



Forty Eighth Annual Summer Meeting
South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association

July 23-25, 2015
The Omni Grove Park Inn
Asheville, North Carolina

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:



On behalf of the SCDTAA Executive Committee and Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us for our 48th Summer Meeting at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. This year's meeting promises to be enjoyable, educational, and relaxing. Asheville and the Grove Park Inn will once again provide us with a beautiful setting to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, and further our professional development.

Sarah Wetmore, Mark Allison and the Summer Meeting committee have organized an outstanding weekend of activities that include a diverse and interesting CLE program as well as networking and social events for the entire family. Our Executive Director, Aimee Hiers, and her staff will once again work their magic to make sure that every detail is taken care of to ensure we have a wonderful event.

We will begin Thursday evening with our traditional welcome reception and silent auction. Every year I am astounded at the amazing "bargains" available at the silent auction, and it has certainly become an event you do not want to miss. Special thanks to Trey Watkins and the Young Lawyers Division who spearhead this event and always assemble an amazing collection of wonderful items. We are also pleased that once again the proceeds from the auction will be donated to various non-profit groups, which we will announce at the meeting.

Friday morning will begin our CLE program. Michael Ethridge, Chairman of the South Carolina Bar Attorney Wellness Task Force, will lead things off with insightful tips on how we can all improve our personal and professional lives by "Living Above the Bar". We are honored to have South Carolina Circuit Judge Tanya Gee who will provide us with tips from the bench. We will receive an update on the latest in medical malpractice defense from Lee Weatherly, followed by the always-interesting and informative Warren Moise. Warren will share with us his latest reflections from "Beyond the Bar". Two of our substantive law committees, business/corporate law and ADR, will offer break-out sessions focusing on those areas of practice.

While the civil litigators are enjoying those presentations, we again welcome the Commissioners of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission to our meeting, and our outstanding workers' compensation substantive law committee will lead a separate program focused on workers' compensation law. There will be ample opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with the Commissioners. Those of you who practice workers' compensation will not want to miss this program.

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We are thrilled that our Friday afternoon social programs once again offer opportunities for everyone. For those needing an adrenaline rush, we have a zip line adventure. For those craving a tasty beverage, we have arranged a microbrewery and distillery tour. As always, we will hold our traditional golf tournament at the Grove Park Inn course, and this year we will once again have our ladies golf clinic and tennis social. Friday afternoon will also feature our Women in Law reception. Topping off the evening will be our traditional group dinner at the Grove Park Inn with bluegrass, blue jeans, and barbeque on the Blue Ridge.

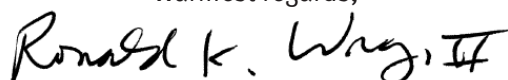
Our Saturday CLE program also offers a number of exceptional speakers. We will begin the morning with a mediation panel comprised of talented mediators from across the state. The mediation panel will be followed by an informative presentation from United States District Judge Bruce Hendricks. Our employment and torts/insurance substantive law committees will sponsor break-out sessions, as will our workers' compensation group. While the workers' comp attorneys are meeting, the remainder of our attendees will learn about the latest trends in government liability from a panel featuring Cindy Martellini of the South Carolina Municipal Association, Anne Macon Smith of the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund, and Charles Boykin, Esquire. Our own David Anderson will moderate that panel. This is certainly a can't-miss event for anyone practicing in the area of governmental liability.

The entire group will then reassemble for our final presentation that will no doubt be of great interest to everyone. Keeping with our "wellness" theme, Elizabeth "Liz" Huntley will join us from Birmingham, Alabama to present her program entitled "Everybody Needs Me Now!" Liz will help us understand the importance of balancing our demanding profession with family and community obligations, mixing in a little about what motivates her and sharing some of her own life lessons. Liz is a terrific speaker and you will not want to miss her presentation.

As always, the Summer Meeting is an excellent meeting for families. We have a number of events for kids of all ages, and we will offer a separate children's program to run concurrently with the adult programs each night to eliminate the need for babysitters. Veterans of this meeting rave every year about how wonderful our children's' program is, and we know that the children look forward to it every year as well.

