

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION  
FIFTY FORTH  
ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING**



**JULY 22-24, 2021  
THE OMNI GROVE PARK INN  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**



## ★ PRESIDENTS LETTER ★



The Omni Grove Park Inn is such an inspiring and glorious location to celebrate coming back together again for our Summer Meeting. I feel so fortunate to be able to enjoy this special place with family and friends. I have fond memories of the last time that Drew and I were here when our youngest child was still a baby. The staff brought us coffee in the great hall before anyone else was awake while she played at our feet. Whether you are coming to the SCDTAA Summer Meeting for the first time or for the 15th time, I know you will agree with me that this place has magic in the air. The atmosphere is intoxicating as you sink deeper into the rocking chairs and take in the mountain views.

Our Summer Meeting Committee has been hard at work to provide excellent speakers and presentations, to plan safe social gatherings and philanthropic opportunities, and to organize golf, an electronic bike tour and axe throwing (not a typo). Our Executive Director, Aimee Hiers, has been working closely with the Omni Grove Park team to ensure Covid safety procedures are followed, to plan for our meeting and dining spaces, to assist our incredible sponsors, and to finalize the agenda for our Summer Meeting "Kids Camp." Aimee always works her magic, as per her usual awesomeness, so that we all enjoy a fabulous weekend.

I am grateful for the efforts of everyone on the SCDTAA Board, I am grateful for a weekend in NC Mountains in July, I am grateful for some time with my family, I am looking forward to making new friends and greeting those I have not seen in way too long. This is a welcomed time for friendship, support, invaluable educational opportunities, and sharing a respite from our busy daily lives. I look forward to good food, good laughs, smart people, family time, smiling faces, amazing sunsets and I am beyond thankful for all who help make it happen and all who attend to make it a terrific weekend.

Peace, love and happiness ....

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Butler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Your President, Sarah



## ★ 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 major credit card. The Omni Grove Park Inn will not hold any reservations unless secured by a major credit card. The room rate at the Omni Grove Park Inn for run of the house rooms is \$294.00/night plus tax, plus \$15.00/night resort fee. 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 7 days prior to arrival. Availability of rooms at the group rate is subject to the SCDTAA room block and for reservations made on or before, Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00pm the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on June 21, 2021 will be accepted based on a space and rate availability basis.

### DIRECTIONS

Directions to the Grove Park Inn can be found on their website <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/asheville-grove-park> under the "Property Details" section.

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

A refund, less \$250.00, will be given to cancellation requests received in writing by July 2, 2021. No refunds will be given after July 2, 2021.

### CONFERENCE ATTIRE

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





# ★ THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2021 SCDTAA SUMMER MEETING ★

## • SOCIAL GUESTS

Anyone who plans to attend the educational portion or the social functions (**the 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 [info@scdtaa.com](mailto:info@scdtaa.com) / [ahiers@pmpamc.com](mailto:ahiers@pmpamc.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

Help support the Silent Auction! Anyone wishing to donate to the silent auction please contact Aimee Hiers ([ahiers@pmpamc.com](mailto:ahiers@pmpamc.com) or [info@scdtaa.com](mailto:info@scdtaa.com) / (803) 252-5646); Nickisha Woodward ([nwoodward@turnerpadget.com](mailto:nwoodward@turnerpadget.com) / (843) 576-2805).

## • FRIDAY EVENING BLUEGRASS, BLUE JEANS AND BARBEQUE ON BLUERIDGE

Join us for dinner and enjoy an evening with friends enjoy the breath-taking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

# ★ ACTIVITY INFORMATION ★

Thursday, July 22nd / Friday, July 23rd

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Thursday, July 22nd & Friday, July 23rd

6:00pm – 10:00pm

**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.

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.

Each child less than eighteen (18) years of age must be checked in AND out by the SAME parent or legal guardian.

Dinner included; for participants 3 years old and up, children must be potty trained.

