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We hope you will take full advantage of the CLE programming, YLD, Section and SLD events, business meetings, alumni gatherings and other social functions, including a reimagined Opening Night Festival set to a carnival theme, as well as Saturday night's Presidential Inaugural Gala, when William C. "Bill" Gentry will be sworn in as the 2026-27 Bar president.

There are, of course, plenty of amenities to take advantage of—including golf, biking or simply relaxing with your family and friends in a beautiful setting.

If we can do anything to make your stay more enjoyable, please call on our dedicated State Bar staff. We want our 2026 Annual Meeting to be a pleasant experience and memorable occasion for everyone.



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**Christopher P. Twyman**  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damon Elmore".

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# Schedule of Events

## Thursday, June 11

8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration ..... Magnolia Foyer

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Exhibitor Setup..... Magnolia Foyer

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

State Disciplinary Board Meeting..... Talbot

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ICLE Board Meeting ..... Ossabaw

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Commission on Continuing Lawyer

Competency Meeting ..... Ossabaw

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Bench and Bar Committee Meeting..... Sapelo

1 – 6 p.m.

Legal Exposition Open ..... Magnolia Foyer

2 – 4 p.m.

CLE | Torts in Real Estate..... Amelia 1

2 – 5:15 p.m.

CLE | Center for Lawyer Wellbeing:

Boundaries Part II .....Cumberland B, C

2 – 5:15 p.m.

CLE | War Stories and

Georgia Evidence Update..... Cumberland A

3 – 5 p.m.

Disciplinary Rules

and Procedures Committee Meeting ..... Ossabaw

6 – 9:30 p.m.

Opening Night Festival ..... Magnolia Garden

    Laser Tag Activity..... Magnolia E, F

## Friday, June 12

7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration ..... Magnolia Foyer

7 – 8 a.m.

Mike Monahan Memorial Wellness Hour

5K Run/Walk.....Magnolia Terrace

Yoga and Sound Bath Meditation..... 8 Flags Lawn

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Legal Exposition Open ..... Magnolia Foyer

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Plenary Session Awards Presentation,

Annual Members' Meeting and

2025-26 Board of Governors Meeting..... Magnolia A, B, C, D

12 – 2 p.m.

Judicial Section Luncheon..... Magnolia G

12 – 2 p.m.

State Disciplinary Review Board Meeting..... Azalea Boardroom

1 – 2 p.m.

CLE | What's New in Ethics? .....Magnolia E

2 – 3 p.m.

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit

of Financial Independence Seminar ..... Amelia 1

2 – 3 p.m.

YLD General Session ..... Amelia 3, 4

2 – 5 p.m.

CLE | Constitutional Crossroads:

Immigration, Protest and

Electoral Integrity in Modern America .....Cumberland B, C

3 – 4:30 p.m.

YLD Leadership

Academy Mixer .....Amelia Foyer & 8 Flags Patio

3 – 5 p.m.

Member Benefits Committee Meeting .....Conference 1

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Senior Lawyers Division Inaugural Reception ..... Sapelo

# Schedule of Events

**5 – 7:30 p.m.**

General Practice & Trial Law Section

Tradition of Excellence Awards

Ceremony & Reception ..... Amelia 1, 2

**5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

Alumni Reception ..... Talbot

**5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Emory University School of Law

Alumni Reception ..... Ossabaw

**5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Georgia State University

College of Law Reception ..... Magnolia E

**5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Mercer University Walter F. George

School of Law Alumni Reception..... Cumberland A

**5:30 – 7 p.m.**

University of Georgia School of Law Alumni

and Cobb County Bar Association Reception

Honoring William C. "Bill" Gentry (JD '86)..... Magnolia G

**7 – 9:30 p.m.**

YLD Dinner & Swearing-In Ceremony..... Amelia 3, 4

## **Saturday, June 13**

**7 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Registration ..... Magnolia Foyer

**7 – 8:30 a.m.**

New Board Members Coffee With the President..... Magnolia E

**7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Legal Exposition Open ..... Magnolia Foyer

**8 – 8:45 a.m.**

SOLACE Committee Meeting..... Talbot

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

2026-27 Board of Governors Meeting..... Magnolia A, B, C, D

**12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Annual Diversity of Bars Meeting ..... Cumberland A

**6 – 6:45 p.m.**

Supreme Court/Court of Appeals Reception\*..... Amelia 4

**6:45 – 7:30 p.m.**

Presidential Inaugural Gala:

Installation of William C. “Bill” Gentry

and Officers/Award Presentations..... Amelia 1, 2, 3

**7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Dinner ..... Magnolia Ballroom

**8:30 – 11:30 p.m.**

Entertainment

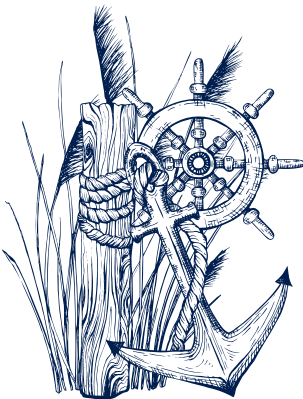
Dance Club featuring

The Heather Hayes Experience.....Magnolia A, B, C, D

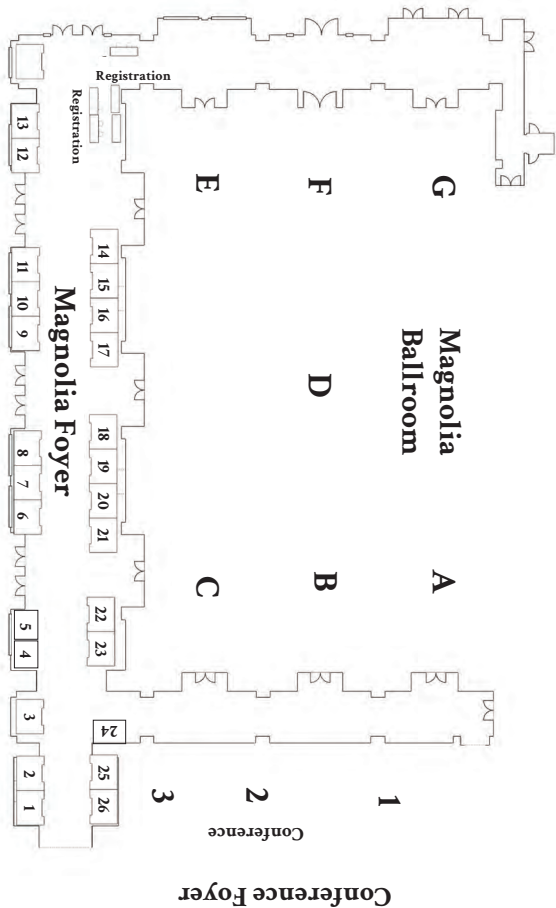
State Bar Speakeasy ..... Magnolia E, F

Pour Garden Bourbon & Cigar Lounge .....Magnolia Terrace

*\*Bars will close at 6:45 p.m. and reopen at the start of dinner service at approximately 7:30 p.m.*



# Legal Exposition Floor Plan



## Exhibit Schedule

### Thursday, June 11

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. (setup)

1 – 6 p.m.

### Saturday, June 13

7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

1 – 3 p.m. (tear-down)

### Friday, June 12

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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# Plenary Session Awards

Friday, June 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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*The following awards will be presented during the Plenary Session. In addition, the annual members' meeting and 2025-26 Board of Governors Meeting will be held.*

## *Marshall-Tuttle Award*

The Marshall-Tuttle Award is presented by the Military Legal Assistance Program Committee annually to one lawyer who provides outstanding legal assistance to service members and veterans. It is named in honor and memory of Army Cpl. Evan Andrew Marshall of Athens, Georgia, who was killed in action in 2008, and in honor and memory of U.S. Circuit Judge Elbert Parr Tuttle. This year's award is presented posthumously to **Michael Leo Monahan** (1961-2025) of Dallas, Georgia, for outstanding legal assistance to military service members and veterans.