Enclosed is the registration packet for this year's Summer Meeting. Becky and our family look forward to seeing all of you in Asheville.

Warmest regards,



Ronald K. Wray, II
President, SCDTAA

HOTEL INFORMATION

THE Omni Grove Park Inn, 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina. Group reservations for the meeting can only be made for registered seminar attendees. Guaranteed reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or major credit card. The Grove Park Inn will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods. The room rate at the Grove Park Inn for run of the house rooms is \$264.00/night plus tax; for a resort view room \$284.00/night plus tax; for guaranteed mountain view room \$304.00/night plus tax. To request hotel room reservations please fill out the HOTEL RESERVATION FORM and return to SCDTAA headquarters with your Summer Meeting registration form. Meeting registration forms with payment must accompany hotel reservation form. Hotel form will not be accepted unless you have submitted a registration prior to or along with the hotel form. Confirmation information will be sent by email within three weeks of receiving registration.



All deposits are refundable up to 72 hours prior to arrival. Availability of rooms at the group rate is subject to the SCDTAA room block and for reservations made on or before, Tuesday, June 23, 2015 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on June 23, 2015 will be accepted based on a space and rate availability basis.

DIRECTIONS:

Directions to the Grove Park Inn can be found on their website www.groveparkinn.com under the “Location” section.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A refund, less \$200.00, will be given to cancellation requests received in writing by July 3, 2015. No refunds will be given after July 3, 2015.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE:

Dress for the sessions and President’s Welcome reception will be resort casual, and Friday evening’s event will be held outside and is casual. Attire for the hotel is resort casual.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

2015 Annual Meeting

November 5-8, 2015
The Ritz Carlton
Amelia Island, Florida



2016 Summer Meeting

July 21-23, 2016
The Renaissance
Asheville, North Carolina



2016 Annual Meeting

November 10-13, 2016
The Ritz Carlton Lodge Reynolds Plantation
Greensboro, Georgia



THINGS TO KNOW

ABOUT THE 2015 SCDTAA SUMMER MEETING...

SOCIAL GUESTS

Anyone who plans to attend the educational portion or the social functions (**the silent auction reception Thursday or the dinner Friday night**) of the meeting **MUST** be a registered attendee and name badges will be required. If you have any questions please contact SCDTAA headquarters (803) 252-5646 or aimee@jee.com.

HANDOUTS

Handout material will not be printed. All registered attendees will receive an email prior to the conference with a link to download the handout material. You will need to print any handouts prior to coming to the meeting. There will be no printed copies available at the meeting.

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION WILL BE ON THURSDAY EVENING

Help support the Silent Auction! Anyone wishing to donate to the silent auction please contact Aimee Hiers (aimee@jee.com / (803) 252-5646); Trey Watkins (trey.watkins@walltempleton.com / (843) 329-9500).

The silent auction will be done electronically again this year! To be able to participate in the auction you will need to download the Handbid app on your smartphone and register for the auction.

Go to <https://www.handbid.com/auctions/annual-summer-meeting> to register for the auction.

Have questions - please call Aimee Hiers at SCDTAA headquarters (803) 252-5646.

FRIDAY EVENING BLUEGRASS, BLUE JEANS AND BARBEQUE ON THE BLUE RIDGE

Good views – good food – good music!! Join us for dinner and enjoy an evening with friends enjoy the breath-taking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

SCDTAA CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Bring the entire family to the Grove Park. Children's programs will be offered for SCDTAA members so everyone can have fun.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