**Minimum of 8 people required**

**Registration fee \$75.00 / Child / Night**

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, July 23rd**

**12:30pm – 5:30pm**

Swing into a round of golf on the legendary 18-hole course at The Omni Grove Park Inn. The 6,400-yard championship course has been played by PGA stars Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus and even President Obama. Feel a sense of pride and accomplishment after navigating the tree-lined fairways and bent greens with amazing views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Elevated tee boxes on the par-70 course provide perfect sight lines for each drive.

Donald Ross originally designed this historic course in 1926, and it was overhauled in 2001 to keep the same feel and spirit. It has since earned nods from Conde Nast Traveler (Top 20 Southern U.S. Golf Resorts in 2011) and North Carolina Golf Panel (Top 100 Golf Courses in the State). This historic course has consistently been acknowledged as one of the Top Resort Golf Courses in North Carolina by Golfweek Magazine.



**Boxed lunch included**

**Registration fee \$415.00 per person**

## **AXE THROWING CONTEST WITH BEER TASTING LUNCH**

**Friday, July 23rd**

**12:30pm – 5:00pm**

The Axeville Throwing Club is a cool and inviting place where anyone can safely take part in the sport of axe throwing while enjoying





some of the amazing local craft beers and ciders offered in Beer City USA, as well as hard seltzers and wine. Axe throwing is a sport with Olympic aspirations. There is now an International Axe Throwing Federation (IATF) that holds an annual championship with standardized rules and regulations, and the axe throwing venues that are coming on the scene in America are more akin to bowling alleys, complete with recreational leagues, much more sophisticated than bars offering axe throwing as an added attraction like darts. Axe throwing is the sport of throwing standard hatchets (axe's smaller counterparts) at large regulation wooden targets about 15 feet away, very similar to darts, but much more extreme. The lanes are separated by fencing and have large wooden backstops preventing axes from going where they are unexpected. The throwing club here in Asheville has throwing coaches they call "axperts" on hand to guide and teach newcomers throwing techniques, scoring and the formal rules of the game, while ensuring the safety of the participants.

**ALL GUESTS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE TO ENTER THE BUILDING!**

**Registration fee \$165.00 per person**

## **GUIDED ELECTRIC BIKE TOUR**

**Friday, July 23rd**

**2:00pm – 4:30pm**

Participants will see Asheville's noteworthy architectural gems, take in stunning scenery from carefully chosen viewpoints, and hear the stories behind Asheville's most significant historic sites. The state of the art Pedego Boomerang electric bike, which is the lowest step-through electric bike on the market,



will help you safely navigate Asheville's hilly terrain through city streets, greenways, and picturesque neighborhoods. It's easy to mount, comfortable to ride, has both pedal assist and throttle power. You can choose how much pedal assist you'd like so you can get a workout or relax and let the motor do the work for you. The expert local guides, all certified in CPR and First Aid, love sharing insider information while showing you the historic neighborhood around the Grove Park Inn, Pack's Square and Downtown's art deco architecture, eclectic breweries in our

South Slope Brewery District, the Basilica of St. Lawrence, Rafael Guastavino's impressive architectural masterpiece featuring the largest unsupported dome in the New World, the grand Victorian and craftsman homes in the Historic Montford Neighborhood and the peaceful Reed Creek and Glenn's Creek Greenways through UNC-Asheville.



**Requirements:** Children must be at least 8 years old, and those ages 8-15 are not allowed to ride their own bike but can ride tandem with their parent. A driver's license is not required, but the legal age to operate electric bikes is 16 years old. The suggested minimum height is 5 feet tall to operate your own e-bike. Shorter participants may accompany another tour-goer as a passenger on a cargo bike. The weight limit for the Pedego Boomerang is 350 lbs and greater for the cargo bikes. While no experience riding an electric bike is necessary, guests must be able to confidently ride a standard bike. Please wear closed-toe shoes, and we also recommend bringing rain gear, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a camera. On the back rack of each bike is a bag the size of a shoe box with a waterproof cover and optional front basket for your belongings.

