



Tennessee Court of Appeals Boot Camp

Supreme Court Building
401 Seventh Avenue North

Nashville, Tennessee

October 15, 2013

Program Description

The Tennessee Court of Appeals is unfamiliar territory for most lawyers. Opportunities to practice in this court are few and success requires skills of oral and written advocacy. A persuasive performance in both areas is important to success; a poor performance in either can lead to defeat. Accordingly, lawyers need the information and insight required to develop and perfect their oral arguments and legal writing. Indeed, this is true at all levels of legal practice, and the lessons learned during this seminar will be generally applicable to practice in trial courts.

At the Tennessee Court of Appeals Boot Camp, lawyers will learn from a distinguished faculty and through observation of oral arguments. This seminar will cover the best practices for oral argument, common mistakes made, and standards of review.

On October 15th attendees will register at the Tennessee Bar Center and walk over to the Tennessee Supreme Court Building for observation of oral arguments before the Court of Appeals. Afterwards, we will return to the Tennessee Bar Center for an executive lunch and then end the day with topics related to appellate practice.

October 15, 2013 Morning Session: Tennessee Supreme Court

8:15-8:45 am	Continental Breakfast and Registration at the Tennessee Bar Center
8:45am	Depart for Tennessee Supreme Court Building
9:00-11:00 am	<i>Oral Argument Observation</i>
11:00-11:15 am	Break
11:15-11:45 am	<i>Oral Argument Debriefing</i> (to be held in Supreme Court Library)

11:45-12:00 pm Walk back to Tennessee Bar Center
12:00-1:00 pm Executive lunch provided- Networking

Afternoon Session: Tennessee Bar Center

1:00-2:00 pm ***Common Mistakes Made and How To Avoid Them and Standards of Review***

The Honorable John Westley McClarty, Eastern Section Court of Appeals

2:00-2:30 pm ***Brief Writing***
Amy Farrar, *HAGAN & FARRAR, PLLC*

2:30-3:00 pm ***Oral Argument***
Donald Capparella, *Dodson Parker Behm & Capparella, PC*

3:00-3:15 **Break**

3:15-4:15 pm ***Appellate Practice: A View from the Bench***
The Honorable J. Steven Stafford, Western Section Court of Appeals
The Honorable Holly M. Kirby, Western Section Court of Appeals
The Honorable Thomas R. Frierson, II, Eastern Section Court of Appeals