



56TH ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING
SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

JULY 20-22, 2023
THE OMNI GROVE PARK INN
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the SCDTAA Board of Directors, it is my privilege to invite you and your families to our 56th annual Summer Meeting. We are delighted to return to the beautiful and historic Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina. Our Summer Meeting Committee and our outstanding Executive Director, Aimee Hiers, have worked hard to create a fantastic mountain weekend full of legal education, fun recreational activities, great food, and valuable networking opportunities. The CLE program promises to be informative and relevant to the issues we face as defense lawyers in today's climate, including presentations on the relationship between in-house and outside counsel and the mental health challenges that are prevalent in our field. We will offer a range of social and recreational activities, including golf on an original Donald Ross-designed course, a microbrewery tour, and a guided waterfall hike. And, of course, the Grove Park Inn's one-of-a-kind spa awaits you (but be sure to book early, as spa appointments fill up far in advance of our meeting).

While the SCDTAA hosts several great events each year, my family and I always look forward to the chance to relax and unwind at the Grove Park Inn. We hope you will join us and our dedicated sponsors in Asheville for a memorable, informative, and fun weekend in the mountains.

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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 \$309.00/night plus tax, plus \$20.00/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, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 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 20, 2023, 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 \$300.00, will be given to cancellation requests received in writing by June 29, 2023. No refunds will be given after June 29, 2023.

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 / 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 or info@scdtaa.com / (803) 252-5646); George James (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 HOWEVER YOU MUST REGISTER AND PAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN FOR THE DINNER IF THEY ARE GOING TO ATTEND.

Thursday, July 20th

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

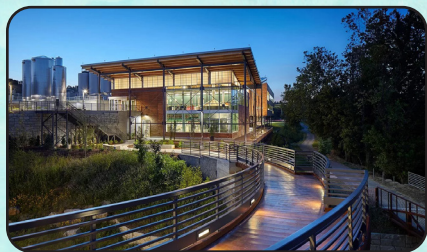
Friday, July 21st • 12:30pm – 5:30pm

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 – 16 spots available
Registration fee \$415.00 per person



ASHEVILLE MICROBREWERY TOUR & LUNCH

Friday, July 21st • 12:30pm – 5:30pm

This fun and informative tour will take you to a brewpub for an all-inclusive beer tasting lunch, then through several other Asheville microbreweries, where you will be provided with brew-master access, insight into the beer brewing process, tastings of many local craft brews and seasonal varieties on

tap, and an educated introduction to the diverse brewing scene of Asheville and its history. Not only will you sample some of Asheville's greatest craft beers, you will also get to immerse yourself in the eclectic ambiance that is the local beer scene of Asheville. Each of the Asheville microbreweries on this tour has a distinct style in their brewing and in their incredibly varied atmosphere. You will get behind-the-scenes access to several microbreweries, including meeting some of the brew-masters (when available) and understanding their craft and brewing process that leads to their final product on tap. Your guide is a friendly beer connoisseur and brewing enthusiast who is interested in expanding your taste and palette of unique ale, not just reaping beer's great intoxicating benefits!

Breweries are chosen based on availability of venues such as the Bhamari Brewhouse, Asheville Brewing Company, the Lexington Avenue Brewery, Green Man, Hi-Wire Brewing, Catawba Brewing Company, UpCountry Brewing, Wedge Brewing Company, Wicked Weed's Funkatorium and the Twin Leaf Brewery.



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.

Minimum of 10 people required
Registration fee \$235.00 per person

GUIDED WATERFALL HIKE WITH LUNCH

Friday, July 21st • 12:30pm – 5:30pm

The Falls at DuPont State Forest - Located between the charming towns of Hendersonville and Brevard - the 10,000 acre DuPont State Forest is home to over 90 miles of trails leading adventurous hikers to beautiful waterfalls, tranquil mountain lakes, and beside rushing streams. On this moderate hike (mostly downhill) our friendly guides will take you to three of these splendid waterfalls (High Falls, Triple Falls and Hooker Falls). Several of the waterfalls you will see were filmed in the movie Last of the Mohicans. The first Hunger Games film was also filmed in the DuPont State Forest. Make sure to bring your camera because this place is truly a photographer's dream! Also, please wear appropriate shoes for light hiking.

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Registration fee \$235.00 per person

2023 SCDTAA SUMMER AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

- 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 21, 2023

- 7:15am 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
Giles M. Schanen, Jr., SCDTAA President
- 8:30am to 9:30am A Career's Worth of Lessons in 60 Minutes
Kent T. Stair, Copeland, Stair, Valz & Lovell
- 8:30am to 9:30am Workers' Compensation Breakout
The State of the Commission
South Carolina Workers' Comp Commissioners
Case Law Update
Mark A. Allison, MGC

8:30am to 9:30am **Emerging Leaders Breakout**
Practical Considerations for Dealing with Insurance Professionals and
Tips for Keeping Them Happy
K. Michael Barfield, Barnwell Whaley

9:30am to 10:00am **SEA, Ltd. Presentation**
Utilization of Imaging Sciences in Stormwater Runoff Defense
Brandon Wiggins P.E.

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

10:15am to 11:15am **Ethics & Mental Health: The Anatomy of an Actual Intervention**
- The Epitome of Tough Love
Mark C. Joye, Joye Law Firm
John L. McDonald, Jr., Clawson & Staubes

11:15am to 12:00pm **Supporting In-House Counsel**
Jennifer E. Owens, Sonepar USA

12:30pm to 5:30pm **Golf Tournament**

12:30pm to 5:30pm **Microbrewery Tour and Beer Tasting Lunch**

12:30pm to 5:30pm **Guided Waterfall Hike and Lunch**

6:30pm to 9:00pm **Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Barbeque Dinner**

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2022

7:30am **Registration Desk Open**

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

7:45am **Breakfast**

- 8:00am to 8:30am** **Breakfast with Commissioners**
- 8:30am to 9:00am** **Defending Against Abuses of the Tyger River Doctrine**
Stephanie G. Brown, Wall Templeton
A. Johnston Cox, Gallivan White & Boyd
George C. James III, MGC
Moderator: J. Adam Ribock, MGC
- 9:00am to 10:00am** **ABS Presentation**
- 10:00am to 10:15am** **Break**
- 10:15am to 11:15am** **Workers' Compensation & Litigation Joint Session**
Keene v. CNA Holdings: A Litigation, Workers' Compensation, and Legislative Perspective
Sterling G. Davies, MGC
Senator Michael Johnson, South Carolina Senate
Shannon T. Poteat, Robinson Gray
Moderator: J. Alexander Joyner, Wilkes Atkinson & Joyner
- 10:15am to 11:15am** **Emerging Leaders Breakout**
Succeeding in Mediation and the Courtroom
E. Mitchell Griffith, Griffith Freeman & Liipfert
The Honorable L. Casey Manning, Sr., South Carolina Circuit Court Retired
- 11:15am to 12:15pm** **Lessons and Stories from 28 years on the Circuit Court Bench**
The Honorable L. Casey Manning, Sr., South Carolina Circuit Court Retired
- 12:15pm** **Adjournment**

FUTURE MEETING DATES

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

November 16-19
The Sanctuary
Kiawah Island, South Carolina

2024 SUMMER MEETING

July 18-20
The Omni Grove Park Inn
Asheville, North Carolina

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

November 7-10
The Ritz Carlton
Amelia Island, Florida



EXHIBITORS

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