

Informational Topics

AIA 2007 Documents and Development Process Suzanne Harness

In this presentation Ms. Harness will discuss the preparation and delivery of the American Institute of Architects 2007 edition contract documents.

Ms. Harness is the Director and Counsel, AIA Contract Documents, for the American Institute of Architects, and is responsible for the content of AIA Contract Documents. Ms. Harness received a B.S. cum laude and M.Arch in Architecture from The Catholic University of America and received a law degree from the George Washington University Law School.

Lessons Learned Lew Conner

In this presentation Mr. Connor will share with us his experiences as a construction lawyer, appellate judge and arbitrator and offer insight on effective advocacy for the construction practitioner in the differing dispute resolution forums.

Mr. Conner is of counsel with Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP. In recent years Mr. Conner has served as a mediator and arbitrator on a wide variety of disputes, including those in the construction context. Previously, Mr. Conner served as a Special Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court and as a Judge on the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section. Mr. Conner received his B.A. and J.D. from Vanderbilt University.

Case Update/The "Second Ten" Clif Lipman/John Blankenship

As a companion to our original "Top Ten" cases program, Mr. Lipman and Blankenship will list and present a summary of ten additional significant cases not addressed in our initial review in the Fall of 2004.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, November 2

5:00-6:00 p.m. Registration at Hermitage
6:00 p.m. Cocktails and Dinner at
The City Club
201 4th Ave. North, 20th Floor

Friday, November 3

8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcome/TACC Business
Michael Less

8:45-9:15 a.m. Legislative, Specialization and
Website Updates
Don Smith
David Garst
John Willet

9:30-10:30 a.m. AIA 2007 Documents and
Development Process
Suzanne Harness

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45-11:45 a.m. Lessons Learned
Lew Conner

11:45 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15-2:15 p.m. Case update/The "Second Ten"
Clif Lipman and
John Blankenship

2:15-2:45 p.m. Observations From the Client's
Chair
Monty Walton

2:45-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:00 Ethics Presentation for the
Tennessee Construction
Practitioner
Lucian Pera

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

TACC GOLF TOURNAMENT

There will be a golf outing on Thursday, November 2, with tee times beginning at 10:30.

Detailed golf outing information will be provided at a later date

Cost of Golf Tournament: \$125 per person (includes green fee, cart rental and beverages during play)

Registration

\$200.00 for TACC members (includes Thursday dinner and Friday lunch)

\$35.00 for dinner guest on Thursday night

Please print clearly:

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Guest name _____

Enclosed is my check for \$200.00

Enclosed is \$35.00 for a dinner guest

Enclosed is \$125.00 for golf

Please mail this form and a check, payable to TACC, to:

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Clifton M. Lipman is a partner in the Memphis, Tennessee law firm of Less Getz & Lipman. He received his B.B.A., M.B.A., and J.D. from the University of Memphis. Prior to entering the practice of law, Mr. Lipman worked in the construction industry for many years in general contracting, subcontracting and materials supply.

John T. Blankenship is a partner in the law firm of Blankenship & Blankenship in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where he practices in the areas of commercial law including construction and real estate litigation. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Tennessee and is pursuing an L.L.M. in Dispute Resolution from the University of Missouri School of Law.

Observations from the Client's Chair

Monty Walton

In this segment Mr. Walton will share his observations having moved from an active constructive practice to a management position in the construction industry.

Mr. Walton is the President of Advantage Group, Inc. Prior to that time Mr. Walton was a partner with the Knoxville, Tennessee law firms of Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC and Baker, Worthington, Crossley Stansberry & Woolf. Mr. Walton received his J.D. degree from Duke University and his undergraduate from the University of Tennessee.

Ethics Presentation

Lucian Pera

In our final presentation, Mr. Pera will analyze several hypothetical scenarios that a Tennessee construction lawyer might encounter in his or her day to day experience.

Mr. Pera is a partner in the Memphis, Tennessee, office of Adams and Reece LLP. A Memphis native, he is a graduate of Princeton University and Vanderbilt University School of Law. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Tennessee Ethics Handbook (now in its fifth edition) and co-author of an email on ethics, Ethics and Lawyering Today.

Hotel Information

The Hermitage Hotel
231 Sixth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219

We have secured a block of rooms at \$149.00 per night, with limited availability. Please identify yourself as a TACC Member to take advantage of this rate. Reservations can be made at (615) 244-3121.

CLE Credit

TACC has applied for 4 hours of General Tennessee CLE credit and 1 hour of Tennessee Ethics CLE credit for this program.

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Annual Meeting

**Friday
November 3, 2006**

**The Hermitage Hotel
Nashville**