



# Reporters Workshop 2022

Friday, April 22 - Saturday, April 23

**Program Producer:** Ron Harris, Neal & Harwell

The Tennessee Bar Association's Communication Law Section, the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, and the Tennessee Press Association Foundation present the second annual Reporters Workshop in Nashville on April 22-23, 2022. Journalists were chosen from the pool of applicants to develop a deeper understanding of media law issues that may affect their everyday work, including access to government information, defamation and privacy concerns in reporting, and other timely topics.

## Friday, April 22

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| 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | <b>Check In: Welcome Reporters</b>  |
| 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  | <b>Introduction to Reporters Workshop</b><br>Ron Harris, Neal & Harwell<br>Paul McAdoo, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press<br>Barry Kolar, Assistant Executive Director of the Tennessee Bar Association<br>Brenda Heidt, VP of Operations, Tennessee Association of Broadcasters |
| 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  | <b>Two Very Short Courses:</b><br><b>Copyright (Can I Use That?) &amp;</b><br><b>Legal and Judicial Ethics (Why Won't They Talk With Me?)</b><br>Speaker: Lucian Pera, Adams and Reese  |
| 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  | <b>Right to Record / Drone Law</b><br>Mickey Osterreicher, National Press Photographers Association   |

- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Defamation Law and Prepublication Review Exercise**  
Rick Hollow, Hollow & Hollow, LLC
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.      **Reporter’s Privilege**  
Doug Pierce, King & Ballow
- 5:30 p.m.                      **Friday Programming Concludes**
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.      **Networking Event & Reception**  
Maggiano’s West End  
Thank you to our evening event sponsor Neal & Harwell!

**Saturday, April 23**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Networking & Breakfast**  
Thank you to our breakfast sponsor Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison!
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.      **Access to Government: Open Records, Open Meetings, and Open Courts**  
Moderator: Harriet Wallace, WZTV Fox 17  
Lee Pope, Open Records Counsel, TN Comptroller’s Office  
Deb Fisher, Tennessee Coalition for Open Government
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.      **Panel: An Inside Look at Investigative Journalism**  
Moderator: Paul McAdoo, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press  
Marc Perrusquia, Institute for Public Service Reporting, University of Memphis
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      **Lunch Break (Grab boxed lunch)**  
Thank you to our lunch sponsor Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis!
- 12:15p.m. – 1:30 p.m.      **Covering State & Local Government**  
Moderator: Adam Friedman, The Tennessean  
Bill Young, Bureau of Ethics & Campaign Finance Ethics  
Blaise Lee, WPLN News  
Bob Mendes, Nashville Metro Council

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Covering the Courts: A View from the Bench**

Moderator: Robb Harvey, Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis

Ana L. Escobar, General Sessions Judge, Division III

Valerie Smith, Circuit Court Judge, 30<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

O. Duane Slone, Circuit Court Judge, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District