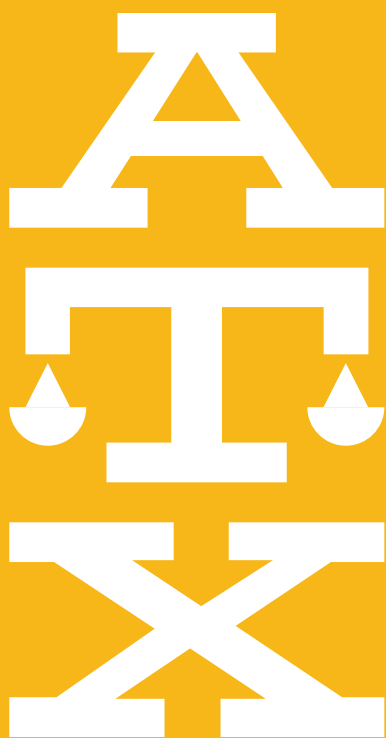


2025 ANNUAL MEETING



MARCH 26-30 AUSTIN, TX



International Academy  
of Trial Lawyers





# President's Message

Dear Fellows and Friends,

Please join us at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. We'll enjoy thought-provoking presentations, wildflower season, live music, and more.

Our speaker lineup includes Senator Jon Tester, Roberson Alphonse (recipient of the National Association of Black Journalist's Foreign Journalist of the Year Award), Beth Osisek (head of documentaries at Hulu), and of course, an address from the Academy's Dean, Craig Peters. The historic Paramount Theatre on Congress Avenue is creating a private performance especially for the Academy, and our Saturday night gala dinner will be full of surprises.



Extend your adventure for day-tripping through the Texas Hill Country to Luckenbach Texas on Sunday, March 30th. This is not an official event, but Brian and I are looking forward to a day filled with good food at Hondos on Main, live music, and Texas hospitality—and you and yours are invited. We'll all split the cost of round-trip transportation from the Four Seasons Austin, so you'll want to include the night of Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in your hotel reservation.

Brian and I look forward to seeing you there—

**Karen Burgess**

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS, PRESIDENT

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## Meeting Overview

### 03.26 WEDNESDAY

|                                |  |
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| ..... • COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY |  |
| 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM             | Admissions Committee Meeting                         |
| 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM            | Foundation Trustee & Executive Committee Joint Lunch |
| 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM             | Foundation Trustee Meeting                           |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM              | Executive Committee Meeting                          |
| ..... • OPEN TO ALL ATTENDEES  |  |
| 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM              | New Fellow Reception                                 |
| 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM              | Opening Reception                                    |

### 03.27 THURSDAY

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| 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM                                     | Yoga   |
| 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM                                     | Breakfast  |
| COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED FELLOWS |  |
| 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM                                     | Budget & Finance Committee Meeting   |
| 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM                                    | International Relations Committee Meeting  |
| 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM                                    | Lunch On Your Own  |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM                                     | State, Province & County Chairs Committee Meeting  |
| 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM                                     | Board of Directors Meeting   |
| AFTERNOON   | Optional Excursions*   |
| 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM                                    | A Night of Magic at the Paramount Theatre<br>(5:30pm departure from hotel for off-site reception and dinner event) |

\* Please see optional excursion pages for additional information and pricing.

### 03.28 FRIDAY

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| 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM  | Yoga   |
| 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM  | Breakfast  |
| 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Induction of New Fellows, Professional Program, & Dean's Address by Craig Peters |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Dean's Reception   |
| AFTERNOON          | Optional Excursions*   |
| EVENING            | Dinner on Your Own   |

### 03.29 SATURDAY

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| 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM  | Yoga   |
| 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM  | Breakfast  |
| 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Induction of New Fellows, Professional Program, & General Assembly |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | President's Reception  |
| AFTERNOON          | Optional Excursions*   |
| 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM | Closing Night Gala Event   |

### 03.30 SUNDAY

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| ALL-DAY   | Optional Post-Trip Extension to Luckenbach Texas** |
| ** No Academy staff or programming. Make sure to book your stay at the Four Seasons Austin to include the night of Sunday, March 30 th. Round-trip transportation, food & beverage, plus more will be available for an additional fee. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. |  |



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# Optional Excursions



## Kayak and Paddleboard Skyline Tour on Lady Bird Lake

\$260 / PERSON

Offered Thursday & Saturday | 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Lady Bird Lake, or Town Lake as some locals still call it (even though it's not a lake, but a dammed part of the Lower Colorado River), is home to some of Austin's landmarks and architectural points of interest. Participants will see the city from a new perspective on paddleboards or kayaks, while learning a bit about Austin's history, popular Austin sites, and the famous Congress Avenue Bridge Bats. The 2-hour tour begins at 1:30 PM and includes a lesson on the basics. Roundtrip transportation provided from the Four Seasons Hotel.