## *Juvenile Law and Child Advocacy Awards*

The Juvenile Law and Child Advocacy Awards are presented by the Committee on Justice for Children of the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Child Protection & Advocacy Section of the State Bar of Georgia and the Office of the Child Advocate of Georgia.

## **Judge Willie Lovett Award for Advancing the Field of Juvenile Law**

The Judge Willie Lovett Award for Advancing the Field of Juvenile Law, presented by the Child Protection & Advocacy Section in partnership with the Supreme Court of Georgia's Committee on Justice for Children, is given to a lawyer or judge who is a member of the Child Protection & Advocacy Section and devotes his or her practice to advancing the field of juvenile law. This award is named in memory of Juvenile Court Judge Willie Lovett. This year's award is presented to **Danielle Simpson Alford**, founder and managing attorney, Georgia Teen Legal Defense.

## **Chief Justice P. Harris Hines Award for Outstanding Advocacy for Children in Dependency Proceedings**

The Chief Justice P. Harris Hines Award for Outstanding Advocacy for Children and Families in Dependency Proceedings, sponsored by the Supreme Court of Georgia's

Committee on Justice for Children (J4C), is presented each year to one lawyer and one Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) case manager. This award is named in honor of the late Chief Justice P. Harris Hines, who chaired the J4C for many years and who made improving the child welfare system and protecting children in need a major priority throughout his decades-long tenure on the bench. This year's recipients are **Keosha T. Pettigrew**, Rockdale County DFCS (case manager) and **Andrew Powell**, Juvenile Court of Whitfield County (lawyer).

### *Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award*

The 25th Annual **Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award**, presented by the Bench and Bar Committee of the State Bar of Georgia, honors one lawyer and one judge who have and continue to demonstrate the highest professional conduct and paramount reputation for professionalism. This year's recipients are:

*Judge:* **Hon. Willie E. Lockette**, Superior Court,  
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### *Local and Voluntary Bar Awards*

#### **Thomas R. Burnside Jr. Excellence in Bar Leadership Award**

This award, presented annually, honors an individual for a lifetime of commitment to the legal profession and the justice system in Georgia, through dedicated service to a voluntary bar, practice bar, specialty bar or area of practice section.

This year's recipient is **R. Gary Spencer**, as nominated by the Gate City Bar Association.

#### **Award of Merit**

Awards of Merit are given to voluntary bar associations for their dedication to improving relations among local lawyers and devoting endless hours to serving their communities.

The bar associations are judged according to size.

Under 50 members: **DeKalb Lawyers Association**

51 to 100 members: **Walton County Bar Association**

101 to 250 members: **Gwinnett County Bar Association**

251 to 500 members: **Gate City Bar Association**

501 members or more: **Georgia Association of Black  
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# Plenary Session Awards

## Law Day Award of Achievement

In 1961, Congress declared May 1 as Law Day USA. It is a special time for Americans to celebrate their liberties and rededicate themselves to the ideals of equality and justice under the law. Every year, voluntary bar associations plan Law Day activities in their respective communities to commemorate this occasion. The bar associations are judged in size categories.

101 to 250 members: **Gwinnett County Bar Association**

501 members or more: **Cobb County Bar Association**

## Best New Entry Award

This award is presented to recognize the excellent efforts of those voluntary bar associations that have entered the Award of Merit or Law Day competitions for the first time in four years. This year's recipient is the **Gate City Bar Association**.

## Best Newsletter Award

This award is presented to voluntary bars that provide the best informational source to their membership, according to their size.