**Minimum of 4 people required**  
**Registration fee \$140.00 per person**







# 2021 SCDTAA SUMMER TENTATIVE AGENDA



## THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

3:00pm to 5:00pm

**Board of Directors Meeting**

4:00pm to 7:00pm

**Registration Desk Open**

4:00pm to 5:00pm

**Young Lawyers/Emerging Leaders Happy Hour**

6:00pm to 10:00pm

**Children's Program – Dinner, Movie & Games**

6:30pm to 7:30pm

**Silent Auction and Reception**

**(Dinner on Your Own)**

## FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021

7:15am to 12:00pm

**Registration Desk Open**

7:30am to 12:00pm

**Exhibit Hall Open**

7:30am to 8:15am

**Breakfast**

8:15am to 8:30am

**SCDTAA Membership Meeting**

Sarah Wetmore Butler, SCDTAA President

8:30am to 9:30am

**Ethics: Transformation Through Looking in the Mirror. Tackling Blind Spots and the Amygdala Hijack**

Henry L. Deneen

Murphy & Grantland

9:30am to 10:30am

**Trial Strategy – Fairness with the Rules of the Road**

9:30am to 10:30am

**Workers' Compensation Breakout**

Commissioner Panel Question & Answer and Case Law Update



- 9:30am to 10:30am**      **Emerging Leaders Breakout – Replay of Webinar**  
Planning for Success Panel  
James R. Courie – SCDTAA Past President McAngus, Goudelock & Courie  
Amy L.B. Hill Gallivan White & Boyd  
Anthony W. Livoti – SCDTAA Past President Murphy and Grantland  
William W. Watkins, Jr. - Moderator
- 10:30am to 10:45am**      **Break**
- 10:45am to 11:15am**      **Legislative Update**  
Senator A. Shane Massey  
South Carolina Senate
- 11:15am to 12:15pm**      **ABS Presentation**  
**While You Were Binge-Watching Baby Yoda:  
Construction Material Escalation During the Pandemic and Update on  
Recent Construction Failures**  
Jason D. Gregorie, PE, CFM, REWC, RRC  
Al Schweickhardt, PE SE
- 12:30pm to 5:30pm**      **Golf Tournament**
- 12:30pm to 5:00pm**      **Axe Throwing Contest with Beer Tasting Lunch**
- 2:00pm to 4:30pm**      **Guided Electric Bike Tour**
- 5:15pm to 6:00pm**      **Backpack Stuffing for Charity**
- 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**      **SCDTAA Children's Program**
- 6:30pm to 9:00pm**      **Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Barbeque Dinner**

**SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021**

- 7:30am**      **Registration**
- 7:30am to 12:00pm**      **Exhibit Hall Open**



<b>7:45am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00am to 8:30am</b>	<b>Breakfast with Commissioners</b>
<b>8:30am to 9:30am</b>	<b>COVID and the Courts</b> The Honorable Perry H. Gravely The Honorable Grenville D. Morgan, Jr.
<b>9:30am to 10:00am</b>	<b>Pick Your Poison. Fundamental Principles of Toxicology Applied to Alcohol Cases</b> <b>Exigent Presentation</b> Michael J. McCabe, Jr., Ph.D., DAB
<b>10:00am to 10:15am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15am to 11:00am</b>	<b>80,000 lbs. at 65 mph: Trending Issues in Trucking and Transportation</b> Robert D. Moseley, Jr. J. Alex Timmons
<b>10:15am to 11:00am</b>	<b>Workers' Compensation Breakout</b> <b>Panel Discussion - Workers' Compensation Subrogation and Lien</b> Vincent C. Northcutt, Moderator
<b>10:15am to 11:00am</b>	<b>Emerging Leaders Breakout – Replay of Webinar</b> <b>Effective Courtroom Advocacy Panel</b> The Honorable Sherri Lydon United States District Court The Honorable Robert E. Hood South Carolina Circuit Court The Honorable Jocelyn T. Newman South Carolina Circuit Court William W. Watkins, Jr. - Moderator
<b>11:15am to 12:15pm</b>	<b>GOOD Guys – Guys Overcoming Obstacles to Diversity</b> Sheila M. Willis Fisher Phillips



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