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Convention Week Highlights at a Glance

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Saturday, July 29-Wednesday, August 2

Committee, Section, and Litigation Group Meetings, NCA Education Programs, Spouse/Guest & Youth Programs

Roscoe Pound Institute Annual Fellows Dinner at the Mid-America Club
New Lawyers Party

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ATLA Exposition

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Meet the Exhibitors Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Stalwarts/Endowment Reception Cruise on the *Odyssey* hosted by Power Rogers & Smith

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Spouse/Guest Luncheon at the Art Institute of Chicago

Membership and Awards Luncheon
Guest Speaker:
U.S. Senator Max Cleland (D-GA)

Minority Caucus Reception

Sunday, July 30

ATLA Town Hall Meeting

Invited Speaker:

President William Jefferson Clinton

Women's Caucus Brunch

New Member and First-Time Attendee
Brown Bag Lunch

ATLA PAC M Club Luncheon.

Guest Speaker:

U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)

Reception hosted by Eugene I. Pavalon and Robert L. Habush

Wednesday, August 2

Litigation at Sunrise (Part II)

Membership Business Meeting & Elections

Closing Reception and Dinner Dance featuring The Temptations



Events for Saturday, July 29

NCA Education

All NCA Education Programs and ATLA events will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago unless otherwise noted.

Advocacy Track— "Let's Skill All the Lawyers" The Art of Questioning: Deposition and Examination Techniques

Afternoon

Taking and defending depositions and the art of direct and cross-examination are among the most critical skills every trial lawyer needs—and are abilities seldom acquired in law school. Through lectures and a panel discussion, seasoned practitioners will teach you techniques that work. Deposition techniques to be covered include order and structure of the deposition, boxing in testimony, defending depositions, handling experts, and rules for effective depositions. You will also learn control techniques essential for conducting an effective direct and cross-examination.

Law Student Program

All Day

This program focuses on the transition from law student to lawyer and how to obtain success in your first five years of practice. Learn practical legal skills that you are not being taught in law school as well as the benefits that ATLA can provide while you are still in school. Topics will include what makes a good case, investigation and research tips for the law clerk, drafting discovery documents, and the hiring partner's perspective on finding employment with plaintiff firms. A reception follows the program.

Nursing Homes Litigation Group

All Day

Lawyers, a medical doctor, and a judge will discuss different aspects of handling nursing home cases. Increase your awareness of medical issues, learn how to increase damages, and gain tips for effective persuasion in nursing home cases. Topics will include HMOs' liability for nursing home maltreatment, ethics—who is your client?, effective presentation of damages and settlement techniques from a judge's perspective, handling the malnutrition case, overmedication of nursing home residents, 101 ways to attack an arbitration clause, maximizing damages in a small county, and the plaintiff's closing argument in a nursing home case.

Stalwarts Program

All Day

Join ATLA's Stalwarts as they reveal the most effective concept or technique they use in trial or in preparation for trial. Topics will include opening statements, being innovative in your strategy, finding the key approach that will lead you to victory, maximizing the benefits of your electronic notebook, trial themes, the psychology of persuasion, and proof of damages on behalf of the elderly.

Special Events

Roscoe Pound Forum for State Court Judges

Sponsored by the Roscoe Pound Institute

8:30 am-5:30 pm

State Court Judges from around the country will attend this program titled *Open Courts with Sealed Files: Secrecy's*



Impact on American Justice. The program consists of morning, afternoon, and closing plenary sessions as well as small discussion groups. The small discussion groups are open to judges only. The morning and afternoon panels are open to Pound Fellows.

Law Student Mentor Reception

4:45 pm-5:45 pm

Cohosted by the Law Student Services Committee and the ATLA Auxiliary. Meet with your convention law student mentor, mingle with your peers, and learn about the ATLA convention.

NCA College Reunion

5:30 pm-6:30 pm

All past NCA college attendees, faculty, and their guests are invited to this social and networking event to exchange favorite stories about how a college helped them win cases. Newcomers interested in attending future colleges are welcome to stop by as well.

First-Time Attendees Program

5:45 pm-6:30 pm

All first-time convention attendees are invited to this welcoming program. You will receive a special introduction to an ATLA convention, learn how to get the most out of your convention experience, and meet with ATLA's leaders.

Opening Reception

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Get in the loop. . . and meet, greet, mingle, and network with new and old friends at our Opening Reception celebrating the new millennium. This festive occasion will offer food and background music by a local blues great amid colorful "scenes" of Chicago. Casual attire. Tickets are included with the spouse/guest convention registration package, and with the youth convention registration package, and will also be available for purchase on-site.

Earn MCLE and NCA Credits

The 2000 Annual Convention offers you the opportunity to earn up to approximately 32.25* MCLE and NCA credits, including 10 ethics credits, in just 5 days. Specific MCLE questions may be addressed by calling the NCA/MCLE Coordinator at 800-NCA-1791 or 202-965-3500, ext. 335.

** Number of credits may vary depending on calculation method used by accreditation agency. ATLA is a state bar of California MCLE approved provider.*

The information in this brochure is accurate as of March 22, 2000. Modifications to program topics may be made. A current education program schedule at a glance is available on *ATLA Online* at www.atla.org.



Events for Sunday, July 30

NCA Education

Advocacy Track— “Let’s Skill All the Lawyers” An *Essential* Litigation Plan: Getting and Presenting Critical Information

All Day

In the morning, get a comprehensive overview of discovery, including discussions on informal discovery, discovery orders, stone-walling, and using the rules to get what you need. In the afternoon, the focus will shift to demonstrative evidence. Observe as seasoned practitioners show you how to employ cost-effective demonstrative evidence and how to effectively use medical literature. You will also learn how to deal with common evidence problems such as hearsay, cumulative evidence, and laying a foundation, and see a demonstration of how to best present key evidence.

Admiralty Law Section

Morning

Where is the ship of maritime law headed? Speakers will answer this question and will bring you up to date on current issues and acquaint you with the specialty of maritime law. Topics will include the Coast Guard versus OSHA—who is at the helm?, sexual discrimination and maritime law—does preemption exist?, the violation of statutory work hour limits and shipowner liability, and 10 years of Supreme Court maritime law—does anyone know where we are going?

Breast Cancer Litigation Group

Afternoon

In this trial of a failure to diagnose breast cancer case, you will receive an overview on presenting your case and tips and demonstrations on how to present your radiologist expert. Also learn how to prepare

for cross-examination of the radiologist and hear a medical doctor speak on the mammography standards of care.

Diet Products Subgroup: Fen-Phen

Morning

Lawyers and a doctor will share information to increase your knowledge of existing science and medicine in this hot area of litigation. Panels include medical and scientific studies on PPH and VHD in a fen-phen/redux case and evidentiary issues in both a PPH case and a heart valve case. A briefing on medical and scientific studies on PPH and VHD in a phentermine case will round out the session.