100 to 150 members: **Gwinnett County Bar Association**

501 members or more: **Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys**

## Best Website Award

This award is given to voluntary bar associations with websites that exemplify excellence in usefulness, ease of use, content and design in meeting the needs of the website's target audience.

The bar associations are judged in size categories.

51 to 100 members: **Walton County Bar Association**

101 to 250 members: **Gwinnett County Bar Association**

251 to 500 members: **Gate City Bar Association**

501 members or more: **Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys**

## President's Cup Award

This traveling award is presented annually to the voluntary bar association with the best overall program. This year's recipient is the **Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys**.

## *Section Awards*

These awards are presented to outstanding sections for their dedication and service to their areas of practice, and for devoting endless hours of volunteer effort to the profession.

### **Section of the Year**

Privacy & Technology Law | *Toni Igbenoba, chair*

### **Award of Achievement**

Construction Law | *Peter Crofton, chair*

## *Additional Awards*

### *Tradition of Excellence Awards*

*The following awards will be presented at the General Practice & Trial Law Section Tradition of Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception on Friday, June 12.*

The Tradition of Excellence Award is of the most prestigious honors a lawyer or judge can receive. The award is predicated on age and years of service to the public and bar. The 2026 recipients are: **Robert L. Berry**, Rome (defense); **Justice John J. Ellington**, Soperton (judge); **Jarome Emile Gautreaux**, Macon (plaintiff); and **Catherine Harris Helms**, Valdosta (general practice).

### *Young Lawyers Division Awards*

*The following awards will be presented during the YLD Dinner and Swearing-In Ceremony on Friday, June 12.*

### **Distinguished Judicial Service Award**

Hon. William P. "Bill" Adams, Hon. Charles J. Bethel, Hon. Amanda N. Heath and Hon. Andrew A. Pinson

### **Ross Adams Award**

Ronald E. "Ron" Daniels and Norbert D. "Bert" Hummel IV

### **Joe Dent Hospitality Award**

Alexandria Harper "Alex" Clark

### **Griffin Bell Leadership Award**

Joy D. Bonner

### **Award of Achievement for Service to the Bar**

James Banter, Austin Bennett, Matt Caudell, Kelsie Mattox and Megan McCulloch

## *Additional Awards*

### **Award of Achievement for Service to the Public**

Alexa Dato-Caudell, Chelsea Freeman Dease, Mallory Flemming, Brandi Holland, Zipporah Tillman, Mary Kathryn Velazquez and John “Jack” Wareham

### **Award of Achievement for Service to the Profession**

Meghan Golden, Angelik “Angie” Holloway, Meagan Hurley-Gantt, Forrest Edward Lind III, Nathan Miles, Lyddy O’Brien and Nick Smith

### **Award of Excellence for Dedication to the YLD**

Thomas D. Church, Jarvarus Gresham, Jennifer McNeely, Shannon Schoultz, Iyana Smith and Christopher P. Twyman

### **22nd Annual YLD Ethics & Professionalism Award**

Samantha Mullis

### **Outstanding YLD Affiliate**

Gate City Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

## *Legal Food Frenzy Awards*

*The following awards will be presented at a luncheon at the Atlanta Community Food Bank on Tuesday, June 23.*

The Legal Food Frenzy is an effort of the Office of the Attorney General, the YLD and Feeding Georgia, a statewide network of eight regional food banks. The competition is designed to help the 1 in 8 children in Georgia whose families struggle to provide food for them during the summer months.

