

ACADEMY OF TRUCK ACCIDENT ATTORNEYS
2025 New Trucking Lawyers Division Bootcamp
 March 19 - March 22, 2025
 Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
5:00pm - 8:00pm	Conference Registration	

Thursday, March 20, 2025

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by: Dynamic Safety	
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome and Overview	
9:15am - 9:45am 30 min	How to Find and Apply Standards in Trucking Cases General Session This lecture will cover the rules applicable to trucking, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, the Commercial Driver’s License Manual, government publications such as the FMCSA Safety Management Cycle documents and USDOT Preventable Accident Manual, industry standards such as truck driving school textbooks, training materials, trucking company driver manuals, and preventable accident manuals. The faculty member will demonstrate how to use the rules in a case that is different from the fact pattern. The faculty member will show the power of layering—using multiple anchors to prove that the rule is well-established.	Michael Leizerman
9:45am – 10:00am 15 min	Break and go to breakout rooms	
10:00am – 11:00am 60 min	How to Find and Apply Rules in Trucking Cases Breakout Session Faculty leads each group in brainstorming to find the rules applicable to the fact pattern. The students will then find the authorities that support each rule. The group will discuss whether some authorities are better than others for proving the rule. Each group will have the following materials available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (with interpretations) • Model CDL Manual • USDOT Preventable Accident Manual • FMCSA Safety Management Cycle for the Unsafe Driving BASIC • Truck driving school textbook • USDOT On Guard document on trucking • MCS-150 form 	Multiple Faculty
11:00am - 11:15am 15 min	Break and return to general session	
11:15am – 11:45am 30 min	Deposing the Truck Driver General Session	Joe Fried
11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch and Presentation Sponsored by: The Forge Companies	

Thursday, March 20, 2025 (continued)

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1:00pm - 3:00pm 120 min	<p>Deposing the Truck Driver Breakout Session</p> <p>Students will each do a practice examination of the truck driver. Students will use the anchors to establish the rules and how the driver or company broke the rules. Each student will examine the driver enough to prove at least one rule. Students will take turns playing the role of the truck driver. The faculty will coach the students on their examinations.</p>	Multiple Faculty
3:00pm - 3:20pm 20 min	Break and return to general session	
3:20pm – 5:00pm 100 min	<p>Panel of Faculty Members on Demonstratives for Standards of Care and Deposing the Truck Driver General Session</p> <p>(faculty share 3 min depo video clip where they actually use a demonstrative on one of the standards of care and/or deposing a truck driver on standards of care – minimum of 5 clips)</p> <p>Group & Panel Discussion on What was Presented</p>	Brian Mohs Grant Lawson Malorie Peacock Briant Mildenhall
5:15pm – 6:15pm	<p>Welcome Reception Sponsored by: Physician Life Care Planning</p>	

Friday, March 21, 2025

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00am - 9:00am	<p>Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by: RGK Consultants</p>	
9:00am – 9:30am 30 min	<p>Deposing First Responders and Scene Witnesses-Mining for Gold and Setting Themes for Your Case General Session</p> <p>(First responders include: Investigating officers (friendly & adverse), motor carrier enforcement inspector, EMS & third party witnesses)</p>	Andy Young
9:30am - 9:45am 15 min	Break and go to breakout rooms	
9:45am - 11:00am 75 min	<p>Breakout on Deposing First Responders and Scene Witnesses and Finishing Other Topics Needing Discussion Breakout Session</p> <p>Identifying key first responders for deposition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigating officers (friendly & adverse) and body cam/dash cam audio footage and authentication Police reconstruction officer – authenticating scale drawing/photographs/measurements Motor carrier enforcement inspector/CMV inspector (post-crash DOT inspection) EMT/EMS/paramedic/fire department Third party scene witnesses Truck company rapid response team 	Multiple Faculty
11:00am - 11:15am 15 min	Break and return to general session	
11:15am - 12:15pm 60 min	<p>Panel of Faculty Members for Depo Clip Examples - First Responders and Scene Witnesses (5 clips) General Session</p> <p>Group and Panel Discussion on What was Presented</p>	Andy Young Ryan Skiver Christy Childers Grant Lawson
12:15pm - 1:30pm	<p>Lunch and Presentation Sponsored by: Anytime AI</p>	

