

20 | STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
14 | MIDYEAR MEETING



INTERCONTINENTAL BUCKHEAD
ATLANTA, GA.
JAN. 9-11

HOTEL DEADLINE: DEC. 13, 2013
FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DEC. 27, 2013

CELEBRATE WITH US
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

2 – 5 p.m.

Council of State Court Judges

Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

2 – 5 p.m.

Judicial Council of Georgia

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Registration

7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

YLD Cell Phone/Suit Drive

7 – 9 a.m.

Criminal Law Section Breakfast–
“Restricted Records Update”

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tabletop Displays

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CLE – The Future of the Practice of Law
and Access to Justice in Georgia: “An
Open Forum”

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CLE – iPad for Lawyers

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Civil Legal Services Task Force

1 – 5 p.m.

Disciplinary Rules and Procedures
Committee

2 – 3:30 p.m.

Family Law Section Executive Committee

2 – 4 p.m.

Bar Center Committee

3 – 5 p.m.

Legislative Forum

4 – 5 p.m.

Family Law Section CLE

5 – 6 p.m.

Legislative Forum Reception

5 – 6:30 p.m.

Family Law Section Reception

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Executive Committee/
Supreme Court Dinner
(by invitation only)

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Past Presidents’ Dinner
(by invitation only)

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Registration

8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

YLD Cell Phone/Suit Drive

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tabletop Displays

8 – 10 a.m.

Military Legal Assistance
Program Committee

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Past Presidents’ Meeting

9 – 11 a.m.

SOLACE Committee

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CLE – A Walk Down Memory Lane

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CLE – Childhood Sexual Abuse
Prevention and Training

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Investigative Panel

10 – 11:30 a.m.

General Practice & Trial Law Section
Board Meeting

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Military/Veterans Law Section Meeting

12 – 2 p.m.

Appellate Practice Section Lunch

12 – 2 p.m.

General Practice & Trial Law Section Lunch,
Speaker – Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson

1 – 3 p.m.

Magna Carta 800th Anniversary
Commemoration Committee

1 – 4 p.m.

Review Panel

2 – 5 p.m.

CLE – From the Specialists

3 – 3:30 p.m.

YLD Nominating Committee

3 – 4 p.m.

Member Benefits Committee

3:30 – 5 p.m.

YLD General Session

4 – 5 p.m.

Law Practice Management Committee

5 – 6 p.m.

YLD Reception

5 – 6:30 p.m.

Mercer Law School Alumni Reception

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

50th Anniversary Celebration of the State
Bar of Georgia

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Registration

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

YLD Cell Phone/Suit Drive

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tabletop Displays

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Board of Governors Meeting

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

YLD Leadership Academy

THE FUTURE OF THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN GEORGIA: “AN OPEN FORUM”

THURSDAY, JAN. 9 | 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Program Coordinator and Moderator

Patrick T. O’Connor, *Chair, Long-Range Planning Committee; Oliver Maner LLP, Savannah*

Program Description

The program will feature open discussion and plenty of opportunity for questions with the panelists, all preeminent leaders in the profession, each of whom has focused in recent years on the future of the practice of law. The future of legal education, the legal profession and the legal job market will be discussed. *(Members of the State Bar’s Board of Governors are invited to attend on a complimentary basis.)*

Panelists

Linda A. Klein, *Past President, State Bar of Georgia; Past Chair, ABA House of Delegates; Past Chair, ABA Tort & Insurance Practice Section; Managing Shareholder (Georgia), Baker Donelson, P.C., Atlanta; Hulett H. “Bucky” Askew*, *Former Director, Georgia Office of Bar Admissions; consultant on legal education to the ABA; visiting professor, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta; Allan J. Tanenbaum*, *Past Chair, ABA Division of Public Education; Co-Chair, ABA Legal Access Job Corps; Equicorp Partners, LLC, Atlanta*

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Long-Range Planning Committee, State Bar of Georgia

Credit

3 hours, including 1 ethics hour and 1 professionalism hour *(Professionalism credit is self-reporting, using the optional self-report form.)*

iPAD FOR LAWYERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 9 | 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Program Coordinator

Natalie Kelly, *Program Chair; Director, Law Practice Management Program, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta*

