



**Fundamentals of Federal Appellate Practice**  
**Tennessee Bar Center**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**October 17, 2014**

**Program Description**

This 6-hour program, conducted by the Tennessee Bar Associate Appellate Practice Section, will focus on the fundamentals for successful appellate practice in federal courts. Federal appellate judges, the Sixth Circuit clerk, experienced practitioners, and former federal appellate clerks will provide unique and valuable insight concerning such topics as managing the federal appellate process, effective brief-writing, avoiding common mistakes, and other best practices.

**Agenda**

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| 8:30–9:00 am   | <b>Continental Breakfast and Registration</b>  |
| 9:00–9:30 am   | <b><i>Preserving Issues for Appeal [Dual]</i></b><br>Robert F. Parsley, Chair of Appellate Practice Group, MILLER & MARTIN PLLC  |
| 9:30–10:30 am  | <b><i>Effective Appellate Brief-Writing</i></b><br>Patricia Head Moskal, BRADLEY ARANT BOULT CUMMINGS LLP<br>Edmund S. Sauer, BRADLEY ARANT BOULT CUMMINGS LLP   |
| 10:30–10:45 am | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10:45–11:45 am | <b><i>Panel Discussion with Sixth Circuit Judges on Best Practices for Federal Appellate Practice</i></b><br>Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt, Jr.<br>Honorable Jane Branstetter Stranch<br><br>Moderated by:<br>Robert F. Parsley, Chair of Appellate Practice Group, MILLER & MARTIN PLLC<br>Mark Fulks, BAKER DONELSON BEARMAN CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ |
| 11:45–12:30 pm | <b>Executive lunch provided / Networking</b>   |

- 12:30–1:30 pm      ***Steps in the Appellate Process: All You Need to Know About Federal Appellate Practice in One Hour [Dual]***  
Pierre Bergeron, Chair of Appellate & Supreme Court Practice Group,  
SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS
- 1:30–2:30 pm      ***View from the Clerk’s Office: Best Practices and Mechanics of the Appellate Process***  
Debbie Hunt, Esq., Clerk of Court for U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- 2:30–2:45 pm      **Break**
- 2:45–3:30 pm      ***Panel Discussion: Appellate-Practice Tips from the Judicial Clerks’ Perspective***  
Benjamin Raybin, HOLLINS RAYBIN WEISSMAN  
Former judicial clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judges Jane B. Stranch and Gilbert S. Merritt, Jr.  
Sarah Klapman, MILLER & MARTIN PLLC  
Former judicial clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Raymond C. Clevenger III  
Ryan Holt, SHERRARD & ROE, PLC  
Former judicial clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Gilbert S. Merritt, Jr.
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Pierre Bergeron, Chair of Appellate & Supreme Court Practice Group,  
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- 3:30-4:15 pm      ***Oral Argument***  
Alistair Newbern, VANDERBILT LAW SCHOOL, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law & Director of Appellate Litigation Clinic

**Total Hours: 4.5 General & 1.5 Dual**