Employment Rights Section

All Day

Plan to attend this session to further your understanding of employment rights law. Get a law update. Hear a keynote address by a presiding magistrate judge. A lecture, a demonstration, and a panel discussion will focus on obtaining and maintaining critical documents including personnel records, protected orders, the new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, internal investigations, e-mail, and other issues. Find out how to prove collateral tort claims such as public policy torts, contracts, privacy, negligence, and section 1981. Get an ADA primer and hear the pitfalls and receive tips on litigating punitive damages after *Kolstad v. American Dental Association*.

Insurance Law Section

All Day

Find out about emerging issues in insurance law and practice. Topics to be covered include employment practices liability insurance litigation, what really goes on at the Allstate Insurance Company, subrogation practice and tactics, arbitration—the demise of the right to a trial by jury,



litigating HMO cases, managed care for no-fault benefits, no-fault insurance—the Canadian experience, and the good, the bad, and the ugly of legal insurance plans.

Laparoscopy Litigation Group

All Day

Plan to attend this session if you have an interest in laparoscopy litigation. Doctors will speak on the standard of care in laparoscopic cholecystectomy and general laparoscopic surgery. Get a review of cases involving postoperative management of the laparoscopic patient and infectious disease considerations, learn about voir dire in laparoscopic medical cases, get a defense perspective in defending this type of negligence case, and find out how to prepare your case for settlement. There will be time for your questions.

Minority Caucus

Afternoon

Learn advanced winning trial techniques, get tips for successfully representing disfavored clients, and find out how to overcome the challenges of ethnicity and gender. Topics to be covered are trial themes when representing ethnic clients, passion in persuasion, voir dire when ethnic or gender bias is a concern, focusing the jury on the content of your opening statement rather than the color of your client, economic impact on your client of color—maximizing damages, and enhancing your minority client's case—courtroom graphics and demonstrative evidence.

Motor Vehicle Collision, Highway, and Premises Liability Section

All Day

Attend this program and gain knowledge from experienced trial lawyers in a wide gamut of areas. Learn about liability issues with swimming pools, trampolines, and other backyard activities, ASTM standards

as they apply to falls and property, interstate and intrastate trucking, and screening for air bag, seat belt, and crash-worthiness cases and tips regarding “black boxes.” Other topics include independent medical examinations and other oxymorons and how to select experts and handle damages in both collision and negligent security cases. Find out about settlement techniques that work at least some of the time, how to put a smaller case together efficiently and effectively for settlement or trial, and how to handle liens and subrogation.

New Lawyers Division

All Day

In this session titled “Basics for the Newly-Minted Lawyer,” the focus will be on case evaluation for lawyers in practice less than 10 years. Gain a defense perspective on what plaintiff lawyers do wrong, learn how to analyze and prosecute elder abuse cases, hear a chief judge's view on multi-district litigation, and find out how to avoid the career catastrophes of malpractice and ethical violations. Other topics will include case evaluation and acceptance, ERISA preemption, and using strategic written advocacy to prepare persuasive documents. Also hear a call to arms for the new lawyer as you dedicate yourself to the civil justice system.

Small Office Practice Section

All Day

The four Ms—motivation, maximization, marketing, and management—are the focus of this program as the small office practitioner heads into the 21st century. Speakers will divulge their tried and true secrets including how to wow the jury with demonstrative evidence and how to prepare a cross with impact—for free or almost. Other topics include increasing your income with income projection and analysis, ethical marketing without



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millions, high-tech and low-tech marketing, getting back to basics with technology, communicating when you don't have five lawyers at the counsel table, and a view of how the small office practitioner will survive in the 21st century.

Steroids Litigation Group

Afternoon

Lawyers and doctors will teach you how to succeed in complex pharmaceutical drug liability cases. Get an overview of a steroid case and expert analysis of a steroid case. Learn about steroids from a doctor of pharmacy, get a thumbnail sketch of a steroid case profile, and get tips from medical doctors on proving causation and damages and on failure to warn products liability issues.

Traumatic Brain Injuries Litigation Group

All Day

Lawyers and doctors will lecture on the medicine of a mild closed head injury. Learn about neuropsychological aspects of a mild closed head injury in children and adults. Find out how to use P.E.T. scans as proof of a mild closed head injury and how measuring lateral and angular forces can be used as a cause. The neurosurgical aspect of mild to moderate closed head injury will be discussed from a neurosurgeon's point of view. Presentations by lawyers will include representing a client with a mild closed head injury superimposed on a preexisting psychological condition, handling a pediatric brain injury case with a "so-called" mild closed head injury, representing elderly individuals with a mild closed head injury, employing special trial tactics, using special techniques in voir dire through cross-examination, and ethical considerations in handling a closed head injury case from interview through trial.

Special Events

ATLA Town Hall Meeting



8:00 am-9:30 am

If you have a passion for politics, ATLA's Town Hall Meeting is for you. President William Jefferson Clinton has been invited to speak at this event.

Women's Caucus Brunch

10:00 am-Noon

Join the Women Trial Lawyers for their annual brunch. The brunch provides an excellent opportunity to network and discuss issues that affect women and their practices. This event is open to all attendees. Invitations will be sent to all convention registrants. Tickets will also be available on-site.

New Member and First-Time Attendee Brown Bag Lunch

Noon-1:30 pm

If this is your first convention or if you're a new ATLA member, please join us for a FREE brown bag lunch. We'll let you know how to get the most out of the convention and how to get the most out of your ATLA membership. ATLA has lots of programs, services, and benefits which can help you and your practice. Come join us—and pick up a FREE gift too! Don't be late—this event is limited to the first 125 attendees to arrive!



ATLA PAC M Club Luncheon

Noon-2:00 pm

United States Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) will be the guest speaker at ATLA PAC's M Club Luncheon. Sen. Durbin serves as Assistant Floor Leader on the Democratic leadership team and is a member of both the Appropriations and Budget Committees.

Reception

Chicago Cultural Center
78 East Washington
5:00 pm-6:45 pm

*Hosted by: Eugene I. Pavalon, ATLA President 1987-1988
PAVALON, GIFFORD, LAATSCH & MARINO of Chicago, Illinois
and Robert L. Habush,
ATLA President 1986-1987
HABUSH, HABUSH, DAVIS & ROTTIER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

The Pavalon and Habush firms invite you to enjoy refreshments with them and the spectacular "beaux arts" architecture and beautiful marbled halls of this historic landmark dedicated in 1897 and now serving as the Chicago Cultural Center. Located at 78 East Washington, just east of Michigan Avenue, within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, this event is open to all ATLA members and their guests. No tickets required.

Roscoe Pound Institute Annual Fellows Dinner

Mid-America Club

Amoco Building

200 East Randolph Drive

80th Floor

Reception 7:00 pm, Dinner 8:00 pm

At the pinnacle of the Amoco Building on the 80th floor, guests will look out over a breathtaking panorama of Chicago's distinctive skyline and unparalleled vistas of Lake Michigan. Tickets are available for Fellows of the Institute and their guests. Non-fellows are encouraged to join the Institute and attend. Black tie optional. Invitations will be sent in late spring. Please contact the Institute office with inquiries at 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 385.

