



**GEORGIA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION  
2014 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Ponte Vedra Inn & Club  
Ponte Vedra, Florida  
June 14, 2014**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

The 2013-2014 President, Theodore (Ted) Freeman, called the annual Business Meeting to order at 8 a.m. See Exhibit A for a list of the Board of Directors, Past Presidents, members, sponsors, and guests in attendance at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Ted presented a proposed two Bylaws changes. The first would open our doors to membership to attorneys employed by and defending a federal, state or local governmental entity or an agency thereof. In order to bring the Association in line with other similar organizations within the state and nationally, the second amendment would codify what has been the practice already, by changing the title “Executive Vice President” to “President-elect.”

Following a motion that the Bylaws changes below be effected, a voice vote by those members present passed the amendments. The new language is double-underlined and deleted language is ~~stricken through~~:

**ARTICLE III  
Membership**

Section 3. Eligibility for Membership. A. To be eligible (1) for election as an Active Member in this Association herein, a lawyer (a) must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia; (b) must be in private practice or employed by and representing a federal, state or local governmental entity or an agency thereof and engaged in the ~~trial~~ practice of litigation, primarily for the defense; and (c) must have manifested a genuine interest in or sympathy with, the purposes of this Association as expressed in Article II hereof. B. To be eligible (1) for election as an Associate Member of this Association, and (2) to continue to hold membership as such, a lawyer (a) must be employed by and actively engaged on a full time basis in the claims work of a company doing business in the State of Georgia; and (b) must have manifested a genuine interest in, or sympathy with, the purposes of this Association as expressed in Article II hereof.

## ARTICLE VIII Officers and Their Duties

Section 4. The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

~~Executive Vice President~~ President-elect: The ~~Executive Vice President~~ President-elect shall assume the duties of the President upon his request or when the President is absent, and shall succeed to the office of President upon the resignation, inability, or refusal to act, or death of the President. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees without the right to vote. The ~~Executive Vice President~~ President-elect shall fulfill such other duties as may be placed upon him by the President or the Board of Directors. Absent circumstances otherwise disqualifying the President-elect for membership in the Association, or upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the President-elect shall succeed to the office of President upon completion of the President's term at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

*(Note: The double-underlined language is the only difference in the current position of Executive Vice President. If approved, the term "Executive Vice President" throughout the Bylaws would be replaced by "President-elect.")*

Secretary-Treasurer Matt Moffett gave the Treasurer's report, explaining that the GDLA is operating in the black.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Past President Staten Bitting. The membership approved the committee's report, thereby electing the following:

**President:** Kirby G. Mason  
**President-elect:** Matthew G. Moffett  
**Secretary-Treasurer:** Peter D. Muller

**Board of Directors, Middle District:**  
Robert R. (Rusty) Gunn, II (2015)  
Jason C. Logan (2016)  
Jason D. Lewis (2017)

**Vice Presidents:**  
Sarah B. (Sally) Akins  
Craig C. Avery  
Hall F. McKinley, III  
David N. Nelson

**Board of Directors, Southern District**  
Jeffrey S. Ward (2015)  
James S.V. Weston (2016)  
James W. Purcell (2017)

**Board of Directors, Northern District:**  
Christopher E. Parker (2015)  
Brian T. Moore (2016)  
James D. (Dart) Meadows (2017)

**State At Large:**  
George R. Hall  
Wayne S. Melnick  
Ashley Rice

DRI State Rep Bubba Hughes presented Ted Freeman with the DRI Exceptional Performance Award, recognizing his service to enhance the skills, effectiveness, and professionalism of defense lawyers. Bubba introduced special guest, James Holland, who heads the DRI for Life

Task Force; he reported on DRI happenings and encouraged attendance at the 2014 DRI Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Ted Freeman made his final remarks as President, noting a number of significant changes over the past year, including the adoption of new logo and launch of a new website. He also noted that we received a Best Newsletter Award from the State Bar of Georgia for the fourth consecutive year. He offered thanks to Kirby Mason for planning the educational program for the Annual Meeting. He also thanked Jennifer Davis for her efforts and expressed appreciation to the sponsors.

