

# **2021 SCBLA Conference Schedule**

***Thursday, October 28 | Welcome Cocktail Reception***

***6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

Check-In, Freshen Up, and Vibe  
Playlist Curated by Luther Battiste, Esq. | Partner, Johnson, Toal and Battiste

***Friday, October 29***

***CLE 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m***

***Business Meeting 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.***

**8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast**

**8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome  
Breon Walker, Esquire, President - SCBLA**

**9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. "The Art of Storytelling" - Opening Statements  
Carl L. Solomon, Esq.- Owner, The Solomon Group**

This session will provide litigators with critical tools for preparing and delivering opening statements. Attorney Carl Solomon will discuss the art of storytelling, use of graphics, strategic decisions, and the use of focus jury data in opening arguments. Mr. Solomon will provide best practices for organizing the opening statement, making and responding to objections during opening statements and common pitfalls.

**10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. B R E A K**

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. "The Blueprint" - Building the Case and Compiling Damages"  
John Mobley, Esq.- Owner, John Mobley Law Firm**

This session will help litigators more effectively maximize recovery, prove causation, engage in effective case framing, jury selection and develop a winning case theme. Attorney John Mobley will discuss how to successfully build and argue for adequate damages using various methods all the while maintaining credibility with the judge, jury, and opposing Party.

**11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. "What's Going On" - Constitutional Law Update  
Teresa Nesbitt Cosby- Professor, Politics & International Affairs Furman University**

Professor Cosby delights again this year by providing our membership with an overview of recently decided U.S. Supreme Court decisions while also discussing the current trends, future, and legacy of the U.S. Supreme Court.



***Diversity Luncheon***  
***12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.***  
***2021 Matthew Perry Distinguished Service Award***  
***\*\*KEYNOTE SPEAKER PROFESSOR SETH W. STOUGHTON\*\****

Seth Stoughton is an Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law and an Associate Professor (Affiliate) in the university's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. He is a Core Faculty Member with the Rule of Law Collaborative. He studies on policing and how it is regulated, and his scholarship has appeared in the Emory Law Journal, Minnesota Law Review, the Virginia Law Review, other top journals. He is the principal co-author of *Evaluating Police Uses of Force* (NYU Press 2020), and has written book chapters about the police misconduct, the use of force, and use-of-force review. He is a frequent lecturer on policing issues; regularly appears on national and international media; has written about policing for The New York Times, The Atlantic, TIME, and other news publications; and has filed multiple amicus briefs to the Supreme Court. In 2021, he testified as a use-of-force expert for the prosecution in the trial of Derek Chauvin, who was convicted for killing George Floyd.

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. "A Seat at the Table" - Do's and Don'ts from the Bench**  
**Moderator – The Honorable Chief Justice Donald Beatty**

The purpose for this section is to provide tips to litigators on effective practices before the Circuit Court, Family Court, Probate Court and Magistrate Court. This honorable panel will discuss topics such as: Can I tell the Judge that his questions are interfering with my cross-examination? What do Judges look for in the opening and closing statements? Skeletal or written submissions – what persuades / irritates Judges? What should I do if the Judge has raised a point not raised by Counsel? Should I concede if my client's case on specific points is weak, or should I continue to press on boldly and throw in the kitchen sink?

**2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. "Waiting to Exhale" - Mental Health Update**  
**Jasmine Carter, Licensed Professional Counselor/ Mobile Crisis Supervisor**

The effects of operating in our new normal vary from lawyer to lawyer with many reporting an increase in alcohol usage, decrease in sleep, heightened anxiety and stress levels, weight gain, and obsessive like behaviors. While there is no magic cure to restore lawyers to wellness, there are resources available to help the lawyer navigate and cope through difficult and challenging times. This session will leave the litigator renewed and recharged with stress management tips.

**3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. B R E A K**



**3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. "Do the Right Thing" - Ethics**  
**Erica Williams, SC Office of Indigent Defense**

This review will cover a wide range of topics including ex parte communications, confidentiality, and provides a thorough discussion of recent ethics opinions.

**4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. "Signed, Sealed & Delivered" - Closing Argument**  
**Carl B. Grant, Owner, Carl B. Grant, P.A.**

While there is no recipe that can guarantee success in the courtroom, this session is intended to help aid the litigator's chances of obtaining a successful outcome by providing practice pointers for preparing an effective closing argument. Attorney Carl B. Grant will seal the deal and deliver techniques related to proper timing, making and responding to objections during closing, and discuss common pitfalls made during closing arguments.

***SCBLA Annual Meeting***  
***5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.***