Topics and Speakers

- Welcome and program overview, **Natalie Kelly**
- iPad basics: device overview, useful peripherals and navigation tips, **Sheila Baldwin**, *Member Benefits Coordinator, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta*

- iPad in Practice, **Eric A. Ballinger**, *The Law Office of Eric A. Ballinger, LLM, P.C., Canton*

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Law Practice Management Program, State Bar of Georgia

Credit

3 hours

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 | 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Program Coordinator

Charles L. Ruffin, *President, State Bar of Georgia; Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Macon*

Program Description

This special event features the replay of the video created in 1996, titled “A Walk Down Memory Lane.” The speakers in the video discuss the Bar’s unification. Past president of the State Bar of Georgia, Harold T. “Hal” Daniel Jr., served as moderator. Following the video, the live panel will discuss changes that have occurred since the unification of the Bar. The topics will include the purchase of the Bar Center, the relationship between the Bar and ICLE in Georgia and mandatory CLE, diversification of the Bar, the Young Lawyers Division, legislative and other Bar programs, a view from Georgia’s judiciary and more.

Moderator

Hon. Robert Benham, *Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia, Atlanta*

Panelists

TBD

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Credit

3 hours, including professionalism hour *(Professionalism credit is self-reporting, using the optional self-report form.)*



CLE SEMINARS

CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND TRAINING

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 | 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Program Coordinator

Lawrence C. Kasmien, *Program Co-Chair, Kasmien Law, LLC, Atlanta;*

Randall M. Kessler, *Program Co-Chair, Kessler & Solomiany, LLC, Atlanta*

Topics and Speakers

- Stewards of Children Training, **Tiffany Sawyer**, *Director of Prevention Services, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Atlanta*
- Roundtable Discussion, Child Sexual Abuse Case Review Procedure, Moderator, **Lawrence C. Kasmien**
- Panel Representatives (TBD from the following organizations): Georgia Center for Child Advocacy Forensic Dept.; Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; Fulton County District Attorney's Office; Fulton County Division of Family and Children's Services; and the Atlanta Police Department.

Co-Sponsors

Family Law Section and Child Protection and Advocacy Section, State Bar of Georgia

Credit

3 hours, including 1 professionalism hour (*Professionalism credit is self-reporting, using the optional self-report form.*)

FROM THE SPECIALISTS

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 | 2 – 5 P.M.

Program Coordinator

J. Randolph Evans, *Co-Author, Georgia Legal Malpractice Law; McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, Atlanta and Washington, DC*

Topics and Speakers

- Responding to Claims: The Do's and Don'ts, **Susan W. Cox**, *Edenfield Cox Bruce & Classens, P.C., Statesboro*
- Preventing Claims: Who Gets Sued and Why, **Johannes S. "Joe" Kingma**, *Carlock Copeland & Stair LLP, Atlanta*
- Avoiding Claims: The First Five Tips, **Shari Lynn Klevens**, *Co-Author, Georgia Legal Malpractice Law; McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, Atlanta and Washington D.C.*
- Avoiding Claims: The Other Five Tips, **Christine L. Mast**, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Atlanta*
- Evaluating Claims: What's Worth a Suit, **Frank J. Beltran**, *The Beltran Firm, Atlanta*
- Defending Claims: What's Not Worth Paying, **J. Randolph Evans**

Credit

3 hours, including 1 ethics hour and 1 professionalism hour (*Professionalism credit is self-reporting, using the optional self-report form.*)



SPECIAL EVENTS

YLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – CELL PHONE/SUIT DRIVE

JAN. 9 – 11 | DURING REGISTRATION HOURS

Please bring gently used suits and business clothing to the Midyear Meeting along with any old cell phones (should be cleared of all data). These items will be donated to various community shelters. Drop boxes will be located near the registration area.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM AND RECEPTION

JAN. 9 | 3 – 6 P.M.

Please join us as we hear from a panel of legislative leaders as they prepare for the 2014 session. They will take questions and be available for one-on-one discussions at the conclusion of the forum.