Tickets: \$185 per person; \$350 per couple
Underwriters: \$2,500—Friend (table of 10); \$5,000—Sustainer (priority placement table of 10)

New Lawyers Party

Park West

322 West Armitage

9:00 pm

Come and enjoy a late evening and a good time! Dance to the music until the wee hours of the morning. Light buffet included with a no-host bar. Open to all ATLA members and guests; however, younger participants will be carded! No tickets required.



Events for Monday, July 31

NCA Education

Litigation at Sunrise (Part I)

Early Morning

Attend these rapid-fire early morning eye-openers, and discover why these hard-hitting, 10-minute presentations of hot and emerging legal topics make this one of ATLA's most popular programs. The focus is on tips and information you can use to win cases now.

Advocacy Track— “Let’s Skill All the Lawyers” Workshopping Your Case: Uncovering Jury Bias

All Day

In the morning, get a glimpse into the NCA's Case Workshop Program and find out how focus groups can help you see your case through the eyes of mock jurors before it goes to trial. Presentations include a demonstration of a live focus group and lectures on Internet focus groups and using information garnered from focus groups at trial. Jury bias is the theme of the afternoon session. First, get an overview including trends and the most recent research data. Then observe demonstrations on voir dire, opening statement, and closing argument followed by commentary and analysis.

Attorneys Information Exchange Group (AIEG)

All Day

The focus will be on automotive product liability issues and trials in the year 2000. Gain practice tips and be alerted to unacceptable injury patterns and inadequate automobile design performance patterns associated with designs from the 1990s. Learn to identify an automobile product liability case despite sophisticated designs introduced in the 1990s that makes this

task difficult. Get an update in computer technology developments specifically targeted to trial practice in the automobile design liability field. Case law references will be supplied. Topics will include rollover/roof crush/mismatch: SUVs, air bags/children and adults, seat belt systems/children and adults, child car seats, imaging/technical documents and video/CD-ROM interface, digital camera technology/trial exhibits, engineering/trial presentations from your laptop, and animation technology/reconstruction and defect.

Aviation Law Section

All Day

Attend this session and you will better understand your opponent. Learn what is important to leading aviation insurers, get an update on recent aviation opinions and statutes, and acquire strategy from experienced aviation plaintiff practitioners. Status reports will be given on major air crash litigation including the American Airlines Cali Crash, TWA 800 and the applicability of DOSHA, SwissAir and the applicability of DOSHA and defense efforts to stipulate to liability and its consequences, the anti-terrorism statute and amendment to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and KAL. Learn new technologies for aviation practitioners that can be used in trial or settlement conferences. A Boeing representative will address how Boeing responds to air crashes and the recent criticism involving its fleet and investigation of accidents. Leaders of insurance companies, including USAIG, AAU, Baumont & Sons, and AIG, and a department of justice attorney will discuss when to make your settlement demand, what is wrong with the plaintiff bar, what plaintiff lawyers do right, how “London” works, defense sharing agreements, and how to make mediation successful. Last, receive tips on handling the press in a major litigation matter.



Commercial Litigation Section

Morning

What are the 10 factors to consider when choosing a commercial case? How do you collect judgments when the corporation is defunct? How does one develop damage theories in commercial class actions? You will find the answers during this session. Emerging issues will also be covered including protecting consumer privacy and the disclosure of confidential financial data, developing a lender liability practice and preparing for an economic downturn, and arbitration of commercial disputes.

Construction Site Accidents Litigation Group

Morning

Gain practical tips on the successful handling of construction cases including how to handle voluminous discovery, how to win your case during preparation, and what is required for workplace safety. Other scheduled topics are taking the superintendent's deposition and winning the home builder negligence case.

Criminal Law Section

Morning

During this session titled "Jurisprudence in the New Millennium," hear a law professor address racism in the criminal justice systems, learn about evidence in criminal cases, get an update on the 1999-2000 Supreme Court term, receive information on how to use and combat experts in death penalty cases, and find out how to win ethically in the new millennium.

Firearms and Ammunition Litigation Group

All Day

Attend this session to learn about innovative and successful gun cases and different types of lawsuits and courses of action that

can be brought against firearms manufacturers, and how to understand the roadblocks along the path of successful firearm litigation including immunity legislation. The mayors of Chicago and New Orleans and a city attorney from San Francisco are scheduled to discuss recent developments in city firearm litigation. General trends of the NAACP lawsuit will be covered including a discussion of policy implications by the general counsel of the NAACP and the suit's legal implications including the effects of *Hamilton v. Accutec* and immunity legislation. Find out how to go after the "bankrupt" defendants, hear about litigating both the safe gun case/101 California Case Decision, *Merrill v. Navegar*, and the long gun case, as well as product liability handgun and negligent entrustment cases. Finally get an expert's perspective on Saturday night specials and criminals, "ring of fire" gun makers, and the cost of gun violence on society.

Inadequate Security Litigation Group

Afternoon

Lawyers and experts will share successes and mistakes they have experienced in inadequate security cases and will reveal techniques for overcoming factual obstacles. Hear how to make your case in negligent security, how to avoid a nightmare jury through voir dire, and what works and what to avoid from an expert's perspective.

Lead Paint Litigation Group

Afternoon

Learn about the basis for industry liability for lead poisoning and property contaminates, proof of damages against the industry, and how to prepare for industry attacks. Topics will include lead industry liability—what they knew, when they knew it, and how we prove it, medical issues—what does lead do to children and how pervasive is the



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problem?, proving the case—putting liability and damages together for the jury, and picking a jury that can see through industry, social, and race bias.

Professional Negligence Section

All Day

Attendees will gain a wealth of information on a variety of professional and medical negligence issues. Topics will include an overview on how to evaluate, screen, and try accounting malpractice cases, avoiding intake mistakes on the professional negligence case: factors to consider and how to objectively weigh intake cases, effective techniques to obtain early settlements, the cross-examination of the defense expert, the negligent credentialing claim—a viable alternative for holding HMOs and hospitals accountable for physician negligence, and failure to diagnose bacteremia and preventing complications of sepsis, endocarditis, and meningitis. Also gain a former defense lawyer's perspective on commonly made mistakes by plaintiff lawyers as well as a lawyer's perspective on commonly made mistakes by plaintiffs' expert witnesses.

Section on Toxic, Environmental, and Pharmaceutical Torts (STEP)

All Day

Receive practical advice about living under *Daubert*, *Joiner*, and *Kumho* and get information about the current climate of *Daubert* expert exclusion issues so you can be more sensitive to the hazards facing trial lawyers. Learn how to prosecute complex cases involving *Daubert* issues and see demonstrations of trial techniques on pharmaceutical and toxic tort issues. Topics will include *Daubert*, *Joiner*, and

Kumho—what the cases stand for, where the law is going since *Kumho*, general litigation strategies for the plaintiff's counsel, and procedural issues. There will be time for your questions. Then, observe direct and cross-examination demonstrations of experts in the field of medical causation regarding a toxic substance as well as in a failure to warn on a pharmaceutical. Last, hear about lessons learned and pitfalls to be avoided.

