

ACADEMY OF TRUCK ACCIDENT ATTORNEYS
2022 New Trucking Lawyers Division Bootcamp
 April 5 - April 8, 2022 • The Rio, Las Vegas

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Conference Registration	

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by: HMR Servicing	
9:00am – 9:15am	Welcome and Overview	Joe Fried Michael Leizerman Tim Whiting Michael Cowen
9:15am - 9:45am 30 min	How to Find and Apply Standards in Trucking Cases This lecture will cover the rules applicable to trucking, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, the Commercial Driver’s License Manual, government publications such as the FMCSA Safety Management Cycle documents and USDOT Preventable Accident Manual, industry standards such as truck driving school textbooks, training materials, trucking company driver manuals, and preventable accident manuals. The faculty member will demonstrate how to use the rules in a case that is different from the fact pattern. The faculty member will show the power of layering—using multiple anchors to prove that the rule is well-established.	Michael Leizerman
9:45am – 10:00am 15 min	Break and go to breakout rooms	
10:00am – 11:00am 60 min	How to Find and Apply Rules in Trucking Cases-Breakout Session Faculty leads each group in brainstorming to find the rules applicable to the fact pattern. The students will then find the authorities that support each rule. The group will discuss whether some authorities are better than others for proving the rule. Each group will have the following materials available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (with interpretations) • Model CDL Manual • USDOT Preventable Accident Manual • FMCSA Safety Management Cycle for the Unsafe Driving BASIC • Truck driving school textbook • USDOT On Guard document on trucking • OP-1 application form 	
11:00am - 11:15am 15 min	Break and return to general session	
11:15am - 11:30am 15 min	How to Show that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are Incorporated into the CDL Manual	Joe Fried
11:30am - 12:15pm 45 min	Deposing the Truck Driver	Tim Whiting
12:15pm - 1:30pm	Lunch and Presentation Sponsored by: Forge Consulting	

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 (continued)

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
1:30pm - 3:30pm 120 min	Examining the Truck Driver - Breakout Session Students will each do a practice examination of the truck driver. Students will use the anchors to establish the rules and how the driver or company broke the rules. Each student will examine the driver enough to prove at least one rule. Students will take turns playing the role of the truck driver. The faculty will coach the students on their examinations.	
3:30pm - 3:45pm 15 min	Break	
3:45pm - 5:30pm 105 min	Examining the Truck Driver - Breakout Session Continued Students will each do a practice examination of the truck driver. Students will use the anchors to establish the rules and how the driver or company broke the rules. Each student will examine the driver enough to prove at least one rule. Students will take turns playing the role of the truck driver. The faculty will coach the students on their examinations.	

Thursday, April 7, 2022

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by: RGK Consultants	
9:00am - 9:30am 30 min	Deposing the Safety Director/Corporate Representative	Joe Fried
9:30am - 9:40am 10 min	Break and go to breakout rooms	
9:40am – 11:00am 80 min	Examining the Safety Director/Corporate Representative Breakout Session Students will each do a practice examination of the safety director or corporate representative. Students will use rules and anchors to establish both the driver’s negligence and the corporation’s own direct negligence. The faculty will coach students on their examinations. Students will take turns playing the role of the safety director.	
11:00am – 11:15am 15 min	Break	
11:15am – 12:15pm 60 min	Examining the Safety Director/Corporate Representative-Breakout session continued Students will each do a practice examination of the safety director or corporate representative. Students will use rules and anchors to establish both the driver’s negligence and the corporation’s own direct negligence. The faculty will coach students on their examinations. Students will take turns playing the role of the safety director.	
12:15pm – 1:20pm	Lunch and Presentation Sponsored by: Physician Life Care Planning	
1:20pm – 1:50pm 30 min	Deposing and Cross-Examining the Defense Expert	Pete Kestner
1:50pm – 2:00pm 10 min	Break and go to breakout rooms	
2:00pm – 3:30pm 90 min	Deposing and Cross-Examining the Defense Expert Breakout Session Each student will get a chance to cross-examine the defense expert on one point. Prior to conducting the cross-examination, the student will share their plan for the examination. After the examination coaches will provide feedback. Students will take turns playing the role of the defense expert.	

Thursday, April 7, 2022-continued

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
3:30pm – 3:45pm 15 min	Break	
3:45pm – 5:00pm 75 min	Cross-Examining the Defense Expert-Breakout session continued Each student will get a chance to cross-examine the defense expert on one point. Prior to conducting the cross-examination, the student will share their plan for the examination. After the examination coaches will provide feedback. Students will take turns playing the role of the defense expert.	
5:00pm – 5:10pm 10 min	Break and return to general session	
5:10pm – 5:40pm 30 min	Opening Statement This lecture will cover opening statements in trucking cases. The lecture will focus on the liability portion of the opening given that this is a trucking seminar. The scope of the lecture will include how to structure a coherent opening, words to use (and not use) to properly frame the case, and the use of rules and anchors in opening.	Michael Cowen
5:40pm – 5:50pm 10 min	Assignment for Following Day Lecturer will tell students that they will give the liability portion of an opening statement the next morning. Students will be limited to 15 minutes each in order to provide time for feedback and ensure that everyone gets to present an opening. Lecturer will instruct students to report directly to their breakout room the following morning.	

Friday, April 8, 2022

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by: Evidence Solutions	
9:00am – 10:30am 90 min	Opening Statement Breakout Session Each student will give the liability portion of an opening statement based on the fact pattern, incorporating the rules and anchors developed earlier in the program. After the opening the student will receive coaching from the instructors.	
10:30am – 10:45am 15 min	Break	
10:45am – 11:45am 60 min	Opening Statement-Breakout session continued Each student will give the liability portion of an opening statement based on the fact pattern, incorporating the rules and anchors developed earlier in the program. After the opening the student will receive coaching from the instructors.	
11:45am – 11:50am 5 min	Return to general session	
11:50am – 12:10pm 20 min	How to Continue Your Development as a Truck Lawyer Lecture will cover steps new trucking lawyers can take to become masters. The lecture will cover educational opportunities, listserv and networking opportunities and Board Certification in Truck Accident Law.	Tim Whiting