Friday, March 21, 2025 (continued)

1:30pm - 2:00pm 30 min	Deposing the 392.1 Trucking Company Personnel General Session	Malorie Peacock
2:00pm – 2:30pm 30 min	Deposing the 30(b)(6) Corporate Representative General Session	Maxey Scherr
2:30pm - 3:20pm 50 min	Deposing the 392.1 Trucking Company Personnel Breakout Session Students will each do a practice examination of trucking company personnel (at faculty discretion based on student goals). Students will use rules and anchors to establish both the driver’s negligence and the corporation’s own direct negligence. The faculty will coach students on their examinations. Students will take turns playing the role of trucking company personnel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring/recruiting personnel • Training personnel • Dispatch/driver manager/route planning (lost driver) • Chief operations officer • Safety director • Vehicle maintenance director • Truck company officers/owner • 30(b)(6) Corporate representative (strategy of when to take this deposition and when not to take it). 	Multiple Faculty
3:20pm - 3:40pm 20 min	Break and return to breakout session	
3:40pm – 4:20pm 40 min	Deposing the 392.1 Trucking Company Personnel Breakout Session Continued Students will each do a practice examination of trucking company personnel (at faculty discretion based on student goals). Students will use rules and anchors to establish both the driver’s negligence and the corporation’s own direct negligence. The faculty will coach students on their examinations. Students will take turns playing the role of trucking company personnel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring/recruiting personnel • Training personnel • Dispatch/driver manager/route planning (lost driver) • Chief operations officer • Safety director • Vehicle maintenance director • Truck company officers/owner 30(b)(6) Corporate representative (strategy of when to take this deposition and when not to take it).	Multiple Faculty
4:20pm – 5:20pm 60 min	Panel of Faculty Members for Depo Clip Examples – 392.1 Trucking Company Personnel (5 clips) General Session Group and Panel Discussion on What was Presented	Grant Lawson Stefano Portigliatti Jordan Jones Christy Childers

Saturday, March 22, 2025

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by: SPLNC & Associates	
9:00am - 9:30am 30 min	Identifying, Hiring, Report Review and Preparing Your Experts for Deposition and Trial General Session	Nathan Gaffney

Saturday, March 22, 2025 (continued)

9:30am - 10:30am 60 min	Identifying, Hiring, Report Review and Preparing Your Experts for Deposition and Trial Breakout Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trucking expert/standard of care expert (Daubert and causation challenges)• Accident reconstruction expert (scene preservation/drone/vehicle downloads)• Cell phone/ELD/telematics (downloads & preservation)• Fatigue experts (CPAP/circadian rhythm physician)• Human factors (looming/highway design/weather/road conditions)• Toxicology/pharmacology experts (plaintiff and defendant)• Experts to counter sudden medical emergency defense• Life care planner/economist• Grief expert/psychologist	Multiple Faculty
10:30am - 10:50am 20 min	Break and return to general session	
10:50am - 11:50am 60 min	Panel of Faculty Members: Identifying, Hiring, Report Review and Preparing Your Experts for Deposition and Trial (traps, pitfalls, Daubert challenges) General Session Group and Panel Discussion	Ryan Skiver Deena Buchanan Chauncey Barnwell
11:50am - 12:10pm 20 min	How to Continue Your Development as a Truck Lawyer General Session Lecture will cover steps new trucking lawyers can take to become masters. The lecture will cover educational opportunities, listserv and networking opportunities and Board Certification in Truck Accident Law.	Michael Cowen