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# 34TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW INSTITUTE

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## Overview:

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**Partner Brent Turman and Associate Laura Lavernia will be presenting the “Anti-SLAPP Case Study: Dealing with Defamation, Business Disparagement, and Social Media” at the 34th Annual Entertainment Law Institute (ELI), co-sponsored by The University of Texas School of Law and the Entertainment and Sports Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. Additionally, Brent will serve as the presiding officer.**

## Date/Location:

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Thursday, November 21, 2024

AT&T Conference Center  
Austin, TX

## Event Details:

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The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Institute (ELI) continues to bring together an outstanding faculty of nationally-regarded practitioners and industry insiders to keep entertainment lawyers up to date on the latest emerging trends, issues and breaking developments in music, film, games and digital media.



**Anti-SLAPP Case Study: Dealing with Defamation, Business Disparagement, and Social Media**

*Presented by Brent Turman and Laura Lavernia*

Using a recent case, explore the business disparagement claims asserted against a prosthodontist and his dental practice, and the subsequent dismissal of these claims with a Chapter 27 Anti-SLAPP Motion to Dismiss. Stemming from a series of Instagram live videos, Kenneth Wilstead a/k/a "Dr. Kenny Smiles" sued Dr. Ortiz for business disparagement and invasion of privacy. However, using publicly available information, Wilstead's claims were rebutted by informing the court of a likely and entirely unrelated basis for why Wilstead's business had declined: his character and practices had been called into question by certain of his current and prospective female patients.

Learn more [here](#).

## Related Practices

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Entertainment, Advertising and Media

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