TREETOPS ADVENTURE PARK

Friday, July 24

12:30pm – 4:00pm

The park features about 50 unique climbing, ziplining, walking, jumping, swinging and rappelling challenges anchored to over 30 trees and towering poles nestled in the wooded park. There are 4 voluntary “trails” to maneuver, one easy, two intermediate, and one advanced trail. Each trail includes 10-15 different challenges that complete a circuit. Guests get to choose the trails they are comfortable with, deciding how much they would like to be challenged, and they maneuver the trails at their own pace because each guest moves around the park individually instead of in a group. The park is akin to ski slopes in the trees, a true “jungle gym” for all ages, strengths, and adventure levels. Some of the elements found on the treetop trails include a cargo net climb, several swinging bridges, and a treetop sliding board into a zipline. There is also a rock climbing wall that hangs 45 feet in the air, treetop tunnels, a disk golf challenge (called 13th hole), dancing Hula Hoops, a Tarzan traverse, fireman’s pole, and the bottomless Burma Bridge.

Requirements: The park is designed for participants of average mobility and strength who are in reasonably good health. All guests must be less than 265 pounds, 7 years old and over (some trails require participants to be at least 10, and all children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult), and guests must also sign a waiver and release of liability. Closed-toe shoes are required, and we recommend collared shirts and modest, longer shorts or pants dependent upon the seasonal weather. It is recommended anyone with medical concerns (such as obesity, high blood pressure, cardiac and coronary artery disease, pulmonary problems, pregnancy, arthritis, tendonitis or other joint and muscular-skeletal problems, fear of heights or other psychological/psychiatric conditions) consult a physician before making a reservation.

Box lunch included.

Minimum of 10 people required and maximum of 30 people.

Registration fee \$150.00 per person

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MICROBREWERY & DISTILLERY TOUR WITH LUNCH

Friday, July 24

12:30pm – 5:00pm

Depart for Lexington Avenue Brewery (LAB) for a Beer Tasting Lunch & Brewery Tour. LAB's beer features include a Belgian White Ale, a Pilsner, a Marzen, an American Pale Ale, an IPA, and a Chocolate Stout. You will be able to sample six generous tastings, and then each guest will enjoy a pint of their choosing. Depart for the Troy & Sons Distillery. Western North Carolina's only distillery is run by a woman dedicated to the pursuit of perfection. Tour the distillery and guests 21 or older can sample 80-proof whiskey straight, with spring water or natural juices. Depart for the Wedge Brewing Company. Located in Asheville's River Arts District Wedge Brewing Company is located in the lower level of the Wedge Studios, a classic brick warehouse that also houses professional potters, ceramic and textile artists, sculptors, painters and blacksmiths.

Minimum of 10 guests required.

Registration fee \$135.00 per person

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 24

12:20pm – 5:30pm

To be played at the Grove Park Inn golf course.

Discover the course that Golfweek magazine included in its 2005 "America's Best" listings and Golf Digest named in 2004 as "one of the ten best courses in the United States that is 100 years old or more." Designed by the legendary Donald Ross, the course is rated as the 8th best in North Carolina (with five of the seven courses rated higher located at legendary Pinehurst).

Boxed lunch included.

Registration fee \$225.00 per person

LADIES GOLF CLINIC

Friday, July 24

1:30pm – 3:30pm

This two hour clinic will include instruction on the fundamentals of golf - including grip, aim, and posture. We will talk about different types of shots around the green and how to hit them.

Minimum of 10 guests required

Registration fee \$125.00 per person

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TENNIS DOUBLES AND SOCIAL

Friday, July 24

2:00pm

Come enjoy an afternoon of tennis, round-robin style. Get a good work out and enjoy cold drinks in the warm sun as we serve-up lots of fun. All abilities welcome!

Minimum of 5 people required.

Registration fee \$40.00 per person

EVENING CHILDREN'S & TWEENS PROGRAM

Thursday, July 23 6:00pm – 11:00pm

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You must pre-register directly with the SCDTAA.

The SCDTAA encourages attendee's children & teens to participate in the evening programs. Make new friends and reconnect with old ones during the evening events. Children will be in the care of fully-trained counselors. The children's program will be held at the Sport's Complex.

