

ACADEMY OF TRUCK ACCIDENT ATTORNEYS
2025 Annual Symposium
 September 18 - September 20, 2025
 Hilton Austin • Austin, TX



GENERAL SESSION
Austin Grand Ballroom - 6th Floor

Thursday, September 18, 2025		
10:30am – 1:00pm	Conference Registration	
11:30am – 12:30pm	Women's Caucus Luncheon – Sponsored by The SPI Group	The Reverbery Lower Lobby
MODERATOR: Andy Young		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:50pm - 1:00pm	Welcome and Introduction	Andy Young
1:00pm - 1:45pm 45 min	How Key Documents Can Make Your Case	Maxey Scherr
1:45pm – 2:15pm 30 min	How to Use FOIA Safety Data in Depositions and Trial	Michael Cowen
2:15pm - 2:45pm 30 min	Work Zone Cases	Jay Vaughn
2:45pm – 3:05pm 20 min	Protective Orders - State of the Law and Best Practice	Morgan Adams
3:05pm - 3:25pm 20 min	Refreshment Break Sponsored by CloudLex	Austin Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall & Foyer
3:25pm – 4:15pm 50 min	Do They Really Only Have \$1 Million in Coverage and if so, What to do	Michael Leizerman
4:15pm – 4:30pm 15 min	Empowering Financial Futures: Transformative Strategies for Maximizing Your Client's Recovery Success	Tracee Wagner The Forge Companies
4:30pm - 5:10pm 40 min	Non-catastrophic Cases: Strategies for Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intake and Initial Investigations Hire an Expert? File Suit or Demand First? If Demand First, What do You do to Build it Up If File, Strategy on Who to Depose How to Establish Standards in the Depos How to Define Value 	Ryan Skiver
5:15pm – 6:15pm	Welcome Reception Sponsored by The Forge Companies	Austin Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall & Foyer

Friday, September 19, 2025 - GENERAL SESSION		
7:30am–8:30am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall & Foyer Sponsored by The SPI Group	Austin Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall & Foyer
MODERATOR: Bryan Bradley		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:30am – 9:00am 30 min	Public Sources of Evidence	Tyler Hall
9:00am – 9:25am 25 min	How to Use Samsara Data to Prove Your Case	Tim Sheriff

Friday, September 19, 2025 - GENERAL SESSION continued

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9:25am – 9:55am 30 min	How to Use Lytx Data to Prove Your Case	Mike Chaloupka
9:55am – 10:20am 25 min	How to Use Motive Data to Prove Your Case	Danny Ellis
10:20am - 10:40am 20 min	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Dynamic Safety	Austin Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall & Foyer
10:40am – 11:00am 20 min	What to do in Absence of Safety Systems	Tom Metier
11:00am – 11:30am 30 min	What Makes a Shoulder Parking Case a Good Case	Kate Harvey-Lee
11:30am – 12:00pm 30 min	Dealing with Sub-Standard Insurers; Creating Extracontractual Liability	Pete Kestner
12:00pm – 12:20pm 20 min	Hidden Motor Carrier	Joe Camerlengo
12:20pm – 1:30pm	Lunch Sponsored in General Session Sponsored by Physician Life Care Planning	Courtney Keefe General Session
MODERATOR: Maxey Scherr		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1:30pm – 2:00pm 30 min	Daubert Proof Our Experts	Nathan Gaffney
2:00pm – 2:10pm 10 min	QSF • TLPP • CRT • Trial Lawyer Power Tools	Jack Meligan
2:10 pm – 3:10 pm 60 min	Forward Collision Avoidance Technology: Claims and Defenses Deconstructing a Trial	Joe Fried
3:10 pm – 3:30pm 20 min	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Hona	Austin Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall & Foyer
3:30pm – 4:10pm 40 min	Hours of Service - How They Cheat with Today's Technology	Malorie Peacock
4:10pm – 4:55pm 45 min	Bankruptcy: What Every Trucking Lawyer Needs to Know	David Samole
4:55pm – 5:25pm 30 min	Broker Cases: A Primer on Negligent Selection and Control Theories and Understanding the Necessary Documents and Proof to Make a Case	Ed Ciarimboli
5:30pm – 6:40pm	New Trucking Lawyers Division Meeting & Reception Sponsored by RGK Consultants	The Reverbery Lower Lobby
6:45pm – 9:30pm	Group Outing Sponsored by Scherr Law	Bull & Bowl 501 West 6 th St

Saturday, September 20, 2025 - GENERAL SESSION		
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall & Foyer Sponsored by Evidence Solutions	Austin Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall & Foyer
MODERATOR: Joe Fried		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:30am – 9:00am 30 min	Taking the Truck Driver Deposition	Dan Buba
9:00am – 9:30am 30 min	Taking Safety Personnel Depositions	Sach Oliver
9:30am – 10:00am 30 min	Taking the Corporate Rep Deposition	Stefano Portigliatti
10:00am – 10:30am 30 min	Outside the Box Depositions	Andy Young
10:30am – 10:40am 10 min	Digital Evidence Passengers: ECMs, ELDs & Cell Phone Data as your Silent Witnesses	Scott Greene
10:40am – 11:00am 20 min	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Forensic Human Factors	Austin Grand Ballroom Exhibit Hall & Foyer
11:00am – 11:25am 25 min	The Rest of the CDL Manual (Not Section 2)	Joe Ervin
11:25am – 11:50am 25 min	Route Planning and the Truck Parking Crisis	Robert Collins
11:50am – 12:15pm 20 min	Insurance: MCS 90 and Form EF	Deena Buchanan
12:15pm – 1:30pm	Lunch Sponsored in General Session Sponsored by Legacy International	Adam Grill General Session
MODERATOR: Michael Leizerman		
1:30pm – 2:40pm 70 min	Deconstructing Trials – Strategies and Best Practices from Real World Trials	Michael Cowen Daisy Chaparro James Tawney
2:40pm – 3:15pm 35 min	Lessons Learned from Years on the Defense Bar and Insurer C-Suite	Roman Galas Matthew Jenkins
3:15pm – 3:50pm 35 min	Non-economic Settlement Terms	David Ransin
3:50pm – 4:00pm	Closing Remarks	Michael Cowen