President Ted Freeman then ceremonially passed the gavel to incoming 2014-2015 President Kirby Mason, who honored Ted for his year of service by presenting him with a mint julep cup and President's gavel plaque.

The Board approved the following applicants for membership, as recommended by the Admissions Committee:

1. Bagheri, Sheri .....Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout
2. Cooper, C. Ryan..... Scrudder, Bass, Quillian, Horlock, Taylor & Lazarus
3. Horne, Sharon P.....Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins
4. Julian, Lauren ..... Drew Eckl & Farnham
5. Kendrick, Douglas R.....Mabry & McClelland
6. Manning, Thomas H. .... McRae, Stegall, Peek, Harman, Smith & Manning
7. Meyer, Brent..... Carlock, Copeland & Stair
8. Meyer, Travis J.....Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout
9. Mitchell, Madeline J..... Hall Booth Smith
10. Murphey, Susan K. .... Schulten Ward & Turner
11. Noland, William H. .... Childs & Noland
12. Painter, James V..... Brennan, Wasden and Painter
13. Reale, John P..... Drew Eckl & Farnham
14. Rose, Elizabeth A..... Drew Eckl & Farnham
15. Underwood, William E..... Tisinger Vance

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

## 2014 GDLA Annual Meeting Attendees

First/Middle	Last	Badge Name	Type	Firm	City	Spouse/Guest	Child/Guest 1, Age	Child Guest 2, Age	Child/Guest 3, Age
<b>GDLA MEMBERS</b>									
Sarah B.	Akins	Sally	Vice President	Ellis Painter Ratterree & Adams	Savannah	-	-	-	-
Melissa	Bailey	Melissa	Member/Speaker	Carlock Copeland & Stair	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Matthew F.	Barr	Matt	Member/Speaker	Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young	Atlanta	Christi Barr	Sarah Grace, 13	Jonathan, 8	
Frank C.	Bedinger III	Frank	Member	Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young	Atlanta	Megan Bedinger	-	-	-
N. Staten	Bitting, Jr.	Staten	Past President	Fulcher Hagler	Augusta	Cindy Bitting	-	-	-
Dana F.	Braun	Dana	Member	Callaway Braun Riddle & Hughes	Savannah	Meg Braun	Max, 16	Josh, 13	-
Michael S.	Broun	Michael	Member	Cowsert & Avery	Athens	Jennifer Broun	-	-	-
William	Buchanan	Bill	Member	Buchanan & Land	Columbus	-	-	-	-
Jerry A.	Buchanan	Jerry	Past President	Buchanan & Land	Columbus	Carolyn Buchanan	-	-	-
J. Arthur	Davison	Art	Member	Fulcher Hagler	Augusta	Muriam Davison	-	-	-
Brown W.	Dennis, Jr.	Brown	Member	Chambless Higdon Richardson Katz & Griggs	Macon	Kathryn Dennis	-	-	-
John A.	Foster	Johnny	Past President	Forbes Foster & Pool	Savannah	Bobbie Foster	Jack, 14	Andrew, 13	-
Warner S.	Fox	Warner	Past President/Speaker	Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young	Atlanta	Andrew Fox	-	-	-
Leah	Fox	Leah	Member	Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele	Marietta	Walter Parker	-	-	-
Theodore	Freeman	Ted	President	Freeman Mathis & Gary	Atlanta	Mary Peironnet	-	-	-
Alexander T.	Galloway	Alec	Member/Speaker	Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele	Marietta	Michele Galloway	-	-	-
Harvey S.	Gray	Harvey	Member	Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske	Atlanta	Beth Ann Taratoot	-	-	-
W. Melvin	Haas III	Mel	Past President	Constangy Brooks & Smith	Macon	Linda Haas	-	-	-
George R.	Hall	George	Board Member	Hull Barrett	Augusta	Margaret Hall	Thomas, 22	David, 20	-
Bradley M.	Harmon	Brad	Member	HunterMaclean	Savannah	Heather Harmon	Will, 7	-	-
James L.	Hollis	Jim	Member/Speaker	Balch & Bingham	Atlanta	Courtney Hollis	Mary, 8	Anna, 6	-
William W.	Horlock, Jr.	Bill	Member	Scrudder Bass Quillian Horlock Taylor & Lazarus	Atlanta	Lucy Horlock			
Edward M.	Hughes	Bubba	Past President	Callaway Braun Riddle & Hughes	Savannah	Debbie Hughes	-	-	-
C. Shane	Keith	Shane	Member	Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young	Atlanta	Teresa Keith	Wynn, 4.5	Landon, 3.5	Tanner, 1.5
Alison S.	Kennickell	Ali	Member	Oliver Maner	Savannah	Trip Kennickell	-	-	-
Kate Chaplin	Lawson	Kate	Member	HunterMaclean	Savannah	-	-	-	-
Pamela	Lee	Pamela	Board Member	Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers	Atlanta	Chris Lee	Jackson, 4	Addison, 1	-
Christopher	Lee	Chris	Member	Tisinger Vance	Carrollton	Pamela Lee	Jackson, 4	Addison, 1	-
Lori M.	Leonardo	Lori	Member	Buchanan & Land	Columbus	Rob Wubbena	-	-	-