This year, Georgia’s legal community raised \$747,945 providing 2.99 million meals for Georgia’s regional food banks. The winners of the 2026 Legal Food Frenzy are:

### **Attorney General’s Cup**

*Habachy Law* | 208,422 points per person

### **Bar President’s Award**

*GreenbergTraurig LLP* | 259,373 total points

### **Large Firm**

*BakerHostetler* | 218,157 total points and 1,454 points per person

**Medium Firm**

*Krevolin & Horst* | 150,432 total points and 3,009 points per person

**Small Firm**

*Durham Bray Law Firm* | 46,055 total points and 7,676 points per person

**Sole Proprietor**

*Holley & Pearson-Farrer LLP* | 18,881 total points  
*Page Perry* | 12,100 points per person

**Corporate, In-House Counsel**

*Serta Simmons Bedding, LLC* | 213,716 total points and 26,715 points per person

**Judicial**

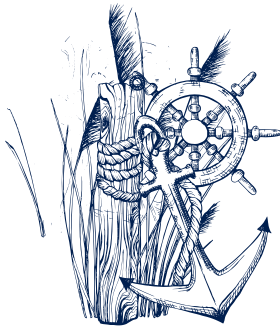
*Columbia Judicial Circuit* | 18,526 total points and 4,631 points per person

**Legal Organization**

*Georgia Tech Office of the General Counsel* | 96,377 total points  
*Forsyth County Juvenile Bar Association* | 3,301 points per person

**Law School**

*Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law* | \$27,429 raised



# *Inaugural Gala and Awards Presentation*

*The following awards will be presented during the Presidential Inaugural Gala on Saturday evening, June 13.*

## *Employee of the Year Award*

This award honors a staff member of the State Bar of Georgia who distinguishes himself or herself by being dedicated to carrying out the ideals of the Bar. This year's recipient is **Kathya S. Jackson**, and she is commended for her exemplary work, conscientious manner and positive attitude.

## *Distinguished Service Award*

This is the highest accolade bestowed on an individual lawyer by the State Bar of Georgia. The recipient is honored for "conspicuous service to the cause of jurisprudence and to the advancement of the legal profession in the state of Georgia."

## *Georgia Bar Beach Royale Gala*

Following the inauguration and the awarding of the Employee of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award, be sure to join us for the Georgia Bar Beach Royale Gala, featuring a cocktail buffet dinner followed by three different entertainment options:

### *Dance Club*

Get ready to get your groove on with The Heather Hayes Experience, led by Heather Hayes, daughter of legendary soul artist Isaac Hayes. This is the time and the place for you to leave it all on the dance floor.

### *Pour Garden Bourbon and Cigar Lounge*

Join your friends in the Pour Garden Bourbon and Cigar Lounge outside on the Magnolia Terrace. Sit back and relax with your preferred brand or find a new favorite.

### *State Bar Speakeasy*

Sneak away to the State Bar Speakeasy where you can take a break from dancing to relax with friends in an intimate setting with shades of a bygone era. Jazz selections will be performed by Crescendo Amelia in this laid-back atmosphere that brings to mind the secret nightclubs of the 1920s.

# Incoming President



William C. "Bill" Gentry will be installed as the 64th president of the State Bar of Georgia on June 13, 2026. This follows Gentry's service as the State Bar's president-elect, treasurer and secretary.

Bill owns Gentry Law Firm LLC, which concentrates on high-asset divorce and family law cases and injury law cases. He has also written the Amazon bestselling book "I Want Out," which shares anonymous stories of divorce and child custody from his nearly 40-year legal career.

An Atlanta native, Gentry has been practicing law in the state of Georgia since 1986. He has handled hundreds of cases in both state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout Georgia. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Virginia's Economic Honors Program, where he earned his bachelor's degree. Immediately after college, he worked for two years as a congressional aide to then-Congressman Wyche Fowler in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., before going on to earn his J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law where he was also president of the Student Bar Association.

Gentry has served on the State Bar's Executive Committee since 2021 and the Board of Governors since 2012. He also served as president of the 1,000+ member Cobb County Bar Association from 2001-02. He has handled dozens of appeals in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Georgia, and the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Atlanta. Gentry is also a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

A lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, Gentry has long been active in his church community and currently serves on the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church Committee on Investigations. He and his wife are members of Maple Avenue United Methodist Church. He is also a trustee of the Cobb County Law Library Board.

