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2012 atla convention

Thursday, May 3 - Friday, May 4
Inn of the Ozarks  Eureka Springs, Arkansas

*Program offers 12 CLE Hours
including 1 ethics hour*

thursday

8:00 am
Registration begins/Breakfast

8:15 am
Opening Announcements

8:30–9:30 am
Establishing Permanent
Impairment
Greg Giles, Esq.

9:30 - 10:30 am
Joint & Several Liability
Bruce McMath, Esq.
& *Brian Brooks, Esq.*

10:30 - 10:40 am Break

10:40 - 11:40 am
Appeals– Preserving/
Making Your Record
Breean Walas, Esq.

11:40 am - 12:40 pm
Litigating Assisted Living Cases
David Cohen, Esq.

12:40 - 1:30 Lunch (provided)

1:30-2:30 pm
Ark. Deceptive Trade Practices Act
Jim DePriest, Esq.

2:30- 2:45 pm
Ice Cream Sundae Break

2:45 - 3:45 pm
Current Mortgage Issues
Annabelle Patterson, Esq.,
Joel Hargis, Esq.
& *Kathy Cruz, Esq.*

3:45 - 4:45 pm
Countering Low Speed Defenses
with Objective Evidence of Injury
Nathan Chaney, Esq.

4:45 - 5:45 pm
DWI Drugs: Beating the DRE
and the Chemical Sample
Tommy Bennett Esq. &
Brad Williams, Esq.

Greg Giles, Esq. is a partner at Moore and Giles L.L.P. in Texarkana, Arkansas. His firm specializes in workers compensation, social security claims and personal injury. In 1985 Greg received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1987 at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, Arkansas.



Breean Walas, Esq. is a research, appellate, and trial attorney with Gary Holt and Associates, P.A. Her practice area involves all aspects of personal injury and products liability litigation, with a focus on appellate advocacy.



Jim DePriest, Esq. has been a Deputy Attorney General in the Public Protection Department of the Office of the Attorney General since 1992. This Department includes the Consumer Protection Division, the Consumer Utility Rate Advocacy Division, the Environmental Division, the Anti-Trust Division, and the Tobacco Division. The Consumer Protection Division has the responsibility of enforcing a variety of Arkansas laws designed for consumer protection, primarily the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.



Joel G. Hargis, Esq. graduated from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a double emphasis in political science and English. Joel received his J.D. from the University of Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law. Joel has focused his practice exclusively in the area of bankruptcy, debtors' rights, consumer protection, and bankruptcy litigation.

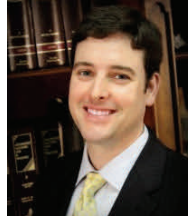


Brad Williams, Esq. graduated from The University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law in 2004. He is also a graduate of the prestigious Trial Practice Institute



of the National Criminal Defense College at Mercer University School of Law. Brad is a managing partner and founder of the Law Offices of Bennett & Williams.

Nathan Chaney, Esq. is a registered patent attorney with extensive federal intellectual property litigation experience. His practice with the Chaney Law Firm involves a substantial amount of IP litigation and prosecution, as well as other business and tort litigation.



Chris Wright, Esq. graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Political Science. He attended law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he graduated in 1998. His areas of practice include medical negligence, nursing home negligence, personal injury and wrongful death actions.



David Cohen, Esq. is a member of Stark & Stark's Accident & Personal Injury Group in New Jersey where he concentrates his practice in nursing home negligence and abuse claims, elder abuse and assisted living facility litigation. Mr. Cohen is certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney. He currently serves as the Chair of the American Association for Justice's Nursing Home Litigation Group.



David P. Price, Esq. is a solo practitioner in Magnolia, Arkansas. Since starting his practice in 1992, Mr. Price has represented injured clients all over Arkansas. He prides himself on never having represented an insurance company. His practice is primarily a Plaintiffs trial practice and he embraces the term "trial lawyer." Being a solo practitioner in a small town, however, he does everything from felony criminal defense to complex litigation.





Congressman

Bruce Braley is a trial lawyer who was elected to represent Iowa's First District on November 7, 2006. He currently sits on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. He also sits on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs where he serves as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. Before serving in Congress, Bruce practiced law for twenty-three years in Waterloo, Iowa. He served as President of the Iowa Trial Lawyers Association, President of the Iowa Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and was serving on the boards of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (n/k/a AAJ) and Iowa Legal Aid when he was elected to Congress.