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Martin A.	Levinson	Marty	Member	Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young	Atlanta	Cathi Levinson	Lexi, 3	-	-
Jason D.	Lewis	Jason	Member	Chambless Higdon Richardson Katz & Griggs	Macon	Annie Lewis	John David, 10	Henry, 8	Carter, 6
Jason C.	Logan	Jason	Board Member	Constangy Brooks & Smith	Macon	Wendy Logan	Jason, 4	Lilly, 2 mos.	-
Allison E.	Maloney	Allison	Member	Mozley Finlayson & Loggins	Atlanta	Molly Kittrell	-	-	-
Kirby G.	Mason	Kirby	Executive VP	HunterMaclean	Savannah	Frank Mason	Alex, 14	Taylor, 12	-
Hall F.	McKinley III	Hall	Vice President	Drew Eckl & Farnham	Atlanta	Ann Hopkins	-	-	-
Wayne S.	Melnick	Wayne	Board Member	Freeman Mathis & Gary	Atlanta	Laura Melnick	Xander, 15	Joss, 12	-
Madeline J.	Mitchell	Madeline	Member (App Pending)	Hall Booth Smith	Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Matthew G.	Moffett	Matt	Secretary-Treasurer	Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske	Atlanta	Diane Moffett	Megan, 12	Ruthie Roberts, 12	-
Brian T.	Moore	Brian	Board Member	Drew Eckl & Farnham	Atlanta	Julie Moore	-	-	-
Peter D.	Muller	Peter	Vice President	Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson	Savannah	Lisa Muller	William, 14	Rob, 17	-
Susan K.	Murphey	Susan	Member (App Pending)	Schulten Ward & Turner	Atlanta	Joe Murphey	Audra, 16	-	-
David N.	Nelson	Dave	Board Member	Chambless Higdon Richardson Katz & Griggs	Macon	Jennifer Nelson	Elizabeth, 13	Lanier, 10	-
James W.	Purcell	Jim	Board Member	Fulcher Hagler	Augusta	Annie Purcell	-	-	-
Ashley	Rice	Ashley	Member	Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout	Atlanta	Brandon Rice	-	-	-
Lynn M.	Roberson	Lynn	Immediate Past Pres	Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers	Atlanta	Henry Newkirk	-	-	-
James E.	Singer	Jimmy	Past President	Bovis Kyle Burch & Medlin	Atlanta	Patti Singer	Meredith, 18	-	-
Taylor	Tribble	Taylor	Member/Speaker	Huff Powell Bailey	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Andy	Treese	Andy	Member	Allen McCain & O'Mahony	Atlanta	Amanda Treese	Calvin, 2	-	-
Jeffrey S.	Ward	Jeff	Board Member	Drew Eckl & Farnham	Brunswick	Greer Ward	Mobley Grace, 1.5	-	-
Jeffrey M.	Wasick	Jeff	Member	Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske	Atlanta	Georganne Wasick	Kate, 6	Claire, 6	Phoebe, 5
Mark C.	Wilby	Mark	Member	Fulcher Hagler	Augusta	Sarah Wilby	-	-	-
Jon C.	Wolfe	Chris	Member	Chambless Higdon Richardson Katz & Griggs	Macon	Mary Wolfe	Maran, 5	-	-
H. Lane	Young	Lane	Member	Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young	Atlanta	Kimberly Young	-	-	-
<b>SPONSORS, SPEAKERS &amp; SPECIAL GUESTS</b>									
Hon. Gregory	Sapp	Judge Sapp	Special Guest/Speaker	State Court of Chatham County	Savannah	Theresa Sapp	-	-	-
James	Holland	James	Special Guest/DRI Rep	Page Kruger & Holland	Jackson, MS	Ouida Holland	-	-	-
Peter	McCawley	Peter	Platinum Sponsor	CED Technologies, Inc.	Jacksonville, FL	Ingrid McCawley	-	-	-
Jodie	Kidd	Jodie	Platinum Sponsor	Collision Specialists Inc.	Gainesville	-	Ali, 15	Summer Eddy, 15	-