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## Austin Street Art and Street Food Tour

\$350 / PERSON

Offered Thursday | 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Austin is becoming just as known for its street art as it is for its food or music. This tour weaves through the city showcasing the very best and most offbeat street art, popping into a few food trucks to sample their specialties. The tour spans beyond downtown into neighborhoods to see and taste authentic Austin. While this tour is vehicle-based, there will be plenty of opportunities to get out and explore different murals and neighborhoods on foot for that up-close experience and for photo ops.

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## Legends and Landmarks: A Texas History Tour

SOLD OUT

Offered Friday | 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Join us for VIP behind-the-scenes-tours of the LBJ Presidential Museum & Library and the Texas State Capitol with special guest guides. The LBJ Library is a 10-story building featuring permanent exhibits like the First Lady's gallery dedicated to the life & service of Lady Bird Johnson, a replica of the Oval Office, and more. The Texas Capitol is widely recognized as one of the nation's most distinguished state capitols with its manicured grounds and awe-inspiring dome. Explore the rotunda, legislative chambers, & historical artifacts while learning about Texas' government and key figures. A portion of this registration fee will be donated to the LBJ Foundation. Transportation provided.

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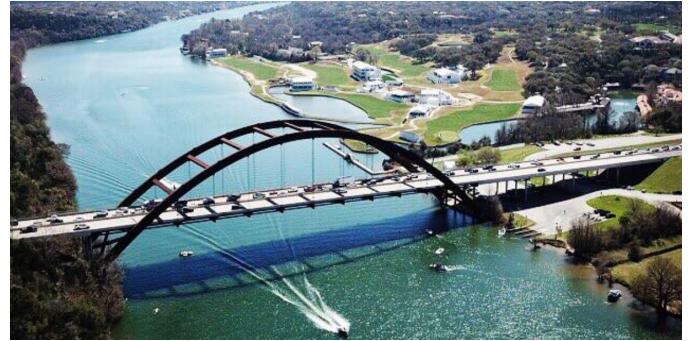


## E-Bike Guided Tour

\$290 / PERSON

Offered Thursday & Friday | 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

See more of Austin in less time with this e-bike tour. Hop on your pedal-assist e-bike, and follow your guide to Austin's famous murals, city landmarks, and University of Texas buildings. Along the way, take in views of the downtown skyline, and visit the Texas State Capitol building. This tour is for all riding levels, and e-bikes/helmets are included. Each e-bike comes with a leading standard Bosch motor that is tested daily ensuring the best quality, safest ride.



## Lake Austin Pontoon Cruise

\$430 / PERSON

Offered Friday | 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Guests will board pontoon boats at Oyster Landing, which is just a 10-minute ride from the Four Seasons Hotel. The pontoon boats will cruise up Lake Austin past iconic landmarks like Mount Bonnell, Pennybacker Bridge, Austin Country Club, and more. Boats will dock for refreshments at Ski Shores, a tradition on Lake Austin since 1954. After a cocktail hour at Ski Shores, guests will re-board their boats and cruise back toward town. Round-trip transportation provided from the Four Seasons Hotel.



## Golf Outing

\$490 / PERSON

Offered Saturday | 1:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Austin is known as one of the best golf cities in the U.S. Fellow Gary Smith has enlisted help from Austin Fellow Jeff Edwards for yet another swinging success. The event will take place at the prestigious Barton Creek Country Club on the Fazio Canyons Course. Round-trip transportation provided from the Four Seasons Hotel.



## Morning Yoga Session

FREE

Offered Thursday, Friday, Saturday | 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM

Join us for a complimentary morning yoga session. All levels welcome. It's a great way to start your day.