



Williamson County General Sessions Primer

December 17, 2020
9:00AM-12:00PM

Tuition:\$75
Zoom Webinar

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Speaker Bios

Henry Ambrose- after multiple and varied careers, Attorney Henry Ambrose attended The Nashville School of Law and began a two year internship with the 21st Judicial District Public Defender's office while still a law student. While a law student, Ambrose wrote, argued, and won a motion to suppress in Circuit court and successfully defended that suppression against the States appeal at the Court of Criminal Appeals. Mr. Ambrose currently spends much of his time in General Sessions and Circuit courts across southern Middle Tennessee. Mr. Ambrose is involved as a volunteer with the Williamson County Mental Health Court. A significant amount of his work is involved in the representation of clients with addiction and mental illness. Beyond criminal defense work, Mr. Ambrose also regularly practices civil litigation related to construction, the automobile business, consumer protection actions, and business disputes. Mr. Ambrose is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and The Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Joseph W. Fuson began working in Tennessee law firms at the age of 20 and has dedicated his professional life to being a trial attorney. He was born and raised in Middle Tennessee, went to high school in Middle Tennessee and graduated from University of Tennessee – Knoxville Cum Laude in 2000. Mr. Fuson continued working after college at a civil litigation firm and attended law school at Nashville School of Law. Mr. Fuson was licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee in 2006, partnering with Mark Freeman shortly thereafter and forming Freeman & Fuson in 2009. Mr. Fuson spends his days in court fighting for people who have been accused of a crime and representing people who have been severely injured. In the criminal arena, Mr. Fuson has been defending citizens accused of crimes for over a decade and knows what it takes to handle tough cases. Regardless of the issue, Mr. Fuson is a trial lawyer who puts the needs of his clients first. A large part of his criminal practice is focused on drug and alcohol cases. Specifically, marijuana defense and DUI defense. Mr. Fuson is one of Tennessee's leading cannabis lawyers, focusing his practice on defending people charged with marijuana related offenses.

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Tracey McKinney - Tracey received her bachelor's degree from Belmont then completed her Master's Degree in Social Work at UT where her focus was trauma treatment. Her treatment populations include women, Veteran's, and individuals experiencing a dual diagnosis of sub-stance use/ mental health. She has worked at Mending Hearts and the Nashville VA Hospital. She is currently a primary therapist at Educare Counseling and the Williamson county Treatment court specialist for Mental Health court and the Veteran's Treatment program.

David Veile - Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Veile was a police officer and sergeant with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department for seven years. Mr. Veile is certified as a Police Instructor by the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission and was Law Instructor at the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Training Academy, where he taught Criminal Statutory Law, Criminal Procedure, and Constitutional Law. Mr. Veile serves as a leader in several professional organizations. In April of 2015, he was reelected as a Middle Tennessee Governor for the Tennessee Bar Association and currently serves on the TBA Board of Governors. He also serves as the Chair of the statewide Tennessee Bar Association Criminal Justice Section. Most recently, he was elected to serve a three year term as a Governor on the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Eric Larsen - Eric's practice is almost entirely dedicated to criminal defense and DUI representation. His home office is located in down-town Franklin, but you'll see him in many surrounding counties. Prior to the practice of law, Eric spent 12 years working for the Michigan Department of Corrections. He's worked inside the walls of prison, he was a member of the Emergency Response Team, and he's worked probation and parole. He is also the son of a retired homicide detective so he's literally seen every aspect of the criminal justice system.

Schedule of Events

An Overview of Preliminary Hearings

Henry Ambrose

9:00am - 9:45am (.75 Gen)

DUI Preliminary Hearings

Eric Larsen

9:45am - 10:15am (.50 Gen)

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Joey Fuson

10:15am - 11:00am (.75 Gen)

Best Practices in a Preliminary Hearing for a Defense Attorney

David Veile

11:00am - 11:30am (.50 Gen)

Special Courts, Mental Health, DUI, Veterans, Drug Courts. Descriptions of Various Courts and Best Practices to Help Admit your Client

Tracey McKinney

11:30am - 12:00pm (.50 Gen)