Workers' Compensation and Workplace Injury Section and Workplace Injury Litigation Group

All Day

The Workers' Compensation and Workplace Injury Section and the Workplace Injury Litigation Group have teamed up to present this session to help you understand the effects that insurance fraud has on your clients and practice, show you new and innovative ways to best improve service to clients, and teach you how to investigate and find fault in a no-fault system. Topics will include fighting fraud for our clients, protecting clients from the dangers of pharmaceutical products in the workplace such as needle sticks, latex, and white finger, and marketing and management of your practice to avoid ethical problems. Also learn about educating the fact finder in an administrative hearing, using the pathologist to prove injury, representing the professional athlete, identifying the third-party products liability claim, and funded employment and vocational rehabilitation shams affecting injured workers.



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Special Events

Civil Justice Foundation Breakfast

8:00 am-10:00 am

The Civil Justice Foundation invites you to celebrate consumer advocacy at its annual Breakfast of Champions. The program will feature the presentation of the Foundation's prestigious Community Champion award to Lowell Bergman and Jeffrey Wigand, the key players in the *60 Minutes* tobacco story that is the basis of the movie 'The Insider,' as well as a nationally known keynote speaker. Breakfast proceeds will support the Foundation's grants to grassroots organizations which advocate the prevention of consumer injury and the preservation of a consumer's right to justice. Invitations will be sent to all convention registrants. Tickets will also be available on-site.

Meet the Exhibitors Reception

5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Come to the ATLA Exposition Hall and meet with exhibitors who will demonstrate their latest innovative products and services

to enhance your practice. New and emerging computer technology approaches will be available for "hands-on" experiences. Light refreshments will be served.

ATLA Endowment/Stalwarts Reception hosted by Power Rogers & Smith

Odyssey Cruise Ship

Navy Pier

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Enjoy a breathtaking spectacle—the Chicago skyline at sunset—viewed from Lake Michigan aboard the premier entertainment ship *Odyssey*. The cruise and light buffet reception are sponsored by ATLA parliamentarian Todd A. Smith, past ITLA president Joseph A. Power, Jr., and current ITLA president Larry R. Rogers. This event is open to all ATLA members and their guests. Tickets are limited and may be requested by calling Sherrilyn McCoy at ATLA headquarters, 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 300. You must be registered for the convention before requesting tickets, with a limit of two tickets per ATLA member.

Events for Tuesday, August 1

NCA Education

Early Morning Ethics—Surviving the Prime Directive: Conflict of Ethics and the Virtuous Lawyer

Early Morning

Lawyers are not subject to one set of ethical standards but many, and ethical practice requires more than knowing the rules and avoiding discipline. This lively interactive session will explore the special ethical conflicts that make trial law difficult, inspiring, and misunderstood. You will also develop analytical tools for resolving them

and apply these tools to challenging and entertaining hypothetical situations. Bring along your jurisdiction's ethics rules!

Advocacy Track— "Let's Skill All the Lawyers" The *Ultimate* in Communication Strategies

All Day

In the morning, an experienced lawyer and trial consultant will team up to present a communication skills workshop that will show you how to capture, hold, and direct the jurors' attention. In the afternoon,



Events for Tuesday, August 1 *continued*

trial consultants will offer tips helpful to every trial lawyer and will discuss common problems that even uncommon lawyers make. Then learn from some of ATLA's most successful members as they demonstrate a powerful and persuasive opening statement, direct and cross-examination, and closing argument. An insightful critique from a trial consultant will follow each demonstration.

Learn also about dynamic evidence presentation, case digest manipulation and organization including links to documents and depositions and creation of time lines, and the importance of a trial plan, document organization, and remote office access. Other topics include presentations from mediation to the courtroom and the Internet investigator—secrets that all plaintiff attorneys should know.

Civil Rights Section

Afternoon

The focus of this session is technology and civil rights—strengthen your understanding of civil rights law through an emphasis on recent legal developments, develop an understanding and appreciation of technology in the litigation of civil rights cases, and learn to identify cutting edge issues in civil rights litigation in light of the impact of technology. Topics will include an update on developments in civil rights law for the 1999-2000 Supreme Court term, technology issues in police misconduct discovery, cyberspeech and the First Amendment, government interception of electronic communications, race and civil rights in the new millennium, and a demonstration of technology in the courtroom in the trial of a civil rights case.

Health Care Finance Litigation Group

Morning

What is the Department of Labor's role in ERISA litigation? How can ERISA preemption be avoided? How does one best handle disability claims? The answers will be divulged during this session. Presentations on health care finance class actions and an ERISA/HMO legislative update round out the program.

Healthcare Management Organization (HMO) Litigation Group

Afternoon

Speakers will impart an understanding of techniques used by HMOs to deny care and will encourage an understanding of the basics of HMO practice as well as increase your depth of knowledge of mental health care denials. Topics will include an evaluation of the case—ERISA/FEBHA and a survey of the law—new developments, theories of recovery and discovery techniques, and suicide cases and overcoming contributory negligence in mental health cases.

Communications, Computers, and Law Office Technology Committee

All Day

This session will offer valuable information about the logical application of current technology. You will hear about the limitations and considerations of current technology, cost control, and the effective use and selection of software applications. Topics include depositions, documents, and common issues, ethical considerations of list servers and discussion groups, and database software transition considerations.

Mandatory Arbitration Litigation Group

Afternoon

During this session, you will learn how to resist unfair or nonconsensual compelled



arbitration by understanding the scheme of the Federal Arbitration Act (F.A.A.), determining consent to mandatory arbitration, and becoming aware of the major common law contractual defenses to compelled arbitration. Compelled arbitration in the employment setting will also be explored.

Paralegal Advisory Task Force

Afternoon

Open to both paralegal and lawyer attendees, this program will offer suggestions to enhance the paralegal's role in the law firm. Topics will include the unauthorized practice of law (UPL)—what is it and how to avoid it, database management, information gathering on the Internet, and managing a career and a life.

Products Liability Section

All Day

Learn to recognize, prepare, and handle products cases during this informative session. Areas to be covered include household products, medical products, recreational products such as boats and jet skis, oil field and industrial products, automobile crashworthiness, and car seats, strollers, and other children's products. You will also receive tips on the investigation and discovery of a products case on a budget and hear how an experienced lawyer tells the products story to the jury.

Railroad Law Section and Railroad Highway/Crossing and Derailment Litigation Group

All Day

The Railroad Law Section and Railroad/Highway Crossing and Derailment Litigation Group have teamed up to present this comprehensive program. Topics include preemption, the *Shanklin* Supreme Court case, the railroad and spoliation of evidence, high-tech comput-

er demonstrative evidence in railroad cases, and hot topics in discovering the inside of the corporate railroad. Learn litigation techniques from a panel of railroad law mavens and get updates in crossing matters as well as federal regulatory and other current developments in FELA.

