

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association  
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# TRIAL & MEDIATION ACADEMY

Callaway Gardens Lodge & Spa  
January 24-26, 2013



*Advancing the Civil  
Defense Bar*©

Since expanding the seminar's focus, we have officially changed the name to Trial & Mediation Academy. It is designed for the civil defense lawyer seeking to become more accomplished and successful at trial or in mediation. Participants first observe experienced lawyers demonstrating opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments and then practice those skills in breakout sessions with faculty observation and feedback.

This year, we will expand our focus on mediation strategies for the trial lawyer, as participants learn from experienced mediators at BAY Mediation and Miles Mediation, two of the GDLA's Platinum Sponsors. We will also perform a mock mediation.

### Trial Academy Faculty

**Chief Judge John J. Ellington**, Georgia Court of Appeals, will deliver a keynote address on professionalism at trial during Thursday's dinner.

**Matthew G. Moffett**, Chair, Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske, Atlanta

**Douglas K. Burrell**, Vice Chair, Drew Eckl & Farnham, Atlanta

**Jerry A. Buchanan**, Buchanan & Land, Columbus

**William T. Casey, Jr.**, Hicks Casey & Foster, Marietta

**Robert R. "Rusty" Gunn II**, Martin Snow, Macon

**William D. Harrison**, Mozley Finlayson & Loggins, Atlanta

**Susan J. Levy**, Levy & Pruett, Decatur

**Richard H. Willis**, Bowman and Brooke, Columbia, SC



### **FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: MATTHEW G. MOFFETT**

Matt Moffett is a civil litigation defense attorney of 22 years, defending cases in both state and federal courts. He is AV-rated, has been listed among the Legal Elite in *Georgia Trend*, and this year was named among the top 100 lawyers by Georgia Super Lawyers. Since 2010 alone, Matt has tried many cases to defense verdict for his clients, including eight high risk, significant exposure cases. Four of those involved contended wrongful death where each plaintiff's attorney asked the jury to award between \$4 and \$5 million in damages. Another case involved an employment action resulting in a defense verdict for a religious institution sued for over a million dollars in damages. This is Matt's second year serving as chair of the GDLA Trial & Mediation Academy.

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