A small reception will take place following the forum from 5 – 6 p.m., affording attendees even more opportunity to speak to the panelists in a relaxed setting.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 | 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

(EVERYONE WELCOME)

Please join us Friday evening for a reception and dinner in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the State Bar of Georgia. Gov. Nathan Deal has graciously accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker for the evening. After the keynote address, Past Presidents Bill Barwick and Bob Brinson will entertain us with a humorous look into the history of the State Bar. To close our evening of celebration, former Gov. Carl Sanders, who strongly supported and signed into law the legislation creating the State Bar in 1963, will be accepting the State Bar of Georgia's Founder's Award for his leading role in the creation of the State Bar. Please make plans to attend and celebrate this momentous occasion.

ATTIRE

- Business attire is appropriate for all meetings and events.
- Black tie optional for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the State Bar.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

CUT-OFF DATE—FRIDAY, DEC. 13

InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta
3315 Peachtree Road NE
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Reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, as rooms will be on a space and rate availability basis after this date. There are many events taking place in Atlanta during this time, so please be aware that you should make your hotel reservations as early as possible.

Check-in time is 3 p.m.

Check-out time is 12 p.m.

REGISTRATION

FINAL DEADLINE—FRIDAY, DEC. 27

- All participants must pre-register using the registration form. You may also register online at www.gabar.org.
- Registrations will not be processed without payments. Verbal registrations will not be accepted. Faxes will only be accepted for “no charge” functions or payment by credit cards.
- Registrations along with payments must be received at the State Bar on or before Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at which time pre-registration will close; onsite registration will open at the InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014.

Note: All pre-registrations and onsite registrations are subject to availability on a first-come, first-serve basis.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this form to register by checking all events you plan to attend. Registration is required for all events, including “no charge” functions. **You may also register online at www.gabar.org.** Final registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 27, 2013.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Bar Number _____

Name _____

Nickname _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

Dietary Restrictions _____

ADA: If you have a special need addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call our ADA coordinator at 404-527-8700.

REFUND POLICY

Meeting registration cancellation deadline is Friday, Dec. 27, 2013. The State Bar of Georgia will accept only written requests for refund of registration fees. No refunds will be made after Dec. 27.

BOARD FUNCTIONS

- | | <i>Before
Dec. 13</i> | <i>After
Dec. 13</i> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 50th Anniversary Celebration \$75 | _____ | \$95 _____ |
| <i>(everyone welcome)</i> | | |
| <input type="radio"/> BOG Meeting | N/C _____ | N/C _____ |

CLE PROGRAMS

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| <input type="radio"/> The Future of the Practice of Law..... | \$95 | _____ | \$115 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> iPad for Lawyers | \$95 | _____ | \$115 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> A Walk Down Memory Lane | \$95 | _____ | \$115 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Childhood Sexual Abuse Prevention ... | \$95 | _____ | \$115 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> From the Specialists | \$95 | _____ | \$115 | _____ |

SECTION EVENTS

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Dec. 13</i> | <i>After
Dec. 13</i> | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Appellate Practice Lunch | \$35 | _____ | \$55 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Criminal Law Breakfast | N/C | _____ | \$20 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Law CLE Only | \$20 | _____ | \$40 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Law Reception Only | N/C | _____ | \$20 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Law CLE & Reception | \$20 | _____ | \$40 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> General Practice & Trial Law Lunch ... | \$53 | _____ | \$73 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Military/Veterans Law Meeting | N/C | _____ | N/C | _____ |

YLD EVENTS

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| <input type="radio"/> YLD General Session..... | N/C | _____ | N/C | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> YLD Reception | N/C | _____ | \$20 | _____ |

ALUMNI EVENTS

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| <input type="radio"/> Mercer Law School Reception..... | N/C | _____ | \$20 | _____ |
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OTHER EVENTS

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| <input type="radio"/> Legislative Forum | N/C | _____ | N/C | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Legislative Reception..... | N/C | _____ | N/C | _____ |

Total Fees Enclosed: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Please bill my: Visa MasterCard AMEX

Credit Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on the card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and will not be processed without payment. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted. Please make checks payable to State Bar of Georgia and mail to Michelle Garner, Director of Meetings, 2014 Midyear Meeting, State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303. “No charge” and credit card orders may be faxed to 404-527-8717. Verbal registrations will not be accepted.



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