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- \$497 Entire Program (both days for a total of 12 hours of CLE, including 1 hour of ethics)
- *\$50 discount if registered by November 7 (\$427 for additional attendees from the same firm)
- \$297 One Day Only (choose to attend only Thursday OR Friday)
- \$247 Materials Only

CANCELLATION POLICY

- A \$50 processing fee applies to ALL conference cancellations.
- Registrants are responsible for the entire program fee for a cancellation made after 5:00 p.m. three weeks prior to the event (whether or not you attend the program or fail to cancel).
- An alternate may attend in place of the original registrant.

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Featuring an all-star cast of prominent Alabama judges and attorneys and 12 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics.

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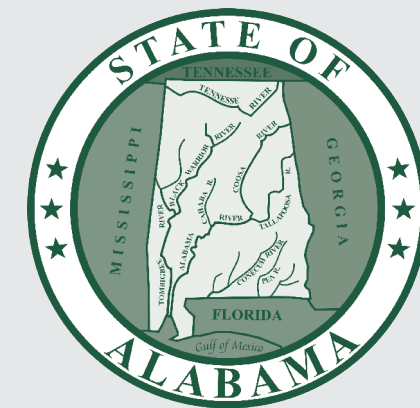
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Practice tips from prominent Alabama judges and attorneys
- Changes to Alabama's LLC Act
- 2014 changes to Alabama's DUI laws
- How to discover assets in divorce cases
- How to conduct an effective voir dire
- Little-known VA benefit
- Judge's view on technology in the courtroom
- Protection of debtors from creditors
- Recent developments in Alabama tort law
- Hot topics in probate litigation
- The smoking guns of social media
- Ethical considerations – attorney speech, conflicts of interest, and attorneys changing firms

BONUS: Summaries of recent cases and new laws

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WHEN Thursday and Friday, December 11-12

WHERE Birmingham Marriott



Attend this two-day satisfaction-guaranteed event and enhance your professional skill set while earning all of your CLE credit for the year.

10 REASONS TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE

1. **Quality presenters.** You will hear from prominent Alabama attorneys who are recognized as leaders in their fields.
2. **Judicial perspective.** You'll hear from Circuit Judges Michael Graffeo and Dennis O'Dell.
3. **Practical information.** You'll get information you can put to use immediately in your day-to-day practice, such as how to discover assets in divorce cases, what not to do in probate litigation, and how to disclose possible biases during voir dire that could either help or harm your case.
4. **Timely information.** You'll get up to date on the 2014 changes to Alabama's LLC Act, DUI statutes, and tort statutory and case law.
5. **Debt collection.** You'll learn what actions by creditors violate federal laws, specifically the FDCPA, the FCRA, and the TCPA.
6. **Dynamic interaction.** You'll be encouraged to ask questions and present your own situations for discussion.
7. **Use of technology.** You'll hear from a judge about how to use technology effectively in the courtroom, and an attorney will explain the best practices for preserving and collecting social media evidence.
8. **VA benefits.** You'll learn how to use a little-known benefit to aid your clients.
9. **Useful materials.** You'll receive a notebook of materials.
10. **CLE.** You can earn all of your annual CLE credit – 11 hours of general and 1 hour of ethics credit.

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WHAT ATTENDEES HAVE SAID ABOUT PREVIOUS CONFERENCES PRESENTED BY ALABAMA LAW WEEKLY:

"I received current/updated information."

"The topics were great."

"The speakers included good practical information in the materials."

"The seminar was very informative, and I received very useful materials."

SPEAKERS

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| Marcus Chatterton
Balch & Bingham LLP,
Birmingham | Max Pulliam
Maxwell H. Pulliam, LLC,
Birmingham |
| Judge Michael G. Graffeo
circuit court, 10th
Judicial Circuit (Jefferson
County) | Mike Roberts
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Gadsden |
| Erik Heninger
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| Patrick Mahaney
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Birmingham |
| Judge Dennis O'Dell
circuit court, 23rd
Judicial Circuit (Madison
County) | |

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WHEN

**Thursday and Friday,
December 11 & 12**

8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. (There will be morning breaks each day, and attendees will have 1 hour and 15 minutes for lunch on their own)

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TOPICS

LLCs. Become familiar with the changes that will go into effect on January 1, 2015, to Alabama's limited liability company law.

DUI. Learn how Alabama legislators changed the DUI law in 2014.

Voir Dire. Learn the big "DON'Ts" of voir dire.

Practice tips. Get tips from Judge Dennis O'Dell on what he likes and dislikes in trial tactics and approaches.

Tort update. Get up to date on the status of the wantonness criteria, challenges to punitive damages awards in business tort cases, immunity and other liability limitations from recent legislation, and more.

Discovering assets in divorce cases. Get useful tips and practical suggestion on how to find "hidden" assets in divorce cases.

Probate litigation. Learn what NOT to do in probate litigation.

VA pension. Discover how to use a little-known benefit to aid your clients.