Safety for Seniors Committee

Morning

Join your colleagues for this training session and find out how to effectively represent the elderly in your community. Get information on the areas in which America's senior citizens are underserved by our civil justice system, increase your knowledge in tort/consumer law fields which disproportionately affect them, and get a list of resources including other advocacy groups available to help with relevant legal issues. Lawyers and experts will team up to discuss the representation of the elderly in premises liability cases, medical errors from which the elderly are at risk, consumer fraud affecting the elderly and how to fight fraud with litigation, and how to help the elderly obtain and retain Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security benefits. We hope you join us for this important program to learn how you can help ATLA achieve its goal to better represent our senior citizens.

Social Security Disability Law Section

Morning

Leading Social Security lawyers and prominent jurists will share insights and expertise to enable you to improve your practice skills during an ALJ hearing. You'll also benefit from an update on significant developments in federal case law. Scheduled topics include a survey of federal court opinions, ALJ hearings dos and don'ts, maintaining ALJ independence, and the duty to disclose adverse evidence.



Events for Tuesday, August 1 *continued*

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus

All Day

Learn from lawyers and doctors about the identification, treatment, and proof of pain syndromes. Topics to be covered include pain syndromes—fact versus fiction, myofascial pain and fibromyalgia cases, quantifying pain and suffering, and underappreciated pain syndromes. Hear discussions on chronic pain including pharmacological management, introducing evidence of psychological treatment, and physical ramifications. Also, learn how to value chronic pain and prove damages.

Membership and Awards Luncheon

Noon-2:00 pm

United States Senator Max Cleland (D-GA) will be the keynote speaker for the Membership and Awards Luncheon. Born in Atlanta in 1942, Max Cleland is a native Georgian who has served his state and nation for more than a quarter of a century. In 1967, Cleland volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was promoted to Captain in the U.S. Army. After being seriously wounded in a grenade explosion where he lost both legs and his right arm, Cleland returned to the United States just one month prior to the end of his tour of duty. He has since been awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service and the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action. After returning home, Cleland was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1970. As the youngest member of the Georgia Senate at age 28 and the only Vietnam veteran, he wrote the state law that makes public facilities accessible to the elderly and handicapped. In 1996, Georgia voters elected Cleland to replace Sam Nunn in the United States Senate. The title of his autobiography, *Strong at the Broken Places*, comes from Ernest Hemingway: "The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places." That describes him and his philosophy—his public service is his purpose—and his strength.

During the luncheon, the Champion for Justice Award will be presented to Harry M. Philo. The 2000 Steven J. Sharp Public Service Award(s) will also be presented to those trial lawyers and their clients whose cases have made a significant contribution to ATLA's public education effort. Tickets are included with the total convention registration package and will also be available for purchase on-site.

Special Events

Spouse/Guest Luncheon at the Art Institute of Chicago

111 South Michigan Avenue
11:30 am-3:30 pm

Enjoy an elegant lunch in the Stock Exchange Room of the Art Institute of Chicago. The Stock Exchange Room is the reconstructed original room from the demolished exchange. After lunch you will have a private presentation giving an overview of the museum's collections and highlighting its extensive collection of Impressionists and Post-Impressionists. You will then be free to enjoy one of the finest art museums in the world. A voucher for this luncheon will be included in ATLA's spouse/guest registration packet. The voucher **MUST** be exchanged for a ticket at the ticket sales desk located in the ATLA registration area, Riverside Center, West Tower. Additional tickets may be purchased at the same location.

In lieu of floral centerpieces on the luncheon tables, a \$250 donation from the ATLA Auxiliary will be made to the McCorkle Elementary School of Chicago for its library resource center.



Minority Caucus Reception

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Join the Minority Caucus in presenting the Soaring Eagles Award to a worthy minority lawyer who symbolizes the struggle of lawyers of color as they travel down the road of personal and professional success. Immediately following the reception, the Minority Caucus is cosponsoring with

Isaac Byrd, Jr., Byrd & Associates, Jackson, Mississippi, and LaBarron Boone, Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Potis & Miles, Montgomery, Alabama, *Jazzfest 2000* from 8:00 pm until. This event is open to all attendees. Invitations will be sent to all convention registrants. Tickets will also be available on-site.

Events for Wednesday, August 2

NCA Education

Litigation at Sunrise (Part II)

Early Morning

Attend these rapid-fire early morning eye-openers, and discover why these hard-hitting, 10-minute presentations of hot and emerging legal topics make this one of ATLA's most popular programs. The focus is on tips and information you can use to win cases now.

Advocacy Track— "Let's Skill All the Lawyers" Psychology of Automobile Litigation

Afternoon

Gain valuable information on some of the most exciting new ideas in automobile litigation today. Experienced lawyers will share their knowledge on issues to include the automobile insurance adjusted community rating (factoring rating)—what they are and how to deal with them, debunking the science—keeping out the defense junk experts, new approaches to establishing connective tissue damages, dealing with the defense medical examiner, identifying and overcoming jury bias in connective tissue cases, and what the research shows.

International Practice Section

Afternoon

During this session themed, "The Accidental Tourist," you will receive information about representing individuals injured in countries other than your own, learn how to deal with foreign counsel, and be made aware of remedies available and issues unique to foreign jurisdictions. Personal injury overviews will be given for Italy, France, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Portugal.

Special Events

Membership Business Meeting and Elections

9:00 am-Noon

ATLA policy states that all regular ATLA members must be registered for the full convention and must have paid their dues by May 30, 2000, to be eligible to vote in the annual elections. Don't forget—ATLA elections are your chance to direct the Association's future.



Events for Wednesday, August 2 *continued*

Closing Reception and Dinner Dance*

Reception 6:00 pm
Dinner Dance 7:00 pm
Featuring The Temptations



The Temptations

“Ladies and gentlemen, The Temptations.” For more than four decades, these words have signaled a magical evening of finely tuned harmonies, shimmering outfits, and precision choreography from the “Emperors of Soul.” First known as the Elgins, they became The Temptations in 1961 when the group was signed by Motown Records and the remarkable Berry Gordy, Jr. The original members were Eddie Kendricks, Paul Williams, Melvin Franklin, Otis Williams, and Elbridge Bryant. In 1964, David Ruffin replaced Bryant, bringing excitement to the group with his emotional facial expressions and electrifying moves. They hit the charts in 1964 with “The Way You Do the Things You Do,” and from then on were simply untouchable with an incomparable string of hits including “My Girl,” “Since I Lost My Baby,” “Ain’t Too Proud To Beg,” “Beauty’s Only Skin Deep,” “I Know I’m Losing You,” “In a Mellow Mood,” “You’re My Everything,” “I Wish It Would Rain,” “I Could Never Love Another,” “Please Return Your Love to Me,” and “For Once in My Life.” In 1969, the group (and Motown Records) won its first Grammy for “Cloud Nine.”

**This event is not recommended for children under the age of six. Children over the age of six may attend with their parent(s) as long as a full price ticket is purchased for each child attending the event.*

Sections and Litigation Groups

Each of ATLA’s 18 Sections will conduct a business meeting to plan Section activities for the upcoming year and sponsor an educational session during the convention. Many Sections will also offer networking socials and “bring your files” forums where participants may get specific advice on problems they are having in their own cases. Additionally, each Section will hold elections for new officers. If you are interested in running for a Section office or desire more information about ATLA’s Sections, please contact the Sections Coordinator at 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 572. Section meetings and programs are open to all convention registrants.

