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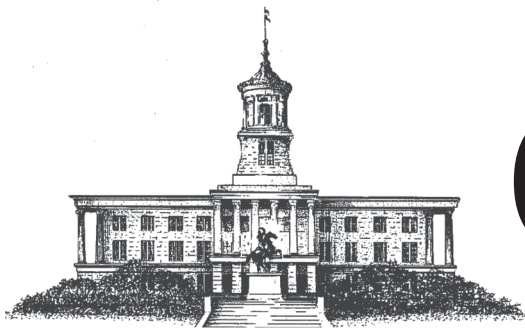
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Mayor Karl Dean to Address This Year's Conference



Jay West
Executive Director

This year's COAT Conference starts off with a keynote address on the morning of Tuesday, November 8, by Nashville Mayor Karl Dean. Dean, just elected to his second term as mayor, is formally Public Defender for Davidson County.

His address will be followed by a CTAS presentation on a brand new web site entitled E-Li for electronic library. It will be a useful tool in answering questions that arise in your office every day. All of the twenty two manuals of CTAS have been loaded onto the site and a powerful search engine has been utilized. Now you will not receive all of these manuals every time they are updated. Rather they will be updated on the site and will be ready for you to use as a reference immediately.

That afternoon, two seminars will be offered. One will teach you about social media and how it can benefit your offices. The other conducted by CTAS attorney Libby McCroskey on personnel issues. She is an expert in

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Our Fall Conference Is Upon Us. November 7th - 10th

As fall is upon us and we have finished the first year of a new four-year term as county officials, we think about football season and cooler weather. Our next big event is our annual COAT meeting. The conference will be held at the Airport Marriott in Nashville beginning the 7th through the 10th of November. Please contact Vendor Chair Kristie Glass Maxwell (Tipton County Trustee @ (901) 476-0211) or Claudia Peeler (Tipton County Register @ (901) 476-0204) about any potential vendors for the conference. Remember to bring your door prizes. We are asking that each attendee bring at least one door prize. We are looking forward to an informative and fun time at this year's conference. CTAS will be offering classes, we will be meeting with our affiliate organizations and enjoying our activities in the evenings. We are looking forward to the

Charlie Cardwell
Davidson County Trustee
COAT President



interaction with each and every one.

As my term as president draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your hard work, support and friendship to help make my term as president an enjoyable one. I want to thank the Trustees from across Tennessee for giving me the honor of representing our organization as COAT President. I want to thank Jay West, our Executive Director, for all of his support and guidance over this past year. To every member of the County Officials Association of Tennessee, your friendship and support are unmatched. Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your President.



Messages from the Presidents



Chuck Kizer
President, Tennessee County
Clerks Association
Lawrence County Clerk



Hello to everyone. It was great to see everyone at our June meeting in Cool Springs. We had a very good attendance and I hope everyone enjoyed all of our speakers. I thought all of our speakers done a wonderful job and each of you took home some helpful information to your offices.

I want to thank Jay West for all his help and what he does for the County Clerks. It was nice of our COAT President Charlie Cardwell to come by and say a few words. Charlie you are doing a great job. I want to thank all of our speakers; you all made the meeting a success.

I hope everyone has got their calendars marked for our COAT Conference in November. It is at the Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville Tennessee on November 7th thru 10th. For reservations call 800-889-9300. I hope to see everyone there.

Registration starts at 3pm on Monday the 7th. Tuesday the 8th registration opens at 8am and opening ceremonies at 10:30am, then CTAS training starts at 1pm. Breakfast Wednesday the 9th 7-8am, then affiliate meetings start at 8am. Thursday the 10th at 7am is Continental Breakfast and at 8am will be our Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers.

Our County Clerks Meeting will be Wednesday starting at 8am and will be different than before. Everyone wanted something different so I have decided to change this year's meeting a little. We will have a few speakers in the morning and CTAS training session in the afternoon. I will send out an agenda to everyone in October.

I hope to see you all in November.



D.W. Weaver
President, Tennessee Registers Association
Marshall County Register of Deeds

Well, the leaves are starting to fall and the hot summer days are almost over. The Spring Conference was successful and now it is time to plan the fall conference in Nashville. I am in the process of lining up speakers. If you know of someone that you would like to invite, please let me know. The conference is sure to be an exciting one at the Nashville Airport Marriott. Please check the website for details as they are posted. I want to encourage everyone to attend. The forms to attend the fall conference will be available on Tennessee Registers Association website.

I have enjoyed serving as your president for this year. It takes a team effort to pull this off. My hat is off to all the Tennessee Registers.

I want to thank Jay West, Executive Director for his dedication and hard work this year.

Please remember to bring two door prizes for COAT breakout and two door prizes for the registers meeting.

Please make your reservations for COAT Convention in Nashville, TN which will be held at the Nashville Airport Marriott from November 7th – 10th, 2011. Please contact the hotel at 1-800-770-0555 or 615-889-9300 and use the code COAT for your reservation.

I look forward to seeing all of you in November!

**Fall COAT
Conference**

REMEMBER

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Messages from the Presidents



Charlotte Broyles
President, State Court Clerks Association of Tennessee
Coffee County Clerk & Master

Here it is, September. The year is three quarters of the way over. The State Court Clerks will have our Fall Conference at Montgomery Bell State Park in September. The educational emphasis at this conference will be issues relating to personnel and retirement. We are looking forward to our time for learning and networking with other clerks in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

We are all looking forward to the COAT Convention in November this year. I encourage our membership to make plans to attend. There are educational opportunities offered for Re-Certification Credit as well as time to visit with people in other Affiliate organizations that we don't often have an opportunity to see. It is during our

Affiliate Meeting that we will hear reports from various committees, awards will be distributed and we will welcome our next Court Clerks' President, Janice Bodiford, Hardeman County Clerk & Master, as she takes office.

