

# 55TH ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association

JULY 21-23, 2022



THE OMNI  
GROVE PARK INN  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**T**he first breath of cooler air when you get out of the car and walk into the Omni Grove Park Inn is a fantastic thing. We are delighted to return to The Omni Grove Park Inn for what promises to be an outstanding experience on every front. Our Summer Meeting Committee has been hard at work building a program full of fantastic legal education, dining, and activities. Of course, our executive director Aimee Hiers is the one who does anything and everything to make this meeting happen.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their tremendous support. We would not be gathering without you. We are glad to have you as partners and look forward to seeing you in Asheville and learning more about how you can help us make ourselves the best attorneys we can be.

We have attorneys who have attended this meeting as children of SCDTAA members. We may or may not have SCDTAA members now married who kindled romance here. The golf, spa, and many activities and sites in Asheville make this meeting one that is full of opportunities certain to create more fond memories.

Let's enjoy some fine fellowship in Asheville and everything this meeting has to offer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Graham Powell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Graham  
SCDTAA President

## 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 \$299.00/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. The SCDTAA room block has a limited number of rooms and to ensure everyone can reserve a room at this time you may only reserve 1 room per registered attendee/one room per company for exhibitors. If you need a second room SCDTAA will let you know closer to the meeting if a second room is available.

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 13, 2022, 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 13, 2022, 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 June 30, 2022. No refunds will be given after June 30, 2022.

## 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 2022 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). Children must register for the Friday night dinner separately from the children's program.

## 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); George James ([George.james@mgclaw.com](mailto:George.james@mgclaw.com) / (803) 277-2301).

## 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:

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM – THERE WILL NOT BE A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Thursday, July 21st

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 and 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 22nd - 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 22nd - 12:30pm - 5:30pm**

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.**

Minimum of 10 people required

Registration fee \$175.00 per person

## GUIDED ELECTRIC BIKE TOUR

Friday, July 22nd • 2:00pm – 5:30pm

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**

## **2022 SCDTAA SUMMER AGENDA**

### **THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022**

- 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 22, 2022**

- 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**  
Graham P. Powell, SCDTAA President
- 8:30am to 9:15am**      **The Attorney General's Office - What Most People Don't Know**  
W. Jeffrey Young, Chief Deputy, South Carolina Attorney General
- 9:15am to 10:15am**      **Being a Workers' Compensation Defense Attorney in 2022**  
**South Carolina Workers' Comp Commissioners**  
Jennifer H. Newman, Collins & Lacy

<b>9:15am to 10:15am</b>	<b>Emerging Leaders Breakout</b> <b>Settlement Approval Procedures in South Carolina</b> Kenneth N. Shaw, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd
	<b>Tips on Developing Your Practice</b> Elizabeth M. McMillian, Nelson Mullins
<b>10:15am to 10:30am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30am to 11:15am</b>	<b>SEA, Ltd. Presentation</b> <b>Examining Potential Ignition Sources in a Flammable Gas Mixture: A Case Study</b> Jason C. Barefoot, IAAI-CFI(V) <sup>®</sup> , CFEI
<b>11:15am to 12:15pm</b>	<b>Civility, Professionalism, and the Practice of Law</b> Mark C. Fava, Boeing
<b>12:30pm to 5:30pm</b>	<b>Golf Tournament</b>
<b>12:30pm to 5:00pm</b>	<b>Axe Throwing Contest with Beer Tasting Lunch</b>
<b>2:00pm to 4:30pm</b>	<b>Guided Electric Bike Tour</b>
<b>6:00pm to 10:00pm</b>	<b>SCDTAA Children's Program</b>
<b>6:30pm to 9:00pm</b>	<b>Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Barbeque Dinner</b>

## **SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022**

<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>7:30am to 12:00pm</b>	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>
<b>7:45am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00am to 8:30am</b>	<b>Breakfast with Commissioners</b>



**8:30am to 9:30am**

**Lawyer Mind vs Artist Mind: A Place Where Two Worlds Meet**

R. Michael Etheridge, Etheridge Law Group

**9:30am to 10:00am**

**Exigent Presentation**

**Dram Shop 101: Policies, Procedures & Training**

Jeffrey P. Jannarone

**10:00am to 10:15am**

**Break**

**10:15am to 11:15am**

**ABS Presentation**

**Investigations of Constructed Facilities-  
An Update of Peer Reviewed Publications**

Jason D. Gregorie, PE, CFM, REWC, RRC

**11:15am to 12:15pm**

**Workers Compensation Law Update 2022**

South Carolina Workers' Comp Commissioners

Mark A. Allison, MGC

**11:15am to 12:15pm**

**Day in the Life Videos: Dealing with the Drama - Panel Discussion**

Franklin J. Smith, Jr., FJS ADR Services

T. David Rheney, Gallivan White Boyd

Nickisha M. Woodward, Turner Padgett

Chilton G. Simmons, Rogers Townsend

Moderator: Jessica W. Laffitte, Gallivan White Boyd

# FUTURE MEETING DATES

## **2022 ANNUAL MEETING**

November 3-6

The Ritz Carlton

Amelia Island, Florida

## **2023 SUMMER MEETING**

July 20-22

The Omni Grove Park Inn

Asheville, North Carolina

## **2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

November 16-19

The Sanctuary

Kiawah Island, South Carolina



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