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Strickland	Jon	Jon	Platinum Sponsor	Collision Specialists Inc.	Gainesville	-	-	-	-
Will	Ward	Will	Platinum Sponsor	Courtroom Sciences Inc.	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Kimberly E.	Hall	Kim	Gold Sponsor	Elite Investigative Services	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Doug	Locker	Doug	Platinum Sponsor	ESI	Norcross	Beth Locker	-	-	-
Mitch	Garber	Mitch	Platinum Sponsor	ESI	Norcross	Michele Garber	-	-	-
Heather	Uhrinek	Heather	Platinum Sponsor	ESI	Norcross	Hunter Slaton	-	-	-
Jackson	Dodsworth	Jackson	Platinum Sponsor	Esquire Deposition Solutions	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Lauren	Konton	Lauren	Platinum Sponsor	Esquire Deposition Solutions	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Cliff	Walker	Cliff	Platinum Sponsor	Esquire Deposition Solutions	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Stacy	Imler	Stacy	Platinum Sponsor	Exponent	Atlanta	Bryan Marshall	Qunicy Marshall, 19 mos.	-	-
Bette	McKenzie	Bette	Platinum Sponsor	Exponent	Natick, MA	-	-	-	-
John	Leffler	John	Platinum Sponsor	FORCON International	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Bill	VerEecke	Bill	Platinum Sponsor	FORCON International	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Frank	D'Andrea	Frank	Platinum Sponsor	Global Legal Discovery	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Robert	Draper	Rob	Platinum Sponsor	Global Legal Discovery	Atlanta	Melanie Draper	-	-	-
Sharon	Jackson	Sharon	Gold Sponsor	Global Trans Services Inc.	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Dayne	Grey	Dayne	Platinum Sponsor	MDD Forensic Accountants	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Joseph	Hunnius	Joe	Platinum Sponsor	MDD Forensic Accountants	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Peggy	Roth	Peggy	Platinum Sponsor	Miles Mediation -- Team Murphey	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Joseph	Murphey	Joe	Platinum Sponsor	Miles Mediation -- Team Murphey	Atlanta	Susan Murphey	Audra, 16	-	-
Christopher K.	Annunziata	Chris	Platinum Sponsor	Miles Mediation -- Team Murphey	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Douglas A.	Wilde	Doug	Platinum Sponsor	Miles Mediation -- Team Murphey	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
John	Hammerli	John	Platinum Sponsor	Nelson Architectural Engineers	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Kurt	Cady	Kurt	Platinum Sponsor	Nelson Architectural Engineers	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Brian	Stacey	Brian	Platinum Sponsor	S-E-A Ltd.	Atlanta	-	-	-	-
Cindy	Lifsey	Cindy	Gold Sponsor	Southern Medical-Legal Consulting	Johns Creek	-	-	-	-
Daniel M.	Rubin	Dan	Platinum Sponsor	Thomson Reuters Expert Witness Services	Boca Raton, FL	-	-	-	-
Jennifer M.	Davis	Jennifer	Executive Director	GDLA	Atlanta	-	-	-	-