

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association

MEMBER BENEFITS



BLAST E-MAIL SYSTEM

Do you need an expert witness, information on jury tendencies or a judge in a particular venue, or another defense lawyer's take on a complex point of law or experience dealing with certain opposing counsel? Use the GDLA blast e-mail system to quickly ask your colleagues for their valuable input.

GEORGIA DEFENSE LAWYER NEWSLETTER

The *Georgia Defense Lawyer* newsletter contains not only information about GDLA activities, but also recent developments in case law. In addition, the newsletter reports attorney moves, law firm news, honors, big wins, and more. The *Georgia Defense Lawyer* was awarded 2011 Best Newsletter for a voluntary bar by the State Bar of Georgia.

LAW JOURNAL

The *Law Journal* is published annually in June, and contains articles on trends and legal updates by members of the GDLA. The *Law Journal*, which is published as a searchable pdf on CD-ROM, is also distributed to judges statewide.

ANNUAL MEETING

This yearly event brings together civil defense lawyers statewide from all firm sizes and practice areas for networking, CLE and social activities. There's also an exhibit hall where you will find tips and tools to enhance your practice from a variety of vendors. The Annual Meeting takes place every June so check the GDLA online calendar. It is a family event that offers blockbuster CLE, golf and tennis tournaments, and networking opportunities at social events.

JUDICIAL RECEPTIONS

The GDLA hosts receptions for the judiciary around the state, allowing you to meet and mingle with judges in your area. We'll be hosting one in Atlanta in February and in Savannah in March of next year. Check the GDLA calendar on our website for details.

CLE SEMINARS & WEBINARS

The GDLA regularly offers CLE seminars as well as extensive training like Deposition Boot Camp and Trial Academy.

PRE-TRIAL DISCOVERY/DEPOSITION BOOT CAMP

Pre-Trial Discovery/Deposition Boot Camp is an intensive two-day lecture and demonstration seminar that teaches best practices for pre-trial discovery and taking or defending depositions. Seasoned litigators guide younger lawyers through a series of lectures and breakout discussions to hone their skills.

TRIAL ACADEMY

Every January, the GDLA hosts an intensive three-day Trial Academy for younger lawyers covering a variety of trial techniques. Attendees watch and learn from seasoned lawyers; then it's their turn to present what they've learned. Social activities and networking round out this educational event.

YOUNG LAWYERS

The GDLA is focusing on Young Lawyers (YL) through a YL committee.

The goal is offering younger lawyers an opportunity to get published, find a mentor, network with experienced defense attorneys and judges at members-only events, as well as attend great CLE seminars like our Trial Academy and Pre-Trial Discovery/Deposition Boot Camp.

BRIEF BANK & TORT REFORM DATABASE

The GDLA has a Brief Bank, as well as a database of documents pertaining to Senate Bill 3.

SPONSORS RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Need a court reporter? Jury consultant? Engineering expert? Accident reconstructionist? Our sponsors are a great resource for our members.

ONLINE ATTORNEY DIRECTORY

Our membership directory is searchable by name, city and firm by consumers and others on our website.

AFFILIATION WITH GEORGIA'S CIVIL DEFENSE COMMUNITY

In addition to the many personal benefits to your practice, your participation in the GDLA will bolster the defense bar and advance your client's interests through shared knowledge, techniques and insights. In addition, you will be able to cite your membership in the GDLA whenever you present your personal and professional credentials.

FIRST-YEAR DRI MEMBERSHIP — FREE!

GDLA members who have not previously been a member of the Defense Research Institute qualify for their first year free.

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