

# **The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospitality Law Conference**

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## **Hospitality Liability Case Survey**

**Presented By:**

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### **Diana Barber**

Diana S. Barber is the founder and president of LodgeLaw, a Division of Barber Law Associates, P.C., a law firm with experience in providing education to small and medium sized hospitality companies on preventative measures, as well as a full range of legal services to hotels, motels and restaurants. Ms. Barber has over sixteen years of legal hospitality and service excellence experience. She served as the former vice president and associate general counsel for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C., where Ms. Barber provided in-house counsel legal services to all Ritz-Carlton hotels, condominiums and dining clubs worldwide. Ms. Barber began her law practice as an associate attorney with King & Spalding in Atlanta, Georgia after graduating from Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. She is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia, The Florida Bar, the Atlanta Bar Association and the Georgia Hospitality & Travel Association. Ms. Barber is also a frequent contributor to industry trade journals on hospitality legal issues and ways to prevent legal problems in the industry.

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