

Douglas T. Bates, III,
The University of Tennessee College of Law, and
The Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution
present

TO DO JUSTICE

The story of a World War II war crimes trial that raises new questions, as relevant as Guantanamo.
The story of young lawyers, one from Centerville, Tennessee who, for a while, walked upon the stage of the world.

The program, which will be held April 4, 2008, in Room 136, College of Law, University of Tennessee, has been approved by Tennessee for 5 hours dual CLE credit.

Noon – 12:30 **Registration**

12:30 – 1:30



Bill Denson, Prosecutor

Professor Joshua Greene, Denson's biographer, and the producer of documentaries, including, "Voices from the Holocaust," tells the story of this trial and the timely questions it raises.

1:30-2:30



Douglas Bates, II, Defense Counsel

Douglas Bates, III, a Centerville lawyer like his father, has studied the trial, including time spent looking at records at Dachau, Germany. During the seven years that he and his father practiced together, Doug heard from his father first hand accounts of the trial and its effect on his dad.

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45-3:45



The Closing Arguments

Douglas Bates, IV, currently a UT law student, grandson of the Defense Counsel, and himself an Iraq war veteran, and Bill Grady, a law student, who will be entering the JAG Corps, will re-enact the closing arguments, direct from the actual documents.

3:45-4:45



How They Coped

David Shearon, Esq., ED, Tennessee Commission on CLE and with a Master in Applied Psychology, will discuss how the lawyers coped with their assigned duties.

4:45-5:00

Break

5:00-6:00



The Legal Marshes of Guantanamo Bay

Professor Turk McCleskey, of the Department of History at VMI, conducted numerous administrative review boards for Guantanamo Bay detainees from 2005 to 2007; he will review the detainees' legal history, and will discuss the review process by which over half of them have been set home.

Douglas Bates, II, was practicing law in Centerville, Tennessee when war broke out. By 1944 he had become an artillery officer and was fighting his way across Germany. As the war wound down in Europe, he was ordered to become the Chief Defense Counsel of the Dachau War Crimes Trial in the late fall of 1945.



Bill Denson, a Harvard-educated lawyer from Alabama was teaching at West Point when war broke out and he was ordered to Germany to begin the prosecution of Dachau War Crimes Trial. Like Bates, devoted all his energy to his duty.



A Review by a Former Participant in the Seminar

"Doug Bates, III, has assembled a first rate professional saga to share with lawyers and students of the law, whatever their specialty or field of practice or interest. This true story comes from the annals of the country's history, from his own family experience, that history, and from the hearts and minds of those who have witnessed these things. The insights are pertinent to the calling of the advocate, to the strains that often accompany the relationship between lawyer and clients, and the scrutiny to which that relationship is often subjected when the client or clients are themselves 'controversial' in the public mind.

Additionally, the program will open up avenues of discussion for some very difficult issues surrounding national security and international legal norms so much in the news at the moment.

My hope is that many Tennessee lawyers and others vitally concerned with law and legal institutions will attend and participate in this engaging program."

Ken Penegar
Former Dean and Professor of Law,
University of Tennessee, Knoxville