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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Pre-Conference CLE Opportunities



Christian Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) 8 am - 4 pm *(includes breakfast & lunch)*

How well do you communicate— To a jury? To co-workers? To family members, even teenagers? Communication can be very complicated in all settings, perhaps especially in a courtroom, yet it is the key to all social interaction. So many different factors can influence our assumptions, our natural resistance or acceptance, and our ability to understand clearly. CTLA and CLS invite you to participate in this excellent seminar which will benefit not only your legal career, but every part of your life, because your communication skills will be developed through lecture, demonstration and interactive participation. The registration fee for this one-day seminar is \$175 per person, including breakfast, lunch and materials.

Mark Lanier (www.lanierlawfirm.com) is the founder and president of CTLA (www.christiantrialattorneys.org), and he will be the key presenter in this seminar. His accomplishments as a trial lawyer are widely known, especially in the wake of a stunning 2005 verdict in the nation's first Vioxx trial. *The New York Times* described him as "one of the top civil trial lawyers in America." Repeatedly in the last ten years, he has been recognized by some of the nation's most popular magazines and newspapers. What they often don't emphasize is his strong Christian commitment. He is also committed to his wife and five children in Houston, to his clients all over the nation, with offices in Houston, New York, and California, and to his 350-member Bible class every Sunday morning at one of the largest churches in the nation (www.biblical-literacy.com). Mark maximizes his God-given gifts in communication, and he looks forward to helping you become a more effective communicator. This seminar will immediately improve your advocacy and communication skills.

The Christian Trial Lawyers Association began in 2004 and has 630 members in 33 states. Its purpose is to advance Christian principles as they coexist within the practice of legal work and to demonstrate professional competence and godliness while defending Christian values in the public sector. Its vision is to be a support network promoting integrity and morality in the legal profession. CTLA's mission is to encourage, support and equip its members to glorify Christ in every setting. Members want to exemplify Christ-like character in their homes, offices, courtrooms and communities. They want to demonstrate professional excellence and wisdom in order to honor Christ. CTLA Members who are not CLS Members are invited to attend the full Conference with first year of CLS membership *gratis*. **(6 Hours CLE)**



Christian Legal Aid (CLA) Leadership Conference 8 am - 5 pm

This year's CLA Leadership Conference will offer two tracks. Track 1 will cover basic legal aid clinic management, including fund-raising and the roll-out of new tools for CLA clinics. Justice Center Online developer Scott McNamara will demonstrate the effectiveness of this amazing internet tool. Track 2 will focus on Preventive Law and Community Education seminars and volunteer recruiting and training. In addition, this year we will kick off our "Sister Clinic" program with our colleagues from around the globe, and we will present the John D. Robb Award for Christian Legal Aid at the luncheon. **(7 Hours CLE)**



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Institute for Christian Gift Planning 1 - 5:30 pm

The Gift, Estate and Trust Section of the Christian Legal Society is pleased to announce the Institute for Christian Gift Planning. The Institute is designed for Christian attorneys who are interested in gift and estate planning with a Christ-centered worldview. The Institute will provide opportunities for presentations on a variety of issues and strategies that enable the Christian planner to provide services of greater benefit to the Christian estate owner. The presentations will cover both basic and advanced planning issues and concepts.

In addition to providing legal training, the Institute will offer information on the Gift, Estate and Trust Section of the Christian Legal Society. In creating this section, the co-sponsors, CLS and the National Christian Foundation, are responding to a growing need expressed by Christian ministries, churches and individual clients for help in identifying technically competent, Christian estate and financial planning counsel. This section provides ongoing fellowship and professional services for its members, as well as an opportunity for referral by Christian organizations to those seeking planning services in your area. **(4 Hours CLE)**

