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# AGENDA & PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

1:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>Registration</b> <i>Conference Center Foyer</i>
12:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>Weighted Caseload Committee Meeting</b> <i>Magnolia Room</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>Education Committee Meeting</b> <i>Poplar Room</i>
2:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>TPI Civil Committee Meeting</b> <i>Azalea Room</i>
2:00 – 5:00 PM	<b>TPI Criminal Committee Meeting</b> <i>Iris Room</i>
6:00 – 9:00 PM	<b>Executive Committee and Past Presidents' Dinner</b> <i>Green's Grocery (4345 Old Hillsboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)</i> <i>*Transportation Provided* - Meet in the lobby at 5:00 PM.</i>

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

6:15 – 7:15 AM	<b>Judicial Wellness – Part I (1.00 Dual)</b> -Honorable Jerri S. Bryant, Chancellor, 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
7:00 AM	<b>Registration</b> <i>Conference Center Foyer</i>
7:00 – 9:00 AM	<b>Deluxe Continental Breakfast</b> <i>Conference Center Foyer</i>
7:00 – 8:30 AM	<b>Tennessee Trial Judges Association Meeting</b> <i>Birch-Hickory-Maple-Oak Ballroom</i>
8:30 – 10:00 AM	<b>Opening Remarks, Roll Call, Election of Officers, &amp; Memorial Resolutions</b> -Honorable J. Russell Parkes, Tennessee Judicial Conference President -Honorable Holly M. Kirby, Chief Justice, Tennessee Supreme Court -Michelle J. Long, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts <i>Birch-Hickory-Maple-Oak Ballroom</i>
10:00 – 10:15 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:15 AM – 3:00 PM	<b>Social Event: Exploring &amp; Shopping in Leiper's Fork</b> <i>*Meet in the lobby at 10:15 AM to carpool*</i>

10:15 – 11:30 AM	<b>Countering Judicial Depression (1.00 Dual)</b> <b>Brought to you by: The Judicial Family Institute &amp; TLAP</b> -Honorable Holly M. Kirby, Chief Justice, Tennessee Supreme Court -Honorable Michael Spitzer, Circuit Court Judge, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial District -Honorable Thomas T. Woodall, Retired, TN Court of Criminal Appeals -Honorable Joseph Woodruff, Circuit Court Judge, 21 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District -Emily Moon, Licensed Professional Counselor <i>Birch-Hickory-Maple-Oak Ballroom</i>	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>Tennessee Judicial Conference Luncheon (0.50 General)</b> -Governor Bill Lee <i>Chestnut-Redbud-Sycamore Ballroom</i>	
12:30 – 2:00 PM	<b>New Law Update (1.50 General)</b> -Charlie Baldwin, Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Court Initiatives, Administrative Office of the Courts -Michelle Consiglio-Young, Director and Counsel, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Administrative Office of the Courts <i>Birch-Hickory-Maple-Oak Ballroom</i>	
1:00 – 3:00 PM	<b>Social Event: E-Bike Tour of Historic Downtown Franklin</b> <i>*Meet in the lobby at 12:30 PM to carpool*</i>	
2:00 – 2:15 PM	<b>Break</b>	
2:15 – 4:15 PM	<b>Civil Breakout: Estates &amp; Trusts In Tennessee: A Primer on Probate Proceedings and Practices (2.00 General)</b> -Honorable Andra Hedrick -Rebecca Blair, Esq. -Lisa Helton, Esq. -Andrea Sinclair, Esq. <i>Azalea &amp; Iris Room</i>	<b>Criminal Breakout: Managing Bond Companies (2.00 General)</b> -Honorable Sandra Donaghy -Honorable Steve R. Dozier -Honorable Jennifer L. Smith -Joseph L. Morrissey, Jr., Esq. <i>Birch-Hickory-Maple-Oak Ballroom</i>
2:15 – 4:00 PM	<b>Tennessee Court of Appeals Meeting</b> <i>Magnolia Room</i>	
2:15 – 4:00 PM	<b>Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals Meeting</b> <i>Poplar Room</i>	
4:15 – 4:30 PM	<b>Break</b>	
4:15 – 5:15 PM	<b>Retired Judges Reception</b> <i>Azalea &amp; Iris Room</i>	
4:30 – 5:00 PM	<b>Fireside Chat With The Tennessee Supreme Court (0.50 General)</b> <i>Birch-Hickory-Maple-Oak Ballroom</i>	

6:00 – 9:00 PM      **Social Event: Dueling Pianos at the Historic Franklin Theater**  
(419 Main St, Franklin, TN 37064)  
*\*Transportation Provided\* - Meet in the lobby at 5:00 PM.*

**Thursday, June 12, 2025**

7:00 AM	<b>Registration</b> <i>Conference Center Foyer</i>
7:00 – 8:00 AM	<b>Judicial Wellness – Part II (1.00 Dual)</b> -Honorable Jerri S. Bryant, Chancellor, 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
7:00 – 8:00 AM	<b>Tennessee Judicial Conference Foundation Meeting</b> <i>Magnolia Room</i>
7:00 – 9:00 AM	<b>Deluxe Continental Breakfast</b> <i>Embassy Suites Breakfast Area</i>
8:00 – 9:00 AM	<b>Compensation &amp; Retirement Committee Meeting</b> <i>Magnolia Room</i>
9:00 – 9:45 AM	<b>Bench Bar Program: Tennessee Lawyers Making History – Famous Tennessee Trials (0.75 General)</b> -Russell Fowler, Director of Litigation & Advocacy/Managing Attorney, Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET) <i>Franklin Marriott Cool Springs – Salon 6</i> (700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067)
9:45 – 10:30 AM	<b>Bench Bar Program: Tennessee Lawyers Making History – Trailblazing Women (0.75 General)</b> -Honorable Martha Craig Daughtrey, Senior Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit -Honorable Camille McMullen, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals -Honorable Aleta Trauger, United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee -Margaret L. Behm, Esq., Dodson, Parker, Behm & Capparella <i>Franklin Marriott Cool Springs – Salon 6</i> (700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067)
10:30 – 10:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:45 – 11:45 AM	<b>Bench Bar Program: Tennessee Lawyers Making History – Blanton Pardon Scandal (1.00 Dual)</b> -Governor Lamar Alexander -Honorable Hal Hardin -Keel Hunt, Author & Columnist <i>Franklin Marriott Cool Springs – Salon 6</i> (700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067)

- 12:00 – 1:30 PM      **Bench Bar Luncheon**  
Keynote Speaker: Edward M. (Ed) Yarbrough, Esq.  
*Franklin Marriott Cool Springs – Salon 5*  
*(700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067)*
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM      **2025 – 2026 Tennessee Judicial Conference Business Meeting,  
Induction of New Officers, & Executive Committee Meeting**  
*Embassy Suites - Birch-Hickory-Maple-Oak Ballroom*
- 5:00 – 7:00 PM      **TBA & TJC Joint Reception**  
*Franklin Marriott Cool Springs – Main Hallway & Salon 5*  
*(700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067)*

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

- 7:00 – 9:00 AM      **Deluxe Continental Breakfast**  
*Embassy Suites Breakfast Area*
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM      **TBA Lawyer’s Luncheon**  
*Franklin Marriott Cool Springs – Salon 5*  
*(700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067)*
- 6:30 - 9:30 PM      **TN Bar Association Foundation Fellow’s Dinner (Invitation Only)**  
*The Harpeth Hotel, Downtown Franklin*  
*(130 2nd Avenue North, Franklin, TN 37064)*