

# Don't be an (April) Fool: Handling Spoliation Issues Properly



April 4, 2013 | Olmsted Restaurant - Piedmont Room\* | Approved for 3 CLE Hours

8 a.m. — Breakfast | 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. — CLE | Lunch Included



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Join fellow GDLA members as we take a closer look at the current law controlling spoliation of evidence and issues that arise when evidence has been destroyed or altered. If you want to know how to defend spoliation allegations, how to advise your clients regarding prevention, and how to use a plaintiff's destruction of evidence to your advantage, this seminar is for you.

**Judge Todd Markle** of *Fulton County Superior Court* will offer a view of spoliation issues from the perspective of the bench.

**Bill Casey** of *Hicks Casey & Foster* will offer insight into how to address destruction of evidence, particularly in surveillance videotapes, when your client is an experienced participant in litigation.

**Carrie Christie** of *Rutherford & Christie* will discuss best practices for advising clients on the benefits of video surveillance versus the risks of potential spoliation sanctions when those videotapes are later destroyed.

**Stephen Cotter** of *Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers* will discuss the standard for spoliation, particularly as it relates to treatment of defendants who are not experienced participants in litigation.

**Barbara Marschalk** of *Drew Eckl & Farnham* will explore strategies for successfully defending a lawsuit after spoliation sanctions have been entered.

**Wayne Melnick** of *Gray Rust St. Amand Moffet & Brieske* will turn the tables and discuss how to use a plaintiff's destruction or alteration of evidence against them.

Presented by the GDLA Education Committee, this seminar is open to attorneys of all experience levels. For the benefit of younger attorneys, we will offer a general overview of the spoliation standard in Georgia beginning at 8:15 a.m. during breakfast.

GDLA Members: \$99 | GDLA Non-Members: \$149\*\*

*Registration fee includes CLE credits, breakfast and lunch.*

*Olmsted restaurant is at 1180 Peachtree Rd, NE. It fronts Peachtree in the King & Spalding building. Complimentary validated parking in the 1180 Peachtree building's parking deck. For directions, visit <http://olmstedatl.com/directions>*

\*\*Non-members who apply for GDLA membership along with their CLE registration can pay the members' rate. Visit [www.gdla.org](http://www.gdla.org) for a membership application. The application fee is waived for those admitted to their first bar after July 2, 2007.

## REGISTRATION FORM -- SPOLIATION -- APRIL 4

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Preferred First Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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For expedited registration, RSVP to [contact@gdla.org](mailto:contact@gdla.org) then mail your form and check to:  
GDLA, Spoliation CLE, P.O. Box 8558, Atlanta, GA 31106.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds available less \$10 processing fee up to March 29. DISABILITY: If you have a disability that may affect your participation, contact GDLA at 404.816.9455 so accommodations can be made.

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