Children's Evening Out (ages 4-7) – An evening of arts & crafts, games, swimming, movies and more! Dinner is included. Children must be at least 4 years old and should not wear diapers or pull-ups and must be toilet trained. Children must bring their own swimsuits to participate in swimming.

Registration fee \$65.00 / Child

Tweens Evening Out (ages 8-12) – An evening of playing Wii, games, swimming and more! Dinner is included. Children must bring their own swimsuits to participate in swimming.

Registration fee \$65.00 / Child

THE GROVE PARK INN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The Grove Park Inn takes the fun of their junior guests seriously, so young ones can play, dream and experience the ultimate vacation. While you are enjoying their adult activities on property, the Grove Park Inn offers a wonderful selection of kid's programs and camps with arts and crafts, swimming games, sports, snacks

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and lunch, as well as a playground for the little ones. Supervised by a qualified staff, Children's Programs – for kids ages 5 -12 – are packed with fun activities and adventure!

For all Children's Programs, children should wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Parents should bring a bathing suit, sweater or jacket and flotation aid if necessary. Towels are provided. Children should not wear diapers or pull-ups and must be toilet trained. For registration information call (828) 252-2711, ext. 1046.

BABYSITTING

If your child is too young for the Children's Programs, or you have a special event planned that falls outside our program schedule, The Grove Park Inn refers guests to Bright Star Kid Care, Telephone # (828) 255-1733.



TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD

- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **SCDTAA Board of Director’s Meeting**
- 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Young Lawyers Division Meeting**
- 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Registration Desk Open**
- 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm **SCDTAA Children’s Program**
- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Welcome Reception and Silent Auction**

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**
Exhibit Hall Open
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**
Ronald K. Wray II, Gallivan, White & Boyd
President SCDTAA
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Ethics/Mental Health Wellness – Living Above the Bar**
R. Michael Ethridge, Esquire
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Honorable Tanya A. Gee**
South Carolina Circuit Court
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Workers’ Compensation Breakout**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **The Fall of Ranucci: Where Does Medical Malpractice Defense Go From Here?**
Lee C. Weatherly, Esquire

TENATIVE AGENDA (CONT)

- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Arbitration: The Joy Luck Club for Defendants**
E. Warren Moise, Esquire
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** **Substantive Law Breakout**
Business/Corporate Law
ADR
- 12:30 p.m.** **Golf Tournament**
- 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Zipline Adventure**
- 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Microbrewery and Distillery Tour**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30p.m.** **Ladies Golf Clinic**
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Tennis Doubles & Social**
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** **Women in the Law Reception**
- 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** **Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Barbeque on the Blue Ridge**

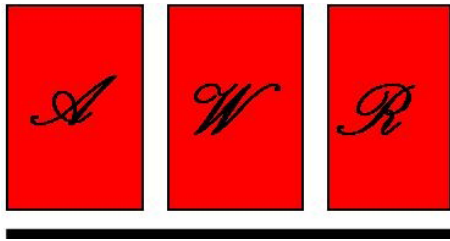
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

- 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Registration Desk Open**
Exhibit Hall Open
- 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.** **Breakfast with the Commissioners**
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **SCDTAA Membership Meeting**

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- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Mediation Panel**
Eric K. Englehardt, Esquire
Benjamin D. McCoy, Esquire
Bonum S. Wilson III, Esquire
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** **Tips for Practicing in Federal Court**
Honorable Bruce H. Hendricks
United States District Court
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Workers' Compensation Breakout**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Substantive Law Breakouts**
Employment Law
Torts/Insurance
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Trends in Governmental Liability from the Perspective of the
SC Insurance Reserve Fund and the Municipal Association**
Anne Macon Smith, Esquire, South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund
Charles J. Boykin, Esquire
Cindy Martellini, Senior Claims Representative for the
South Carolina Municipal Association Reserve Fund
Moderator: David A. Anderson, Esquire
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Everybody Needs Me Now!**
Elizabeth H. Huntley, Esquire
Lightfoot, Franklin & White
- 12:30 p.m.** **Adjournment**

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