Gentry has been married to his wife, Sherry, since 1987, and they have two adult children, Will and Elizabeth.

# *Wellness and Recreation*

## **MIKE MONAHAN MEMORIAL WELLNESS HOUR**

**Friday, June 6 | 7 – 8 a.m.**

Formerly known as the YLD/Pro Bono Fun Run, this annual event has been renamed to memorialize former Pro Bono Resource Center Director Mike Monahan to recognize his courageous fight against cancer and his inspiring commitment to wellness, service and community. The wellness hour will feature two activity choices: a guided 5K run/walk around the resort, or yoga and sound bath meditation. T-shirts will be provided to all participants.

## **GOLF**

The Little Sandy Short Course features 10 holes nestled around Red Maple Lake, ranging from 30 to 125 yards, and an 18-hole putting course. Playing through a picturesque lowland oak marsh habitat, the Beau Welling-designed Little Sandy provides a traditional, yet fun-focused golf experience for all ages and abilities. The course offers an idyllic setting as nearly all holes are played along Red Maple Lake's water contrasted by sandy native grass areas, dunes and diverse wildlife habitat. Playability and a fun atmosphere are emphasized to cater to families and those new to the game, but the course also offers strategic tests of golf and bold and contoured greens that will challenge more experienced golfers. One notable feature is the 10th hole that plays to an island green presenting a dramatic close to the round, even featuring a "hole-in-one" pin. This is a walking course (no golf carts).

Oak Marsh Golf Course is one of the truly classic Pete Dye-designed golf courses in the world. The recent renovation led by Beau Welling was completed in 2025 and was thoughtfully planned to protect the architectural feel of Dye's original creation. At par 72, this 6,471-yard course is noted for its tight fairways and small greens, meandering along serpentine salt marsh creeks and through the moss draped heritage oaks for which Amelia Island is famous. With five tee options, the modernized layout was designed to meet the requirements of today's game brought on by technological advancements in equipment, providing a high-quality and consistent playing experience.

To book a tee time, call the Golf Pro Shop at 904-277-5907.



## **FITNESS CENTER AT RACQUET PARK**

Located under the shady oaks of Racquet Park, the Health & Fitness Center is fully equipped with state-of-the-art exercise equipment, a 20-yard indoor heated lap pool, accessory shop and full-service locker rooms.

## **TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL**

The Omni Amelia Island Resort & Spa tennis program has been recognized as one of the finest in the world, named the “No. 2 Tennis Resort on Florida’s East Coast” and a “Top 50 Tennis Resorts in the U.S.” by *Tennis Magazine*. Looking for something a little different? Give pickleball a try on one of seven courts surrounded by a canopy of oak trees. For those interested in a friendly or competitive game of tennis or pickleball, call the Pro Shop at 904-277-5145 to make reservations. Please note: court reservations require pre-registration.

## **SPA**

Step inside The Spa at Omni Amelia Island and enjoy the relaxation area and new outdoor courtyard with water features, perfect for before and after your treatments. Sip on a vast array of herbal teas and infused waters, then rejuvenate with spa treatments that include couple massages, facials and steam showers as well as the signature Quartz Sand Table massage and Tropical Blossom Ritual. Email [aispa@omnihotels.com](mailto:aispa@omnihotels.com) or call 904-432-2220 to make reservations.

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# *Social and Special Events*

## **YLD GENERAL SESSION**

**Friday, June 12 | 2 – 3 p.m.**

The YLD General Session is open to all Bar members. YLD officers and members of the Executive Council will share reports and provide updates on events and initiatives. The YLD Leadership Academy class of 2026 will receive their graduation plaques.

## **YLD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY MIXER**

**Friday, June 12 | 3 – 4:30 p.m.**

Don't miss this networking opportunity with food, fun and friends. Meet the newest Leadership Academy class and reconnect with other alumni. If you're new to YLD activities, this is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the 2026-27 YLD officers and learn how to get involved. This event is open to all meeting attendees.

