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Tabitha B. Lee is a passionate advocate and activist for underrepresented communities. She was born and raised in Dermott, Arkansas and is a graduate of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts ('03), the University of Arkansas (B.S. '09), the Clinton School of Public Service (MPS '14), and the UALR Bowen School of Law (JD '13). She is licensed to practice law in Arkansas, a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and a Silver Life Member of the NAACP. She seeks to strengthen and empower vulnerable communities, especially in the Arkansas Delta, through building partnerships, grant writing, project planning and development, community education, and nonprofit and municipal capacity building.

"A lawyer is either a social engineer or he is a parasite on society." - Charles Hamilton Houston

Session: **Adverse Childhood Experiences**

Arkansas has the highest number of children suffering adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in the United States. If left untreated, these experiences may manifest into negative outcomes affecting all areas of an adult's life. With the proper support and stability, a survivor can overcome the effects of even the most severe ACEs to live a healthy and productive life. For attorneys, there are many ways to advocate for your client's overall well-being while also addressing their most pressing legal needs.

Ms. Lee will discuss the legal impacts of ACEs, the effects of ACEs on survivors, and the importance of being a trauma-informed professional, and Dr. Alan Mease will present the scientific underpinnings of ACEs

Pre-conference Materials: [ACEs Clinical Assessment 1](#)
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[Arkansas Fact Sheet 1](#)
[Arkansas Fact Sheet 2](#)