

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association

# Annual Meeting



June 9-12, 2011  
Omni Amelia Island Plantation  
Resort and Villas  
Amelia Island, Florida

# What is the GDLA Annual Meeting?

## Blockbuster CLE

Our impressive lineup of speakers covers topics specifically targeted to civil defense practitioners, and offers 6 CLE hours, including 1 Ethics, 1 Professionalism and 4 Trial. See page 6.

## Welcome, Y'all! Opening Reception

We'll kick off Thursday with our traditional Welcome, Y'all Opening Reception at The Falcon's Nest with heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar. Named after Amelia Island Plantation's own Jack "The Falcon" Healan, this adventurous nightspot is the place to "see and be seen" on Amelia Island – and GDLA will have the place to ourselves. With 7,000 square feet and fascinating memorabilia from the aviation world, Falcon's is the perfect spot to "fly by" and see your old GDLA friends and meet new ones! Participating sponsor BAY Mediation & Arbitration Services, LLC.



## Sponsors Exhibit Show

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 4.

## Golf Tournament

Enjoy camaraderie and competition as we play Amelia Island's Ocean Links Course. Format will be based on the number of entries. The course winds through six miles of natural sand dunes and seaside terrain, including five oceanfront golf holes. Fee includes boxed lunch, greens fees, carts and prizes. Participating sponsor Engineering Systems, Inc. (ESI).

## 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 prizes.

## Annual Closing Dinner

We'll close on Saturday evening with a casual, family-friendly gathering at Walker's Landing, on the marsh side of the Plantation, where we'll enjoy a sumptuous dinner in a spectacular setting as we watch the sun set. See page 5. Participating sponsor FORCON Intl.

# Weekend Schedule

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## Thursday, June 9

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6:30 pm Welcome, Y'all! Opening Reception  
Falcon's Nest  
*Participating Sponsor BAY Mediation & Arbitration*



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## Friday, June 10

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7:30 am Continental Breakfast - GDLA Members Only  
Exhibit Hall Open  
8:00 am Call to Order - *GDLA President Bubba Hughes*  
Announcements - *Meetings Chair Steve Kyle*  
Introduction of Program - *Mel Haas, Program Chair*  
8:30 - 10:00 am CLE Program (see page 6)  
10:00 - 10:45 am Exhibit Hall Break  
10:45 am - 12:15 pm CLE Program  
1:30 pm Golf Tournament: Participating Sponsor ESI

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## Saturday, June 11

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7:30 am Continental Breakfast - GDLA Members Only  
Exhibit Hall Open  
8:00 - 9:00 am GDLA Annual Business Meeting: Treasurer's Report and  
Election of Officers/Board of Directors  
President's Message and Passing the Gavel  
9:00 - 10:30 am CLE Program (see page 6)  
10:30 - 10:45 am Exhibit Hall Break  
10:45 - 1:00 pm CLE Program  
2:00 pm Tennis Tournament  
6:30 pm Closing Dinner at Walker's Landing  
*Participating Sponsor FORCON International*

# Accommodations

For reservations, call the resort at 800.874.6878 and mention GDLA.



Conveniently located just north of Jacksonville, Florida, Amelia Island Plantation – AAA Four Diamond beach resort – is a spectacular sanctuary for reconnecting with colleagues, family and friends. Oceanview rooms may be booked in the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort (formerly called the Inn) or Sandcastles Villas, subject to availability. The room rates below are European Plan (no meals included) and are subject to all applicable taxes (currently state 7%, occupancy 3% but subject to change).

**Hotel deadline is May 9<sup>th</sup> but rooms sell out quickly.**

Oceanview Room – \$200 per night

Oceanview 1 Bedroom Suite – \$260 per night

Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort and Villas of Amelia Island Plantation  
6800 First Coast Highway | Amelia Island, Florida 32034 | Phone: 904-261-6161

## Sponsors

Thanks to our Sponsors for their invaluable support. Remember them as you need the services they offer:

### PLATINUM

BAY Mediation & Arbitration Services, LLC  
CaseMetrix  
Collision Specialists, Inc.  
Courtroom Sciences, Inc. (CSI)  
Courtroom Visuals  
DecisionQuest  
Engineering Systems, Inc.  
Exponent  
FORCON International  
Georgia Academy of Mediators & Arbitrators  
Miles Mediation & Arbitration Services  
Nelson Architectural Engineers  
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### GOLD

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ProAssurance  
Southern Medical-Legal Consulting  
Trial Exhibits, Inc.