Enhance your practice by attending ATLA Litigation Group meetings and education programs during the convention. These groups are the most useful means of litigation support available to a trial lawyer. Each is a cooperative association of ATLA members devoted to increasing plaintiffs’ success in a specific litigation area and reducing the costs of litigation. Currently, ATLA has more than 60 Litigation Groups. For more information regarding which groups will meet during the convention and how to join, please contact the Litigation Group Coordinator at 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 306.



Convention and Registration Information

The convention begins on Saturday, July 29, and ends on Wednesday, August 2.

How To Register

1. Complete the convention registration form in this brochure and return it to ATLA. Registration forms will not be processed without payment.

* Mail: ATLA 2000 Annual Convention
P.O. Box 3717
Washington, DC 20007-0217

4 Fax: 202-625-7313

8 *ATLA Online*: Register online from ATLA's World Wide Web site at www.atla.org

(Phone: 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 613

2. Complete the Hotel and Travel Form in this brochure and return it to Executive Travel Associates (ETA).

* Mail: 1100 17th Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036

4 Fax: 202-785-5256

(Phone: 800-577-7539 or 202-828-0114 (for airline reservations only. Hotel reservations must be mailed or faxed.)

8 E-mail: atla@exctravel.com

No mail or telephone registrations can be accepted after June 30, 2000. On-site registration will begin on Friday, July 28, 2000, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency Chicago and will continue throughout the week. Your nonmember colleagues may attend this convention by becoming ATLA members. **You must be a member of ATLA in order to attend the convention.** For details on joining the Association please call 800-424-2727, or 202-965-3500, ext. 611, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm ET.

Registration Discounts

- * First-time convention attendees (lawyers) in practice less than 5 years receive a 50% discount off the registration fee. Discount does not apply to daily rate. This offer is not valid with any other discount.
- * Three or more members from the same firm may take advantage of a 10% discount on registration fees if they register together. Discount does not apply to spouse/guest and youth registrations. This offer is not valid with any other discount. Call the registrar for information, 800-424-2725, or 202-965-3500, ext. 613.
- * Spouse/Guest and Youth are not eligible for any discounts and are not permitted to attend any education programs. NCA education programs for CLE credit are open only to ATLA member registrants with badges.

Registration Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to ATLA. Cancellations received by July 9, 2000, will be subject to a 10% processing fee. Cancellations received between July 10, 2000, and July 23, 2000, will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee. After July 23, 2000, requests for refunds will not be honored.

Registration Hours

Registration will be located in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, in the Riverside Center. Registration materials can be picked up during the hours listed below:

Friday, July 28	2:00 pm–6:00 pm
Saturday, July 29	7:30 am–7:00 pm
Sunday, July 30	7:30 am–5:30 pm
Monday, July 31	7:30 am–5:30 pm
Tuesday, August 1	7:30 am–5:30 pm
Wednesday, August 2	7:30 am–1:00 pm*

- * Regency Ballroom Foyer area



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Attire

Business attire is appropriate for all events during the convention unless otherwise indicated.

Convention Location

Poet Carl Sandburg called Chicago the “city of the big shoulders,” broad enough to embrace its diverse population of nearly three million people and a continuous celebration of culture, arts, and entertainment. Chicago has nearly 50 museums, 200 theaters, 7,000 restaurants, three of the world’s tallest buildings, more than 200 annual parades, and the world’s largest public library with a collection of more than two million books. Perhaps Chicago’s most identifiable claim to fame is its architecture, much of it rising from the ashes of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire. It is the birthplace of the skyscraper and several important international styles and movements, most notably the Chicago School and the Prairie School developed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Chicago is also the home of “Urban” blues, a form developed by such greats as Muddy Waters and Elmore James, and continued today around the world. The main shopping areas in Chicago include State Street, North Michigan Avenue’s Magnificent Mile, and quaint specialty stores in Old Town, Lincoln Avenue, and New Town.

Convention Hotel

The Hyatt Regency Chicago is the chain’s flagship property. Recently renovated, it is located on the Magnificent Mile near Lake Michigan, within easy walking distance of premier shopping, restaurants, theaters, and cultural attractions. Your spectacular downtown setting gives you and your family a convenient base from which to discover and explore Chicago’s rich cultural arts, majestic architecture, and world-class shopping. The hotel has its own attractions, from its atrium lobby,

alive with lush plants and sparkling pools, to its panoramic views of Lake Michigan and Chicago’s dramatic skyline. The Hyatt Regency Chicago has received more than 500 awards for excellence in hospitality and cuisine. The hotel features four acclaimed restaurants, boasting a Stetson’s Steak House which was rated as one of the “top ten steak houses in the city” by the Chicago Tribune, and the Big Brasserie and Bar with great food.

Hotel and Travel Arrangements

Executive Travel Associates (ETA) is ATLA’s Annual Convention Travel Coordinator. To request air travel, accommodations, and other arrangements, please complete the hotel and travel reservation form in this brochure and return it to ETA. If you have any questions regarding hotel and travel arrangements, please call ETA at 800-577-7539, or 202-828-0114. Hotel reservations must be mailed or faxed by July 7, 2000. **You must be a convention registrant in order to make hotel and travel reservations.** To register for the ATLA Convention or to confirm your registration for the ATLA Convention, please call 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 613.

Air Travel Discounts

ETA has negotiated special air programs for ATLA convention registrants, families, and guests. Significant savings are available to ATLA registrants on American, Delta, United, and USAirways, if you book with ETA. Should you book with the airlines directly, please refer to the following ID numbers when speaking with an agent: American AN5970UA, Delta DMN131895A, United 559SD, or USAirways GF71181151. You will receive advance seat assignments and credit to your existing frequent flyer mileage programs. An ETA agent will be available on-site at the convention to assist you in making any changes or reconfirmations.



Car Rentals

Special discounted rates are available through Hertz and Budget. Make your reservations by one of the following methods.

1. You may contact ETA to make your reservations.
2. You may call Hertz directly at 800-654-2240 and refer to meeting #022J0034
3. You may call Budget directly at 800-358-2335 and refer to special code #U060113



Americans with Disabilities Act Special Requests

If you have a disability and require special assistance to fully participate, please attach a written description of your needs to your completed registration form.

Convention Education Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships based on need will be awarded for entrance to convention education programs. Scholarships are awarded to selected members in practice less than 10 years, attending a convention for the first time. To receive an application form, contact the Meetings & Conventions Department at 800-424-2725, or 202-965-3500, ext. 439. ATLA must receive your application by June 30, 2000.

Education/Meetings Admittance

Continuing legal education programs and all other ATLA meetings are open only to registered convention participants. Committee, Litigation Group, and Section meetings are open to members of those Committees, Litigation Groups, and Sections, and other ATLA members who have business with these groups.

