids Crew if yours are ages 13-17 to see what they have for them. There's also a 9-hole putting course, as well as table tennis and foosball. Or hit the beach where towels and chairs are provided.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 11

6:30 pm **Welcome, Y'all! Opening Reception**
Participating Sponsor Miles Mediation & Arbitration - Team Murphey

Friday, June 12

7:00 - 8:00 am **Young Lawyers Networking Breakfast**

7:30 am **Continental Breakfast - GDLA Members Only**
Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 am **Call to Order - President Kirby Mason**
Announcements - Meetings Chair Staten Bitting
Introduction of Program - Matt Moffett, President-elect & Program Chair

8:30 - 10:30 am **CLE Program (see page 6)**

10:30 - 11:15 am **Exhibit Hall Break**

11:15 - 12:15 pm **CLE Program**

1:30 pm **Golf Tournament:** Participating Sponsor Engineering Systems, Inc. (ESI)

6:30 - 7:30pm **President's Reception:** Participating Sponsor Robson Forensic

Saturday, June 13

7:30 am **Continental Breakfast - GDLA Members Only**
Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 - 9:00 am **GDLA Annual Business Meeting:**
Treasurer's Report - Peter Muller
Election of Officers/Board of Directors
President's Message and Passing the Gavel

9:00 - 10:45 am **CLE Program (see page 6)**

10:45 - 11:15 am **Exhibit Hall Break**

11:15 - 12:30 pm **CLE Program**

1:30 pm **Tennis Tournament**
Participating Sponsor Esquire Deposition Solutions

3:00 pm **Sandcastle Contest (for kids up to 15 years of age)**
Participating Sponsor Engineering Systems, Inc. (ESI)

6:30 pm **Closing Dinner**
Participating Sponsor FORCON Intl.

We are especially thankful to all of the GDLA Platinum sponsors who are underwriting a portion of the events as noted above. We also appreciate Collision Specialists, Inc., for sponsoring the hotel room key cards.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Nestled on a stretch of unspoiled beach along Florida's Atlantic Coast in Palm Coast Florida, Hammock Beach Resort is an extraordinary treasure. This exquisite oceanfront playground is just south of St. Augustine and north of Daytona Beach. Outside your door, you'll find a pristine coastal landscape, endless recreation, and ocean views that will carry you as far away as your dreams will take you.

Hammock Beach was voted Top 5 America's Best Family Hotel and #1 Resort in Florida by *Travel + Leisure*. Discover this hidden gem if you haven't already.

Book your accommodations by calling **1-877-834-8862** and mentioning Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Annual Meeting. First night's deposit required at time of reservation; 14-day cancellation notice; balance due 14 days prior to arrival.

The deadline is May 12, but our room block may sell out quickly. Our negotiated room rates per night + taxes/fees are:

– Ocean view, 1 bedroom suite - \$229

– Ocean view, 3 bedroom suite - \$329



For reservations, please call the resort directly at 1-877-834-8862 and mention GDIA Annual Meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Friday, June 12

Managing a National Practice: Don't Get Homecooked

Carrie L. Christie, Rutherford & Christie, Atlanta

How to Win Med Mal Cases Before Today's Jurors

Daniel J. Huff, Huff Powell & Bailey, Atlanta

Mission Impossible? Rethinking the Defense of Third-Party Criminal-Attack Cases

C. Shane Keith, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young, Atlanta

To Catch a Plaintiff: Production and Use of Surveillance Evidence

Whitney Lay & Jeffrey S. Ward, Drew Eckl & Farnham, Brunswick

Payback Isn't Always Hell: Tips to Avoid Hospital Liens Post-*Wellstar Kennestone v. Travelers Home & Marine*

Erica L. Morton, Hicks Casey & Morton, Marietta

Anatomy of a Slip & Fall

Grant Bevill, CED Technologies

Saturday, June 13

What is Professionalism? Don't Play Jeopardy With Your Career

Judge Susan Edlein, State Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, and
Sarah B. (Sally) Akins, Ellis Painter Ratterree & Adams, Savannah

One is the Loneliest Number: Defending the Insurer in a Direct Action Trial

Ashley Rice, Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout, Atlanta

Pulling Back the Floor Mat on the Toyota Sudden Unintended Acceleration Investigation

Frederick N. (Rick) Sager, Jr., Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial, Atlanta

The Best (and Worst) Movie Cross Exams: What Can Lawyers Learn from Hollywood?

Richard W. (Dick) Willis, Bowman and Brooke, Columbia, SC

Expert Witness Tips & Trends

Dan Rubin, Thomson Reuters Expert Witness Services

**Approved for 6 CLE Hours,
including 1 Professionalism and 5 Trial Hours**

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South Georgia ADR Service
Tiffany Alley Global Reporting & Video

REGISTRATION FORM

Member Name _____
Preferred First Name _____
Firm _____
City _____ Bar # _____
Spouse/Guest (First & Last Name) _____
Children/Additional Guests (First & Last Names/Ages) _____

Golf Tournament – Friday afternoon

Member _____ Handicap _____
Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Handicap _____

Tennis Tournament – Saturday afternoon (indicate Level A, B or C)

Member _____ Level _____
Spouse/Guest(s) _____ Level _____

SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION FEES - see footnote*

Members age 36 and under +

One Spouse/Significant Other:

- Early bird (postmarked by May 12) - \$495
- Late Registration
(postmarked May 13 or after) - \$595

Members age 37 and over +

One Spouse/Significant Other:

- Early bird (postmarked by May 12) - \$595
- Late Registration
(postmarked May 13 or after) - \$695

REGISTRATION FEE AMOUNT

\$ _____

ADDITIONAL FEES/EVENTS

# Persons	Event Cost Per Person	
_____	Golf \$200	\$ _____
_____	Tennis \$25	\$ _____
_____	Sandcastles Contest No Charge (but please indicate number of kids who will participate on your family “team”)	\$ 0.00
_____	Thurs. Reception: Member + one spouse/guest No charge (but please indicate number that will attend)	\$ 0.00
_____	Thurs. Reception: Additional guests ages 20 or under No Charge (one spouse/guest included in registration fee)	\$ _____
_____	Thurs. Reception: Additional guests ages 21+ \$95 per person (one spouse/guest included in registration fee)	\$ _____
_____	Fri. Young Lawyers Breakfast No charge (but please indicate if you will attend)	\$ 0.00
_____	Sat. Dinner: Member + one spouse/guest No charge (but please indicate number that will attend)	\$ 0.00
_____	Sat. Dinner: Children ages 3-10 \$33 per person	\$ _____
_____	Sat. Dinner: Youths ages 11-20 \$66 per person	\$ _____
_____	Sat. Dinner: Additional adult guests over 21 \$132 per person	\$ _____

ADDITIONAL FEES AMOUNT

\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Registration Fee + Additional Fees)

\$ _____

Mail form and check to GDLA, P.O. Box 191074, Atlanta, GA 31119-1074

* Registration Fee includes Thurs. reception and Sat. dinner for two (GDLA member + one spouse/guest) plus CLE and breakfasts for GDLA member. Additional Thurs. reception guests under age 20 are free, but please indicate how many will attend, as well as any additional guests/fees for Thurs. reception (age 21+), Sat. dinner, golf and tennis in Additional Fees box.