This has been an exciting year for me and I want to thank the Court Clerks for giving me the honor and privilege to serve as their President. I have enjoyed serving you. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you better. I am truly amazed at the spirit of camaraderie that exists in the Clerks' Association. I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Martha Smith, Hardeman County Clerk & Master for her service as Secretary and to Becky Bartlett,

Lincoln County Clerk & Master for continuing to serve as Treasurer. It has been a joy to work with these two fine clerks.

As I have said before, it is simply not possible for me to give credit to every person who works for the betterment of this association. To those who currently take an active



role, thank you from the bottom of my heart. To those who are not currently active, get active.

It will be a joy and an adventure that you will not regret. Again, thank you and I look forward to continued service to the Tennessee Court Clerks' Association.



Schedule Of Events **COAT 43rd Annual Conference 2011**

- **Monday, November 7th**
 - 3:00 pm - Registration will begin
- **Tuesday, November 8th**
 - 8:00 am - Registration opens
 - 10:30 am - Conference Opening Ceremonies
 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm CTAS COCTP training
 - 3:15 pm - 5:00 pm CTAS COCTP training
 - 6:00 pm - President's Reception
- **Wednesday, November 9th**
 - 7-8 am - Breakfast
 - 8:00 am - Affiliate meetings
 - 6:30 pm - Awards Banquet
- **Thursday, November 10th**
 - 7:00 am - Continental Breakfast
 - 8:00 am Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers

Messages from the Presidents



Marty Nelson
President, Tennessee Trustees Association
Sumner County Trustee

Summer is over and we are all anticipating another tax season. During these past few months many TCTA officers and members have been busy participating in TCTA committee meetings and helping in the formation of a new organization. These efforts should prove to help us be more efficient Trustees.

The TCTA Investment Study Committee has met under the capable direction of Teb Batey. Investment rates have suffered drastically and this committee is working diligently to find ways to improve the rates of the LGIP.

All Trustees should have received information regarding the Tennessee Association of Property Tax Professionals. I hope you will become a member of this valuable organization which includes county and municipal delinquent tax attorneys, Clerk & Masters, Trustees, Court Clerks and staff working with each of these individuals. Our own, Teb Batey, was elected 1st Vice President and Marty Nelson was elected to serve as Treasurer. There are currently 19 Trustees who have joined this association.

The "gavel" of President will be passed into the capable hands of Jimmy Byrd, Scott County Trustee, after the COAT Conference in November. It has been an awesome privilege and humbling experience to serve as your 2010-2011 TCTA President. I have learned so much and deepened valuable friendships. Thank you for allowing me to represent you as TCTA President. It is an honor to be counted among you!

I hope you all will make plans to attend the annual COAT meeting as we support Trustee Charlie Cardwell who is currently serving as COAT President. Our affiliate meeting on November 9, 2011 will prove to be "information packed" as we gear up for another legislative session and report on all committee progress. I hope to see you there!

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that field which is constantly being changed by congress, the legislature and the courts.

That night, the President's Reception will give you an opportunity to relax and visit in a casual setting. Additionally, President Charlie Cardwell has some games in store for you. One of the games that night was designed just for the COAT Conference and has never been played before.

Wednesday is always dedicated to your affiliate meetings followed by the awards banquet that night. Thursday morning is scheduled for the COAT annual meeting and election of officers.

Registration for the conference can be found at <http://coatn.org>

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REGISTRATION FORM

43rd Annual Convention

County Officials Association of Tennessee

November 8 - 10, 2011

Nashville Airport Marriott - Nashville, TN

Please use one form per registrant and complete the form as you wish your name badge to read. Duplicate this form as necessary.

Name: _____

County (if applicable) _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fees: (Every person must register and have a badge to participate in any meeting or activity.)

Please check:

- _____ \$175 per person (mailed on or before October 13, 2011)
- _____ \$200 per person (paid after October 13, 2011)
- _____ \$110 spouse/guest registration (*Not attending meetings. Deputies, government officials, and employees should register as attendees.*)
- _____ \$85 Wednesday, one day meeting only (*Banquet ticket not included.*)

Total Submitted: _____

Cancellation Policy: Deadline to cancel is October 13, 2011. Refund of the fees paid, less an administrative fee of \$45, will be made if cancellation is received by October 13, 2011. Cancellations after October 13, 2011, and no-shows forfeit the registration fees. Substitutions are accepted.

Hotel Accommodations: Attendees can make their hotel reservations online visiting:

<http://www.marriott.com/>

If you plan on arriving Sunday or Monday or plan on staying after the conference, contact the hotel directly at 615-889-9300 or 800-770-0555 to make your reservations. Indicate either COAT Annual Meeting or use the code, COAT. The conference room rate is \$125.00 for double/king rooms. **Cutoff date for conference rate is Friday, October 13**, or until the conference rooms are sold out.

Notice: In consideration for registration for this conference, the registrant, for self and others subject to the registrants' control, agrees to hold harmless the County Officials Association of Tennessee, its employees, agents and assigns for any liability as to any injury, damage, or loss to person or property caused by such person or person under the control of such person, during the conference and all times attendant thereto.



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