MCLE/NCA Credit Information

Earn up to 32.25* MCLE/NCA credits, including 10 ethics credits, in just 5 days. Specific MCLE questions may be addressed by calling the NCA/MCLE coordinator at 800-NCA-1791 or 202-965-3500, ext. 335.

* Number of credits may vary depending on calculation method used by accreditation agency. ATLA is a state bar of California MCLE approved provider.

Voting Policy

To be eligible to vote in ATLA elections, members must be registered for the full convention and have ATLA membership dues paid in full by May 30, 2000. Verification of membership will be made prior to issuance of ballot.



Education Programs Will Be Recorded

If you can't attend the Convention, you can still benefit from its outstanding education opportunities. NCAudio will record most of the 46 programs in their entirety. Recordings may be ordered in two formats: audiocassette or compact disc (CD). Reference materials will also be available. To place an order, call Playback Now at 800-241-7785. Recordings of individual sessions will only be available for sale on-site at the Tape Sales Desk.

Steven J. Sharp Public Service Award

The Steven J. Sharp Public Service Award is given to those attorneys and their clients whose cases made a significant contribution to ATLA's public education effort by telling the story of American civil justice and



Convention and Registration Information *continued*

informing the public and policymakers about what is at stake when our opponents push for radical liability limits. To receive an official case reporting form, call ATLA's Fax-on-Demand service, toll-free at 800-976-2190 and ask for document #2008. Make a difference, fill out a form and submit your case today. The Award(s) will be presented at the convention during the Membership and Awards Luncheon.

ATLA ONLINE— Your Net Advantage

Practice Law at the Cutting Edge—
FREE for ATLA Members

- Online discussion groups
- Searchable full text of *TRIAL*, *Law Reporter*, and *Advocate*
- Searchable member directory
- Document Libraries for ATLA Section members
- Direct access to the ATLA Exchange Online
- E-mail and fax links to members of Congress
- Links to Internet sites of interest to trial lawyers
- Secure registration for ATLA seminars, colleges, and conventions
- The ATLA Job Bank, a free job listing service
- Entry for the prestigious Steven J. Sharp Public Service Award
- ATLAMart, the online shopping mall for lawyers

Members with Web access can register online and begin using *ATLA Online* today. If you need help, call 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 297.

Spouse/Guest & Youth Programs

Tours will be scheduled Saturday, July 29, through Wednesday, August 2. Complete details of all events will be available in your Registration confirmation packet. Details will include hospitality suite information and tours.

ATLA Exposition

An unprecedented list of exhibitors will give you the opportunity to sample and test a wide variety of both personal and professional products and services. Throughout four full days, exhibitors will be on hand to meet with you and discuss ways to make your practice more efficient, more profitable, and more state-of-the-art. The ATLA Exposition is free to all members and nonmembers. A badge is required to visit the exhibit hall.

Refer to page 24 for a listing of past ATLA exhibitors.

Refreshment Breaks

Three refreshment breaks will be available daily in the exhibit hall. The morning break will include complimentary coffee and pastries. The mid-morning break will include complimentary coffee and snacks. And the afternoon break will include sodas and snacks.

Exposition Hours

Exhibits will be located at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, in the Riverside Center, during the following hours:

Saturday, July 29	7:30 am–4:30 pm
Sunday, July 30	7:30 am–4:30 pm
Monday, July 31	7:30 am–11:30 am 3:30 pm–6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 1	7:30 am–noon



ATLA 2000 Annual Convention Registration Form

Chicago • July 29-August 2

**Register by May 5, 2000,
and save \$100 off the on-site
registration price!**



Discounts:

- 50% discount for first-time lawyer attendees in practice less than 5 years.
- 3 or more members from the same firm may take advantage of a 10% discount on registration fees if they register together.
- These offers cannot be combined.
- Call the registrar for more information, 800-424-2725, ext. 613.

- Check here if you have a disability and require special assistance to fully participate. Please attach a written description of your needs.

NAME: _____
 MEMBER ID#: _____
 FIRM NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: Home Business

 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE (Office): _____ FAX: _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Preferred nickname for your badge: _____
Check if you are:
 ATLA Governor ATLA State Delegate First-Time Attendee

	Years in practice	Advance by 5/5/00	Advance by 6/30/00	On-Site	
Total Package: (See reverse side for what fee includes.)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer	<input type="checkbox"/> less than 1	\$480	\$530	\$580	
	<input type="checkbox"/> less than 5	605	655	705	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more	730	780	830	
Education Programs only: (See reverse side for what fee includes.)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer	<input type="checkbox"/> less than 1	\$340	\$390	\$440	
	<input type="checkbox"/> less than 5	465	515	565	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more	590	640	690	
Paralegal Affiliate					
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Package		\$425	\$475	\$525	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programs only		325	375	425	
Law Student Member					
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Package		\$50	\$60	\$60	
<input type="checkbox"/> With Course Materials		80	90	90	
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (6-17)	[See reverse side.] Spouse/Guest and Youth are not eligible for any discounts.			
Daily Rate	Available during on-site registration only. Discounts not valid.			\$275	
<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Fellow-Name of Court: _____				No Fee Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Law Professor Member-Name of Law School: _____				No Fee Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> State TLA Executive Director				No Fee Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> State TLA Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> State TLA Guest				No Fee Required

Please register me for the ATLA 2000 Annual Convention. I have read and agree to all terms and conditions which are subject to the convention registration.

Signature _____

Payment must accompany all registration requests.

Payment amount \$ _____ (Payable to ATLA)

Charge to:

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Card Holder _____

Signature _____

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Complete and mail this form with payment to:

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 P.O. Box 3717
 Washington, DC 20007-0217
 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 613 • Fax 202-625-7313

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ATLA 2000 Annual Convention Guest/Youth Registration Form

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Complete and mail this form with payment to:

ATLA 2000 Annual Convention
 P.O. Box 3717
 Washington, DC 20007-0217
 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 613
 Fax 202-625-7313


MEMBER/PRIMARY REGISTRANT: _____

Please provide home address for mailing of guest/youth activities

HOME ADDRESS: _____




CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

 Check here if spouse/guest or youth have a disability and require special assistance to fully participate. Please attach a written description of your needs.

	Advance by 5/5/00	On-Site	Spouse/Guest and Youth are not eligible for any discounts.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275 each	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325 each			
	Full Name		Nickname		
	_____		_____		
	_____		_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135 each	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145 each		Ages 6-17 only Please list age	
	Full Name		Nickname	_____	
	_____		_____	_____	
	_____		_____	_____	
	_____		_____	_____	

Payment

Total Due: \$ _____	Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
Payment must accompany all registration requests.	Name of Card Holder _____
Payment amount \$ _____ (Payable to ATLA)	Signature _____
Charge to: <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/> 	Cancellation Policy: See reverse side.

FOR ATLA USE ONLY	Chk# _____	Chk Date _____	Chk Amt. _____
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What Your Registration Includes

Total Package: Lawyers and Paralegal Affiliates includes educational materials, admission to all education programs, CLE fee, ATLA meetings*, exhibit hall, opening reception, membership luncheon, and closing reception/dinner dance.