Bart Virden, Esq.



graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1985. He was then the Law Clerk for Justice David Newbern on the Arkansas Supreme Court. Bart served on the Committee on Professional Conduct for 14 years with multiple stints as Chairman. He has been in private practice in Morrilton since 1986 as a partner in Gordon, Caruth, & Virden. Bart represents attorneys before the Committee, and serves as ethics consultant on legal malpractice cases.



Tommy Bennett, Esq. graduated from UALR, Bowen School of Law in 2003. Tommy is a managing partner and founder of the Law Offices of Bennett & Williams.

Brian G. Brooks, Esq.



received his BBA in Finance from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1984 and his J.D. from the U of A School of Law with high honors in 1994. Mr. Brooks is licensed to practice law in Arkansas, California, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas. He is a member of the Arkansas Bar Association, Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, State Bar of California, Tennessee Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, American Law Institute, National Association of

Consumer Advocates, and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. Currently, Mr. Brooks balances his private practice with his role as staff counsel for the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association.

Annabelle Lee Patterson, Esq.



is a solo practitioner in Hot Springs. She opened her own firm in October, 2011, and concentrates her practice in the areas of bankruptcy litigation and consumer issues. Mrs. Patterson's previous practice includes 8 years of debtor representation in Chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcies. She attended O. Max Gardner's Bankruptcy Bootcamp in 2007 and Securitization and Servicing Seminars in 2010 and 2011. Mrs. Patterson has been involved in bankruptcy litigation, particularly mortgage issues since 2007, and has spoken at numerous seminars on bankruptcy and mortgage litigation issues.



James Bruce McMath, Esq.

received his J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1975. He is a partner at McMath Woods P.A. in Little Rock. His areas of practice include personal injury, especially related to product defects; pharmaceuticals and toxic substances; railroad grade crossing accidents; crash worthiness and passenger restraint system failures; commercial and crop damage related to pesticides either through misuse or product defects; pollution-related property damage and personal injury claims; multiple plaintiff causes of action.

Kathy Cruz, Esq.



is nationally recognized in bankruptcy law. During her twenty-five years in legal practice in Arkansas, she has been quoted in the Congressional Record as a source on bankruptcy law, served as a reference on bankruptcy law for CNN, has been qualified as an expert witness in bankruptcy law in Arkansas, and been cited in many publications. She is the only attorney in Arkansas who has ever been board certified in consumer bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification, a designation shared by fewer than one in five hundred attorneys across the United States. Ms. Cruz is a member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA), where she serves as the state chair for the State of Arkansas. She also serves as the National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) state chair for the State of

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Show THEM the Money
Bart Virden, Esq.

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Top 5 Weapons in the Plaintiff's Medical Malpractice Arsenal
Chris Wright, Esq.

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Break

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Under the Capitol Dome: A Federal Legislative Update
Congressman Bruce Braley

11:40- 12:40
Life in the Fast Lane: A Country Lawyer's Practice
David Price, Esq.

12:45
Business Mtg. & Officer Election immediately followed by Impact Meeting

6:30 Reception

7:00 Dinner (with silent auction and awards)
8:30 Party (incoming president Chad Trammell)

*Ethics hour

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Event Tickets (non-registrants only)	Member	Non member	Qty.	Extended
Friday Evening Dinner	\$60	\$70	x #	\$ _____
Extra Convention T-Shirts	\$25	\$25	x #	\$ _____

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Accommodations Inn of the Ozarks (800) 552-3785 Hwy 62 West, Eureka Springs (special rates for attendees)

Cancellation Policy: Refunds minus \$50 processing fee will be made only if ATLA is notified before 5:00 pm, Monday, April 30, 2012. Those canceling without advance notice will not receive a refund. Substitution of eligible registrants is permitted. Event tickets are non-refundable and will be available for purchase on-site on a space-available basis.

Admittance Policy: Seminar closed to in-house or fulltime insurance defense counsel. Refunds of CLE registration fees will not be granted to those who violate this policy and are asked to leave a program unless violator can provide proof to the association that he/she is not in-house or full-time counsel for insurance co.

Party Time. Friday @ 8:30 p.m. Inn of the Ozarks

Please join us after dinner for a dessert and champagne reception in honor of incoming President Chad Trammell. Assorted desserts, chocolate fountain and open bar provided. Grab a quick drink and dessert or stay awhile and visit! We look forward to seeing you there.