## **SENIOR LAWYERS DIVISION INAUGURAL RECEPTION**

**Friday, June 12 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

*Sponsored by Bryan D. Wulz, CLU ChFC, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company*

Come celebrate the new Senior Lawyers Division and meet the inaugural officers: Betsy Hodges, president; Howard Delashmit, president-elect; James Hyder, treasurer; and Kendall Butterworth, secretary. The officers will share their plans for the upcoming Bar year.

## **GENERAL PRACTICE & TRIAL LAW SECTION TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION**

**Friday, June 12 | 5 – 7:30 p.m.**

Each year, the Tradition of Excellence Awards given by the General Practice & Trial Law Section recognize a plaintiff's attorney, defense attorney, general practitioner and judge who have achieved a career of excellence. Please join the section in celebrating the 2026 recipients, followed by a reception in their honor.

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WILLIAM C. "BILL" GENTRY**

**Friday, June 12 | 5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Join fellow University of Georgia School of Law alumni and members of the Cobb County Bar Association at a reception honoring incoming State Bar President William C. "Bill" Gentry (JD '86).

**YLD DINNER AND SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

**Friday, June 12 | 7 – 9:30 p.m.**

Please join the Young Lawyers Division for its annual dinner and swearing-in ceremony to be held at the Omni Amelia Island Resort & Spa Conference Center.

## *Service Project*

The Young Lawyers Division and the Senior Lawyers Division are hosting a donation drive benefiting Rethreaded, an organization which exists for the complete restoration of survivors of human trafficking. They provide a three-to-five-year Survivor Development Program that works with survivors of human trafficking as they restore their lives through employment, career development, mental health counseling and trauma-informed care management. Please drop off your donations at the State Bar of Georgia registration desk.

Visit the



**pop-up shop at the YLD Leadership  
Academy Mixer on Friday!**

# *General Information*

## **MEETING APP**

New this year! All attendees are encouraged to download the 2026 Annual Meeting app on their smartphone or to visit the meeting's mobile site. Access the full schedule of events and your own personalized schedule, as well as a list of award winners, an exhibitor directory, floor plans and navigation, and a list of meeting attendees. Special thanks to Event Technology Sponsor CrowdComms for their invaluable assistance in developing this resource that we hope tailors your time at the Annual Meeting to meet your every need.



Scan the QR code to download the 2026 Annual Meeting App.

## **ADA ASSISTANCE**

Attendees with special needs that the State Bar of Georgia can address to make participation more enjoyable and meaningful are encouraged to call the State Bar of Georgia registration desk.

## **BADGES AND TICKETS**

It is important that the official badge supplied at the time of registration be worn at all times. The unique QR code printed on the back of your badge will serve as an electronic ticket that will be scanned for entry into all paid events and all food functions. Wearing your badge is a courtesy to your fellow registrants and indicates to event staff that you have completed registration and may participate in scheduled events. If you have not registered for an event and need to do so, please visit the State Bar of Georgia registration desk located in the Magnolia Foyer.

## **EXHIBITS**

You are invited to tour our Legal Exhibition hall to meet the vendors and learn about the products and services they offer. Each exhibitor has been provided with a QR code that can be scanned using the meeting app during your visit at their booth earning you 50 points per booth. The meeting attendee with the most points at the close of the Legal Exhibition at 1 p.m.

on Saturday, June 13, will win a free two-night hotel stay at the Omni Amelia Island Resort & Spa.

*Children 12 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult while visiting the exhibit foyer.*

## Resort Shuttle Information

The Omni Amelia Island Resort offers complimentary on-property shuttle service to all guests.

**PROPERTY SHUTTLES:** As transportation service is needed for the On-Property Shuttle, please dial 0 from a resort or villa guestroom phone and a driver will be sent to assist. We request that you wait at the tram stop located nearest to you and please allow 5 to 15 minutes for the shuttle to arrive. Shuttles are available to transport you to any location on property on a complimentary basis.

