



*Agenda*



**Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys**

October 9 to 14, 2015 | Continuing Legal Education Conference and Retreat

Liberia, Costa Rica

*Passion Purpose Power*

# *Opening Reception*

Friday, October 9  
8:00 p.m. until

# PURa Vida!

*Welcoming Remarks*



**Adwoa Ghartey-Tagoe Seymour, Esq.**

Partner, Bryan Cave and President, GABWA

*and featuring*

***“Power Leaks”***



A CLE\*\* presentation by

**Allegra J. Lawrence-Hardy, Esq.**

Partner, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP and Past-President, GABWA

# Continuing Legal Education

Friday, October 9, 2015

## **Welcome Reception and Professionalism CLE**

- 8:00 p.m. President Opening Remarks**  
GABWA President Adwoa Gharthey-Tagoe Seymour
- 8:10 p.m. Power Leaks: 12 Ways Women Lawyers Undermine Their Success\*\***  
Allegra J. Lawrence-Hardy, Esquire, Partner, Sutherland

Sunday, October 11, 2015

- 8:45 a.m. CLE Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. Everything You Wanted to Know About Taking & Defending Depositions But Were Afraid to Ask\*\***  
Rahmah A. Abdulaleem, Esquire, Of Counsel, Harman Law LLC
- 10:00 a.m. Social Media Discovery\*\* (Ethics Credit)**  
Victoria C. Smith, Esquire, Associate, King & Spalding LLP
- 11:00 a.m. Direct and Cross Examination: A Plaintiff's Perspective\*\***  
Dawn M. Jones, RN, MSN, JD, Managing Member, The Law Firm of Dawn M. Jones, LLC
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:00 p.m. Environmental Justice & Climate Change\*\***  
Javoyne Hicks White, Esquire, Chief of Staff, U.S. EPA - Region 4
- 3:00 p.m. Child & Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry\*\***  
Sarah Y. Vinson, M.D., Founder, Lorio Psych Group, Asst. Prof. of Psychiatry, Morehouse School of Medicine, Adjunct Faculty, Emory School of Medicine
- 4:00 p.m. Workers' Compensation 101\*\***  
Tracee R. Benzo, Esquire, Managing Partner, Benzo Law
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment**

\*\*GABWA is offering 8 CLE credits including one professionalism, one ethics and three trial credits. CLE Approval is pending with State Bar of Georgia. The CLE Presentations are free to GABWA members and their guests. If the CLE credits are approved, the mandatory fee for each regular and ethics credit hour is \$5.00 and professionalism credit hour is \$15.00 to be paid to the State Bar of Georgia. If you attend all of the available CLEs the total would be \$50.00.

# *Passion Talks*

## *My Sisters, Myself*

*A frank discussion about Black professional women  
and mental health*



### **Sarah Y. Vinson, M.D.**

Founder, Lorio Psych Group  
Asst. Prof. of Psychiatry  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Adjunct Faculty  
Emory School of Medicine

**Sunday, October 11**

8:00 p.m.

## *Writing a Legal Fiction Thriller*



### **Joseph A. Johnson, Esq.**

Author, *Joshua's Battle*  
Retired Attorney  
The Coca-Cola Company

**Tuesday, October 13**

3:00 p.m.

# Excursions



- Buena Vista Rainforest from \$153
- Nicaragua Day Trip from \$165
- Arenal Volcano and Hot Springs Trip from \$136
- And much, much more!
- Visit <http://www.viator.com/Guanacaste-and-Northwest/d4137/top-attractions>



- Liberia Shopping Trip from \$78
- Class II & III White Water Rafting from \$119
- Canopy Tour from \$71
- And much, much more!
- Visit [http://www.arenaltours.com/index.php?lang=en&opt=tours\\_guanacaste&cat=g](http://www.arenaltours.com/index.php?lang=en&opt=tours_guanacaste&cat=g)

*GABWA will not arrange any excursion and does not endorse any tour operator. Additional excursion options may be available online and/or on-site at the resort. You are encouraged to do your own research.*

# *Things to know before you go!*

- ❖ Pack your passport!
- ❖ Please arrive at the airport at least three hours before your flight.
- ❖ Transportation from the airport to the hotel has been arranged.

There are approximately 60 people attending this trip. We will gather together after clearing immigration and collecting our luggage to board the bus.

- ❖ The hotel has free WiFi internet throughout the property.
- ❖ Please contact your mobile phone service provider to inquire about international service.
- ❖ Bring a poncho or light raincoat.

*Especially helpful if you intend to participate in outdoor excursions and activities.*

- ❖ Pack aqua socks or other water shoes.

*Some outdoor activities, such as the hot springs, may involve underwater volcanic rock.*

- ❖ Pack non-aerosol insect repellent in your suitcase.

*Remember, the limitations on liquids if carrying on baggage.*

- ❖ The plugs will be the same as in the United States.

*For more information on voltage:*

[http://www.adaptelec.com/index.php?main\\_page=document\\_general\\_info&products\\_id=259](http://www.adaptelec.com/index.php?main_page=document_general_info&products_id=259)

- ❖ Costa Rica requires a departure tax of USD \$ 29.

*Please be prepared with cash.*

# *For More Information*



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*Adwoa Ghartey-Tabor Seymour, President*