Judge's view on technology in the courtroom. Hear what Judge Michael Graffeo has to say about the effective use of technology in the courtroom.

Social media. Get current on case law addressing discovery and admissibility of social media evidence.

Collection practices. Get an overview of violations of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Ethics. Learn what lawyers can and cannot say.

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PROGRAM AGENDA

December 11 (Day 1)

Discovering Assets in Divorce

8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.

Max Pulliam
Maxwell H. Pulliam, LLC

When dividing marital property in a divorce case, one of the most daunting tasks confronting any attorney is uncovering all of the opposing party's assets. This could involve following a paper trail to uncover hidden cash or analyzing financial statements of a business. Mr. Pulliam offers useful tips and practical suggestions on how to find those "hidden" assets in divorce cases.

Voir Dire

9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.

Erik Heninger
Heninger Garrison Davis LLC

- Preparing for voir dire
- Making a good first impression
- Getting to know jurors
- Disclosing possible biases that could either help or harm your case
- Discovering jurors' attitudes about possible defense themes
- The big DON'Ts of voir dire
- Airing difficult factual issues that may arise at trial
- Standard questions to always ask
- Strategic questions tailored to your specific case
- Developing themes

10:00 A.M. TO 10:15 A.M.
(MORNING BREAK)

VA Pension: How to Use a Little-Known Benefit to Aid Your Clients

10:15 A.M. TO 11:15 A.M.

John Watts
Watts & Herring LLC

- What is the benefit?
- The three key requirements
- Change in the law
- How the VA pension differs from state Medicaid
- Add this to your practice

Judge's View on Technology in the Courtroom

11:15 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

Judge Michael Graffeo
*Circuit court, 10th Judicial Circuit
(Jefferson County)*

- What is today's definition of "technology" to use in court?
- Laws on technology use
- Effective use of technology in the courtroom
- What do judges think about technology in the courtroom?
- What do attorneys think about technology in the courtroom?

12:15 P.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

Three Acts Creditors May Violate

1:30 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

John Watts
Watts & Herring LLC

- FDCPA (Fair Debt Collections Practices Act) violations: Calling family members or co-workers, using deception in collection

calls or letters, refusing to mark an account as disputed on credit reporting, and filing bogus collection lawsuits

- FCRA (Fair Credit Reporting Act) violations: Continuing to credit report false information after your client has properly disputed the debt
- TCPA (Telephone Consumer Protection Act) violations: Using robo-dialed calls against a cell phone of your client without permission

Recent Developments in Alabama Tort Law

2:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

Mike Roberts
*Cusimano Roberts Knowles
& Mills, LLC*

- Current status of wantonness criteria
- Challenges to punitive damages awards in business tort cases
- Immunity and other liability limitations from recent legislation
- Negligent misrepresentation and other recent fraud issues

December 12 (Day 2)

Changes to the Alabama LLC Act

8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.

Tripp Watson
The Watson Firm

Alabama significantly changed its limited liability company law this year. Effective January 1, 2015, the new law is one of the most unique in the country, providing for the addition of series within an LLC, the removal of many statutory defaults, and a more pronounced shift to contract theory, among many other changes. Mr. Watson, an Entrepreneur Attorney

with The Watson Firm, will discuss how the changes will affect Alabama LLCs formed in 2015 and beyond.

The Smoking Guns of Social Media

9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.

Marcus Chatterton
Balch & Bingham LLP

- Basic areas of social media: Research, collection/preservation, authentication, hearsay, and defensibility
- Case law addressing discovery and admissibility of social media evidence
- Best practices for preserving and collecting social media evidence
- General trial practice issues related to practical use of social media evidence

10:00 A.M. TO 10:15 A.M.
(MORNING BREAK)

Tips from the Bench

10:15 A.M. TO 11:15 A.M.

Judge Dennis O'Dell
*Circuit court, 23rd Judicial Circuit
(Madison County)*

Judge O'Dell will share some of his (and his colleagues') likes and dislikes in pretrial, trial and post-trial tactics and approaches.

Alabama's New DUI Statute

11:15 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Patrick Mahaney
Law Office of Patrick Mahaney

Act 2014-222 has significantly changed DUI practice in the state of Alabama. Ignition interlock is now required in nearly every DUI conviction, and driver license sanctions have been modified. Mr. Mahaney will discuss all related

statutory changes to Alabama's DUI laws plus recent court decisions of note. In addition, he will discuss evidentiary breath testing and Alabama's breath test program as it relates to DUI practice.

12:30 P.M. TO 1:45 P.M.
LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

Hot Topics in Probate Litigation

1:45 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

Peter Wright
Sirote & Permutt PC

- What NOT to do in probate litigation
- Will contests
- Undue influence claims
- Will formalities
- Testamentary capacity
- Court interpretation of will provisions

Ethical Considerations for Alabama Attorneys

2:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

Stephanie Hunter
Hunter Law Firm PC

**ETHICS
CREDIT**

- Attorney speech – what lawyers can and cannot say
- Conflicts of interest: Recent developments
- Attorneys changing firm affiliations

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