## Island Transportation

At Amelia's Wheels, guests can rent Island Hoppers (four- and six-passenger golf carts), bicycles, tag-a-long bikes, baby joggers and baby trailers. Open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Amelia's Wheels is located conveniently between Falcon's Nest and The Spa & Shops. Call 904-277-5210 for more information and pricing.

The State Bar of Georgia has secured discounts on the following:



Recreation Activities | 10%



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*Be sure to mention you are with the State Bar of Georgia to receive these special discounts.*

# *Special Thanks*

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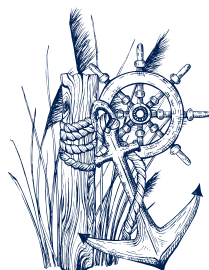
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## *In Memoriam*

Since the 2025 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Georgia, 98 members have passed away. At this time, we pause to pay tribute to them. As we reflect upon the memory of these members, we are mindful of the contributions they made to the Bar in our state. Each generation of lawyers is indebted to the one that precedes it. Each of us is the recipient of the benefits of the learning, dedication, zeal and standard of professional responsibility that those who have gone before us have contributed to the practice of law. We are saddened that they are no longer in our midst, but privileged to have known them and to have shared their friendship over the years.

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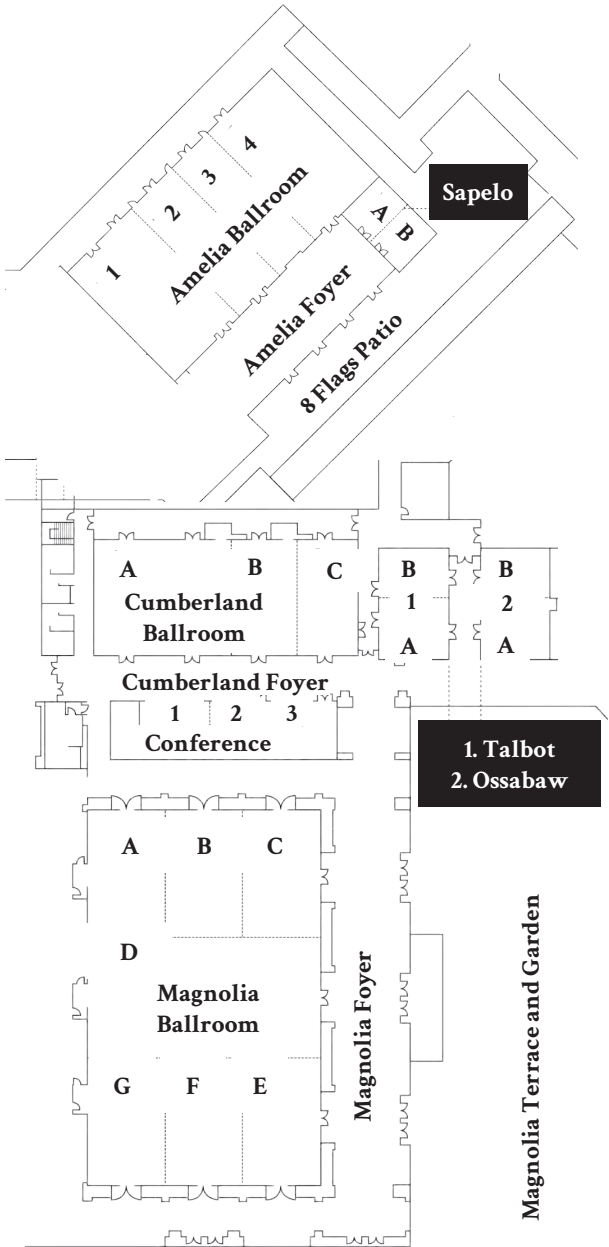
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