



# Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association

## NEWSLETTER

*Happy New Year!*

### **- TDLA Meeting with Senator Kelsey -**

*From our TDLA President Barret S. Albritton:*

On January 27th, members of TDLA met with Senator Kelsey to discuss several issues affecting members of our organization. The most pertinent discussion involved a proposed bill that seeks to remove physician medical malpractice cases from the courts and into an administrative law system. One concern is that the bill only seeks to remove cases against doctors from the court system, which could result in cases involving both physicians and other health care providers being tried twice. Along with other medical malpractice defense attorneys in attendance, I raised concerns voiced to TDLA, regarding the belief that the legislature's recent changes (i.e., certificates of good faith) already eliminated many non-meritorious lawsuits, and that the system appears to be working well. Senator Kelsey indicated that the bill is being pushed by Senator Jack Johnson from Williamson County, who is the head of the Commerce Committee where the bill is currently pending. Senator Kelsey also revealed that the bill has already gained support, including that of a private group out of Atlanta; however, he could not/would not name the group. Senator Kelsey assured attendees that the bill would be reviewed by the judiciary committee before being brought to a vote. Mr. Albritton may be reached at [bsa@smrw.com](mailto:bsa@smrw.com)

### ***Save the date for these upcoming TDLA Events!***

#### **- 2017 Events -**

June 16-18, 2017 - **TDLA / ADLA Summer Meeting**,  
Sandestin Beach & Golf Resort, Destin, FL

September 20-22, 2017- **TDLA Annual Meeting**,  
The Peabody Hotel; Memphis, TN

October 4-8, 2017 - **DRI Annual Meeting**,  
Sheraton Grand Chicago; Chicago, IL

## *TDLA Upcoming Events and Membership News*

- TDLA welcomes NEW Member **Thomas Roane Waring** of *City of Memphis* in Memphis, TN.
- **Member Request:** TDLA Member **Kreis White** with *White & Rhodes, PC* asks if members have identified an expert who can review store security video to see if it is real time or not. If you know of someone who can assist Mr. White, please email him at [kwhite@whiterhodes.com](mailto:kwhite@whiterhodes.com) or call him at 615-309-0400.
- TDLA **Call for Topics & Presenters!** If you have a great topic that you believe may benefit TDLA members, please send your topic and presenter considerations to [office@tdla.net](mailto:office@tdla.net)
- **TDLA Journal Magazine:** We are ready to begin working on our Spring 2017 TDLA Journal magazine. Our magazine is sent to over 600 defense attorneys and judges throughout the state. If you have an article or would like to place an ad in our magazine, please email Mary Gadd, Executive Director at [office@tdla.net](mailto:office@tdla.net). You must be a fully paid member of TDLA to be considered to author an article.
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