

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association

MEMBER BENEFITS



***Advancing the
Civil Defense Bar®***

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? Use the GDLA blast e-mail system to quickly ask your colleagues for information.

GEORGIA DEFENSE LAWYER NEWSLETTER

The *Georgia Defense Lawyer* newsletter contains not only information about GDLA activities, but also recent developments in case law. The newsletter also reports attorney moves, law firm news, honors, big wins, and more. It is an excellent outlet for publishing your own articles, and it is mailed to judges statewide. The *Georgia Defense Lawyer* was awarded 2011 and 2012 Best Newsletter for a voluntary bar by the State Bar of Georgia.

LAW JOURNAL

The *Law Journal* is published annually in May, 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 and their families from all firm sizes and practice areas statewide 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 GDLA sponsors. The Annual Meeting takes place every June at a beach location.

JUDICIAL RECEPTIONS

The GDLA hosts receptions for the judiciary around the state, allowing you to meet and mingle with judges in your area. We have hosted receptions in Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah. The Atlanta reception is traditionally held in February of each year.

CLE SEMINARS & WEBINARS

The GDLA regularly offers CLE seminars -- whether lunch-and-learn, half-day, all day or webinars -- as well as extensive training like Pre-Trial Discovery & Deposition Boot Camp and Trial Academy.

PRE-TRIAL DISCOVERY & DEPOSITION BOOT CAMP

This intensive two-day lecture and demonstration seminar covers all aspects of pre-trial discovery in civil litigation. Seasoned litigators guide younger lawyers through a series of lectures and breakout discussions to hone their skills.

TRIAL ACADEMY

Each year, the GDLA hosts this intensive three-day CLE for young 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 held each January at Callaway Gardens Lodge & Spa.

YOUNG LAWYERS

The GDLA is expanding its Young Lawyers (YL) offerings, giving YLs an opportunity to get published, network with experienced defense attorneys and judges at members-only events, as well as attend great CLE like our Trial Academy and Pre-Trial Discovery & Deposition Boot Camp. We also offer the popular Skits & Suds: Ethics & Professionalism Uncorked CLE each summer at a local Atlanta watering hole.

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? Trial graphics? A mediator? Insurance? Our sponsors are a great resource for our members.

ONLINE ATTORNEY DIRECTORY

Our membership directory is searchable by name, city and firm name by consumers and others on our website. Members can keep their information updated directly themselves.

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 OF DRI MEMBERSHIP -- FREE!

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