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The Transportation Lawyers Association is again offering a Labor & Employment Boot Camp and Regional Seminar addressing a variety of topics of interest to transportation attorneys featuring distinguished speakers from across the country. The program will be held at the Fairmont Chicago-Millennium Park Hotel, located at 200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

**BOOT CAMP AGENDA
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Owner-Operators: Here to Stay – For Now
- A fact-based overview of independent contractor issues as they apply to owner operators across segments of the industry. This session will explore current developments and future trends in trucking.
- Presenter(s)
Greg Feary, Managing Partner, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., Indianapolis, IN
Shannon M. Cohen, Partner, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., Indianapolis, IN
TJ England, General Counsel, C. R. England, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. The Motor Carrier Exemption to the Fair Labor Standards Act
- The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) generally requires employers to pay overtime to non-exempt workers. The Motor Carrier Act exemption (MCE) to the FLSA provides that certain drivers, loaders, and mechanics are not entitled to overtime pay. In general, in order to qualify for this exemption, an employee must be (1) employed by a motor carrier or private motor carrier, (2) engaged in activities affecting the safe operation of motor vehicles on public highways in transportation in interstate commerce, and (3) not covered by the small vehicle exception. In this session speakers will discuss these requirements and circumstances where certain intrastate drivers can qualify for this exemption.
- Presenter: Paul B. Mello, Partner, Hanson Bridgett LLP, Walnut Creek, CA
- 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Family and Medical Leave Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act
- This session will provide a general overview of the FMLA and the ADA; the important differences between the two statutes; and a discussion of how compliance with one of these statutes does not guarantee compliance with the other.
- Presenter: Curtis L. Cornett, Partner and Chairman of the Litigation Department, Cors & Bassett, LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio.

REGIONAL SEMINAR AGENDA

Friday, January 19, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Opening remarks, introduction of speakers and self-introduction of participants
Frank C. Botta, President TLA, Partner, The Lynch Law Group, Pittsburgh, PA
Timothy S. Groustra, Principal, Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti & Sherbrook, Mt. Clemens, MI
Matthew P. Barrette, Partner, Sullivan Hincks & Conway, Oak Brook, IL
- 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Self-introduction of Participants
- 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. State of the Industry — Trends and Issues as Seen From the Eyes of a Logistics and Transportation Specialist

Panelists: Mathew C. Yeshin FCIP, CRM, Managing Director, Marsh Canada, Ttd, Toronto, ON, Canada
Shaun Carr, Senior Vice President, Marsh Transportation, Atlanta, GA
- 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Cargo: Considerations in Handling Trucking and Maritime Cargo Claims in North America

Panelists: Rui M. Fernandes, Partner, Fernandes & Hearn LLP, Toronto, ON, Canada
Tomislav Z. Kuzmanovic, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Milwaukee, WI
- 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Crisis Management: Best Practices for Managing a Crisis in the Transportation Industry

Panelists: Bruce Hennes, Hennes Communications, Cleveland, OH
- 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMCSA: Year 2018 – Enforcement Practices and Rulemaking Affecting the Trucking Industry

Panelists: DaVina Farmer, Service Center Director, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admissions, Matteson, IL
Peter Hines, Senior Trial Attorney, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admissions, Matteson, IL
- 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Buffet Luncheon
- 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Contracts: Hang onto Your Hats! It's the Contract Lightning Round! The Annual Update on What Issues Are Most Significantly Affecting Transportation Contracts

Panelists: Hank E. Seaton, Seaton & Husk, Vienna, VA
William D. Bierman, Price, Meese Shulman & D'Arminio, PC, Woodcliff Lake, NJ
- 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Casualty: Views and Perspectives from a Trucking Insurance Carrier as to Developments in Bodily Injury Litigation and How Transportation Defense Attorneys Are Responding To It

Panelists:
Tiffany Sovik, Claims Attorney, National Interstate Insurance, Richfield, OH
Chad M. Sizemore, Roetzel & Andress LPA, Cincinnati, OH
G. Clark Monroe II, Dunbar Monroe, Ridgeland, MS
- 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break

- 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Driver Contracts: Best Practices in Drafting Owner-Operator Agreements
- Panelists: Stevan R. Baxter, Skoubye, Nielson & Johansen, LLC, Salt Lake City, UT
Mark B. Thornton, Skoubye, Nielson & Johansen, LLC, Salt Lake City, UT
Kaitlin N. Rothecker, Gallivan, White & Boyd, Charlotte, NC
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Transportation Ethics Roundtable: “The Ethics Hotline is Open: Calls Now Being Accepted”
- Moderator: Bridgette Blich, Partner, Taylor & Associates, Winter Haven, FL
Speaker: Richard Bochicchio, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Madison Bulman, Taylor and Associates, Winter Haven, FL
- 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese Reception

There will be time allocated in each program for a question and answer session