### SILVER

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# Closing Dinner at Walker's Landing



On Saturday evening, we'll adjourn to a magical setting on the marsh side of Amelia Island. Offering views of the salt marsh, teeming with wildlife, and the intracoastal waterway, Walker's Landing features a wraparound balcony and screened porch off the expansive dining room, so drinks and dinner can be enjoyed indoors or out. We'll relish a surf and turf feast while the younger set savors a buffet of kid favorites. After dinner, we'll watch the sun set as we reflect on another great Annual Meeting. Participating Sponsor FORCON International.

# Educational Program

## Friday, June 10

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| 8:30 - 9:00 am      | Tort Reform<br><i>George Israel, Retired President and CEO,<br/>Georgia Chamber of Commerce</i>  |
| 9:00 - 9:30 am      | Legendary Rainmakers' Business Development Secrets<br><i>Robin Hensley, Raising the Bar</i>  |
| 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.   | Understanding Medicare Secondary Payer<br><i>Steve Kyle, Bovis Kyle &amp; Burch and Wayne Melnick,<br/>Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett &amp; Brieske</i> |
| 10:00 - 10:45 am    | Exhibit Hall Break – Please visit and thank our sponsors   |
| 10:45 - 11:30 am    | Avoiding Professionalism Pitfalls: Advice for Defense Counsel<br><i>Judge Edgar W. Ennis, Jr., Superior Court, Macon Judicial Circuit</i>            |
| 11:30 am - 12:15 pm | Headlines Can Be Costly: Using Data to Win Cases<br>When the Media Says Otherwise<br><i>Kim White &amp; Alan Pershing, CaseMetrix</i>                |

## Saturday, June 11

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| 9:00 - 9:45 am      | Covenants Not to Compete<br><i>Jeff Thompson, Constangy Brooks &amp; Smith</i>                                   |
| 9:45 - 10:30 am     | A Look From Inside: Innovative Solutions<br><i>Timothy L. Williams, General Counsel, Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.</i> |
| 10:30 - 11:00 am    | Exhibit Hall Break – Drawing for Prizes  |
| 11:00 - 11:45 am    | Winning in Mediation<br><i>Terrence Croft, Georgia Academy of Mediators &amp; Arbitrators</i>                    |
| 11:45 am - 12:30 pm | Injury Biomechanics: What Actually Happened?<br><i>Stacy M. Imler, Ph.D., P.E., Exponent</i>                     |
| 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm  | Legislative Review: New Evidence Code & More<br><i>Rep. Edward Lindsey, House Majority Whip</i>                  |

**Approved for 6 CLE Hours, including 1 Ethics,  
1 Professionalism and 4 Trial**

# Registration Form

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nametag Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEE \*

Member & One Spouse/Significant Other (see footnote) \$ 495.00

### ADDITIONAL FEES

| # Persons | Event   Cost Per Person   |          |
|-----------|---|----------|
| _____     | Golf   \$200  | \$ _____ |
| _____     | Tennis   \$25   | \$ _____ |
| _____     | Thurs. Reception: Additional guests ages 20 or under   no charge<br>(but please indicate number that will attend)   | \$ 0.00  |
| _____     | Thurs. Reception: Additional guests ages 21+   \$95 per person<br>(one spouse/guest included in registration fee)   | \$ _____ |
| _____     | Sat. Dinner: Children ages 4-12   \$25 per person   | \$ _____ |
| _____     | Sat. Dinner: Youths ages 13-20   \$75 per person  | \$ _____ |
| _____     | Sat. Dinner: Additional adult guests ages 21+   \$115 per person<br>(one spouse/guest included in registration fee) | \$ _____ |

**TOTAL ENCLOSED (Registration Fee + Additional Fees)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check to GDLA, P.O. Box 8558, Atlanta, GA 31106

\* 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.