

ACADEMY OF TRUCK ACCIDENT ATTORNEYS
2021 Annual Symposium
September 23 - September 25, 2021
Austin Marriott • Austin, TX

GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE
WATERLOO BALLROOM - 5TH FLOOR

Thursday, September 23, 2021 - GENERAL SESSION		
10:30am – 1:00pm	Conference Registration	
MODERATOR: Joe Fried		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:50pm – 1:00pm	Welcome and Introduction	Robert Collins Joe Fried Michael Leizerman
1:00pm – 1:30pm 30 min	The Cast of Characters – Potential Witnesses in Your Trucking Case	Andy Young
1:30pm – 2:00pm 30 min	Video and Data Together Early	Dan Buba
2:00pm – 3:00pm 60 min	Recognizing and Resolving Ethics Issues in Trucking Cases	Rena Leizerman
3:00pm – 3:15pm 15 min	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by Trial Lawyer Nation	
3:15pm – 3:45pm 30 min	Personal Jurisdiction – Recent U.S. Supreme Court Cases on Multiple Defendants	Justin Kaufman
3:45pm – 4:05pm 20 min	Take the Mystery Out of Structuring and Deferring Attorney Fees-Why and When it Makes Sense	Spooner Phillips Marshall Allen
4:05pm – 4:35pm 30 min	Essential Documents in Every Trucking Case	Mallory Storey Ulmer
4:35pm – 5:05pm 30 min	Overcoming Defense Tactics	Tom D'Amore
5:05pm – 5:45pm 30 min	Deposing Truck Drivers	Karonnie Truzy
5:45pm – 6:45pm	Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by Forge Consulting	

Friday, September 24, 2021 - GENERAL SESSION		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by Plaintiffs MSA & Lien Solution	
TECHNOLOGY IN TRUCKING CASES MODERATOR: Tom Metier		
8:30am – 9:00am 30 min	Telematics Systems: What They Are, How to Use the Rules of Procedure to Obtain the Data, and Standards for Admissibility	Deena Buchanan
9:00am – 9:30am 30 min	Cell Phones and Mobile Devices: What Data Exists; How to Get it, and How to Make it Admissible	Larry Simon
9:30am – 10:15am 45 min	Examples of Telematics in Real Cases	Joe Camerlengo
10:15am – 10:35am 20 min	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall	
10:35am – 11:05am 30 min	Former Employees and Other Similar Incidents	Tim Semelroth

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
11:05am – 11:20am 15 min	Triage the Financial Issues in Your Trucking Cases – Pre Settlement – Get Paid Faster	Jack Meligan
11:20am – 12:20pm 60 min	Alcoholism, Addiction, and Mental Health in the Legal Profession	Rena Leizerman
12:20pm – 1:30pm	Lunch Sponsored by Physician Life Care Planning	Andrea Bradford
TRIAL MODERATOR: Michael Leizerman		
1:30pm – 2:15pm 45 min	Crafting a Winning Trial Story	Ed Ciarimboli
2:15pm – 3:00pm 45 min	Opening Statement in a Truck Crash Case	Robert Collins
3:00pm – 3:30pm 30 min	Cross-Examination: Making Your Case with Their Experts	Michael Cowen
3:30pm – 3:45pm 15 min	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall	
3:45pm – 4:30pm 45 min	Direct Examination in the Plaintiff's Case	Tom Metier
4:30pm – 5:00pm 30 min	Closing Argument in a Truck Crash Case	Randi McGinn
5:15pm – 6:45pm	New Trucking Lawyers Division Meeting & Reception Sponsored by RGK Consultants	

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - GENERAL SESSION

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by AskTheLawyers	
BEFORE DEPOSITIONS MODERATOR: Robert Collins		
8:30am – 9:10am 40 min	Intake/Investigation: What to do Immediately Upon Being Retained	Tim Whiting
9:10am – 9:25am 15 min	AskTheLawyers	Tom Metier AskTheLawyers
9:25am – 9:55am 30 min	Research/Obtaining Evidence Outside the Discovery Process	Maxey Scherr
9:55am – 10:25am 30 min	Inspection of Trucks, Trailers and Scenes	Jay Vaughn
10:25am – 10:45am 20 min	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall	
10:45am – 11:15am 30 min	Broker/Shipper Liability	Matthew Wright
11:15am – 11:45am 30 min	Multiple Vehicle Pileups	Kate Harvey-Lee
11:45am – 12:15pm 30 min	How Drivers Cheat on ELDs	Kurt Maahs
12:15pm – 1:30pm	Lunch Sponsored by Alert Communications	Maz Ghorban

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TRUCKING LAW MODERATOR: Tyler Hall		
1:30pm – 2:15pm 45 min	Update on Trucking Specific Legal Issues	Diane Marger Moore
2:15pm – 3:00pm 45 min	Avoiding SNAP Removal	Steve Laird
3:00pm – 3:30pm 30 min	Venue, Pre-Suit Discovery and TROs	LaShonda Council- Rogers
3:30pm – 3:45pm 15 min	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall	
3:45pm – 4:45pm 60 min	Handling the Monster Case: Legal Strategies for Developing Liability Theories and Overcoming Legal Challenges	Pete Kestner Eric Penn
4:45pm – 5:00pm 15 min	Closing Remarks	Joe Fried Michael Leizerman Robert Collins