Education Program only: Lawyers and Paralegal Affiliates includes educational materials, admission to all education programs, CLE fee, ATLA meetings*, and exhibit hall.

Law Student Member includes admission to all education programs, ATLA meetings*, and exhibit hall. Educational materials extra.

Guest includes admission to exhibit hall, opening reception, spouse luncheon, closing reception/dinner dance, and hospitality suite. Guest may not attend education programs.

Youth includes admission to exhibit hall, opening reception, and hospitality suite. Youth may not attend education programs.

Daily Rate includes educational materials, one day admission to education programs, CLE fee, ATLA meetings*, and exhibit hall.

Judicial Fellow, Law Professor Member includes educational materials, admission to all education programs, ATLA meetings*, and exhibit hall.

State TLA Executive Director includes educational materials, admission to all education programs, ATLA meetings*, exhibit hall, opening reception, membership luncheon, and closing reception/dinner dance.

State TLA Staff/Guest includes admission to all education programs and exhibit hall. Half price for opening reception, membership luncheon, and closing reception/dinner dance.

***Education/meetings admittance:** Education sessions and all other ATLA meetings are open only to registered convention participants. Committee, Litigation Group, and Section meetings are open to members of those Committees, Litigation Groups, and Sections, and other ATLA members who have business with these groups.

Tickets to social events may be purchased on-site for those packages not including them.

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Chicago Convention Hotel & Travel Form

We are pleased to announce Executive Travel Associates (ETA) as the official travel agency for the ATLA Annual Convention. ETA offers discounted meeting fares for air travel on several major carriers, or you may call the airlines directly. Special hotel rates are available at the convention hotel; these rates are valid only through our official agent, ETA. Complete these simple steps to take advantage of these discounted airfares and hotel accommodations:

Step 1: Complete this form and mail/fax/e-mail to ETA. (See side box.)

You can also complete the form on www.exctravel.com/atla or www.atla.org.

NOTE: Completing this form does NOT register you for the ATLA convention.



NOTE: You must be REGISTERED to attend the ATLA convention before your requests for discount air fares and hotel reservations will be processed and confirmed.

Step 2: To REGISTER or to confirm your convention registration for the ATLA convention call ATLA headquarters at 800-424-2725 or 202-965-3500, ext. 613.

Return this form to:
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 1100 17th Street, NW
 Suite 400
 Washington, DC 20036
 Tel: 800-577-7539,
 202-828-0114
 Fax: 202-785-5256
 E-mail: atla@exctravel.com

Please check one: Registrant Exhibitor

Name _____

Firm _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone (business) _____ (home) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date: July 7, 2000

Your hotel reservation will not be confirmed until you are registered with ATLA for the convention.

Hotel	No. of Persons	Arrival Day/Date	Departure Day/Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Hyatt Regency Chicago <input type="checkbox"/> \$164 S/D Standard <input type="checkbox"/> \$189 S/D Business Plan <input type="checkbox"/> \$189 S/D Gold Passport <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 S/D Club	_____	_____	_____

Rates are per room, per night (plus applicable taxes). Rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card. If the rate you have requested is not available the next available rate will be provided.

Room Type: Smoking Non-Smoking King Double/Double Suite (call ETA for suite prices)

CAR RENTALS

Receive special discounted rates through ETA for all types of cars, which may be reserved for use during the convention or an extended stay.

Car Type:
 Economy Compact
 Mid Size Full Size
 Other _____

Pick-up Date/Time: _____
 Return Date/Time: _____

Company:
 Hertz Budget Avis Other

Special requests/comments:

Check here if you have a disability and require special assistance to fully participate. Attach a written description of your needs.

Special fares are available to all registered ATLA members and guests when you book with ETA. Tickets will be sent three weeks prior to departure.

To (city/airport) _____ From (city/airport) _____

Arrival Day/Date/Time _____ Departure Day/Date/Time _____

Airline Preference: American Delta United USAirways Other

Frequent Flyer: Airline _____ Number _____

Seating Preference: Window Aisle First Class Coach

Special Requests (meals, wheelchair, etc.) _____

Credit cards or checks can be used for hotel deposits, airline tickets, and other purchases. Make checks payable to ETA for airline tickets or to the hotel for hotel prepayments. Send all checks to ETA. Upon receiving your request, an itinerary will be sent to you for consideration. All itineraries can be confirmed by return fax or e-mail. ETA guarantees that all tickets will be issued at the lowest applicable fare in accordance with your requests at the time of booking. Your signature below authorizes ETA to charge your card.

Charge to: Other

Card # _____ Exp. (Mo/Yr) _____

Cardholder's Name _____

Personal check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Cancellations: Hotel cancellations made up to 96 hours of the day of scheduled arrival will incur no penalties; cancellations received less than 96 hours prior to arrival shall be subject to a cancellation fee of one night's hotel cost. No-shows will be subject to the same cancellation fee; the room will be held until 10:00 am of the following day. Cancellations/changes MUST be in writing and mailed or faxed to ETA.

Signature _____ Date _____

Past Conference Exhibitors

ATLA is pleased to recognize vendors who have exhibited during ATLA Conventions. The list is becoming more diverse; in addition to the growing number of legal service providers, the number of consumer product exhibitors is expanding as well.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Cybersettle.com
eClass, Inc.
Pre-Court Services, Inc.

Anatomical Models

Lawyers & Judges Publishing
Med Art & Legal Graphics Co.
Medical Visions, Inc.

Computer Graphics

21st Century Forensic Animations, Inc.
LIDO.com
Med Art & Legal Graphics Co.
Med League Support Services, Inc.
Medical Visions, Inc.
MediVisuals, Inc.
Wolf Technical Services

Computer Software

21st Century Lawyer
ADC Legal Systems, Inc./
Perfect Practice
Advocate Software, Inc.
ASA Legal Systems
CAMS-Case Management Services, Inc.
COREL Corporation
Custom Micro Systems
DRI/Cascentral.com
Legal Files Software, Inc.
LIDO.com
LAWEX/TrialWorks
LEXIS Publishing™
Needles Case Management Software
Novartis Medical Foundation
Software Technology, Inc.
Timeslips
West Group
Workshare Technology

Consultants (Executive)

American Buying Retirement
Services, Inc.
Bank One Investment
Management Group
Trial Consultants, Inc.

Consumer Products

3M Corp.
ATLA Products
AttorneyPages.com/ExpertPages.com
Belinda & Co.
Golden Lynx
JCR, Inc.
Lawyershop.com
Litigator's Luggage
Mascot Metropolitan
PHI Enterprises, Inc.
Trevor Goring/Images of Justice

Court Reporting Services

Barkley Court Reporters & Transcription
DepoNet

Day In The Life Videos

B & B Productions, Inc.
DANCEL Visual Communications, Inc.

Demonstrative Evidence

21st Century Forensic Animations
B & B Productions, Inc.
Benedict Engineering Co., Inc.
DANCEL Communications

DOAR Communications, Inc.
High Impact Graphics
LAWEX/TrialWorks
LIDO.com
Med Art & Legal Graphics Co.
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