

FIFTY FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

**SOUTH CAROLINA
DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION**

November 15-18, 2018

The Sanctuary Hotel at Kiawah Island, SC



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Greetings!

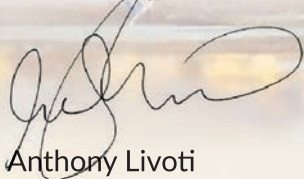
A world-class venue, outstanding programming, and engaging social events await you at the 2018 South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association Annual Meeting. As we wrap up the year-long celebration of the fiftieth year of the Association's founding, our Annual Meeting promises to exceed your expectations. The Annual Meeting Committee of Giles Schanen, Graham Powell, Lucy Grey McIver, and Amy Geddes has been hard at work putting together another outstanding program that I know you will benefit from and enjoy.

We start our weekend with the traditional President's Welcome Reception Thursday evening that I am honored to host. Friday morning starts with our popular Breakfast with the Judiciary and will be a chance to continue to grow relationships between the bench and the bar. Our Friday keynote speaker will be Craig Thompson from Venable, LLP in Baltimore, MD. Craig is the current president of the IADC and will encourage us on "Next Level Leadership: How to Serve and Succeed." Other substantive programs include a discussion on Sentry Select Ins. V. Maybank, as well as a federal judicial panel of Judges Marvin Quattlebaum, Michelle Childs, and Richard Gergel. Our Platinum Sponsor R&D Strategic Solutions will give us a talk on jury selection. We thank them for their sponsorship and look forward to learning more about this vital aspect of trying cases. Friday afternoon activities include our golf tournament, a fishing excursion, and enjoying the beach. We will again have our black-tie gala Friday evening with the always entertaining Atlanta Rhythm and Groove.

Justice John Few of the South Carolina Supreme Court will start us off on Saturday morning and Professor Nathan Crystal will bring us our ethics hour on dealing with conflicts. Our keynote speaker for Saturday will be *New York Times* Bestselling Author Denise Kiernan. Denise's latest book is *The Last Castle*, about the building of Biltmore House and the end of the "Gilded Age." I've already read it and it is excellent. I'm very excited to have Denise join us for the weekend. We wrap up the weekend with a Lowcountry oyster roast and dinner at Mingo Point.

Finally, our new initiative, the "Emerging Leaders Program" is off to a great start. We have 35 lawyers participating this year and we had 11 lawyers attend the leadership breakout at the Summer Meeting. Our Emerging Leaders breakout at the Annual Meeting will be a leadership panel of IADC President Craig Thompson, IADC and SCDTAA Past President John T. Lay, and DRI Mid-Atlantic Regional Director John Owen. This breakout panel promises to be a great exposition on becoming a more effective leader. I hope you will join us for it.

This year has flown by, but I wouldn't trade it for anything; it has been an honor serving as your Association President. I want to thank the Officers and Board of Directors for all they have done this year to make it another successful year. Please join us as we celebrate at The Sanctuary.



Anthony Livoti

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

CRAIG A. THOMPSON



Craig Thompson is a partner at Venable, LLC and represents clients in both federal and state courts in the areas of commercial litigation, product liability, premises liability and personal injury. His professional motto -- "add value and provide solutions" -- has guided him throughout his career. Craig is an experienced and assertive trial lawyer and legal counselor with over 20 years of experience handling civil cases before federal and state courts throughout the country. Craig is listed as a recommended attorney in several editions of *Legal 500* and *The Best Lawyers in America* for Product Liability Litigation. Craig is the current President of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC).

DENISE KIERNAN



Denise Kiernan is an author, journalist and producer and has been working as a writer for more than 20 years. Her work has been published in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Village Voice*, *Ms. Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *Discover* and many more publications. She has also worked in television, serving as head writer for ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" during its Emmy award-winning first season and has produced for media outlets such as *ESPN* and *MSNBC*.

Her last two books—*The Last Castle* and *The Girls of Atomic City*—were both instant *New York Times* bestsellers in both hardcover and paperback. *The Last Castle* was also a *Wall Street Journal* bestseller and a finalist for the Southern Book Prize. *The Girls of Atomic City* is now available in seven languages and was named one of Amazon's "Top 100 Best Books of 2013." It was also awarded the 2014 American Political Science Association's Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for the best book published in the United States on government, politics, or international affairs.

Denise's book can be purchased prior to the annual meeting by going to <http://www.denisekiernan.com/buy/> or she will be selling and autographing copies of her book after her talk at the SCDTAA Annual Meeting.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

(TENTATIVE)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

- 3:00pm – 5:00pm** **Board of Director's Meeting**
- 4:00pm – 6:00pm** **Registration Desk Open**
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm** **Nominating Committee Meeting**
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm** **Young Lawyer's Meeting**
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm** **President's Welcome Reception**
- Dinner on your own**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

- 6:15am** **Beach Run**
- 7:30am** **Registration Desk Open**
- 7:45am – 8:15am** **Breakfast Honoring the South Carolina Judiciary**
- 8:30am – 9:00am** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Membership Meeting, Election of Officers & Board of Directors
Anthony W. Livoti, President SCDTAA
- 9:00am – 10:00am** **Next Level Leadership: How to Serve and Succeed**
Craig A. Thompson, President IADC
- 10:00am – 10:10am** **Break**
- 10:10am – 10:40am** **Thoughts after Sentry Select Ins. Co. v. Maybank Law Firm**
David S. Cobb
- 10:40am – 11:10am** **Presentation by R&D Strategic Solutions, Trial and Jury Consultants**
Rick R. Fuentes, Ph.D.

10:10am – 11:10am

Emerging Leaders Breakout Panel

John T. Lay, Jr.
John R. Owen
Craig A. Thompson
Moderator: Anthony W. Livoti

11:10am – 12:00pm

Federal Judicial Panel

The Honorable A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., U.S. Circuit Judge, 4th Judicial Circuit
The Honorable J. Michelle Childs, U.S. District Judge, District of South Carolina
The Honorable Richard M. Gergel, U.S. District Judge, District of South Carolina
Moderator: Molly H. Craig

12:15pm – 1:15pm

Women in Law Reception

12:30pm

Golf Tournament

12:30pm

Fishing Excursion

5:30pm

Past President's Reception

(Invitation Only)

6:30pm

Cocktail Reception

7:30pm

Friday Night Banquet and Dancing

(Black tie optional)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

6:00am

Beach Run

7:30am

Registration Desk Open

7:30am

Breakfast

8:15am – 9:00am

The Honorable Justice John C. Few

Supreme Court of South Carolina

9:00am – 9:30am

Substantive Presentation by Annual Meeting Sponsor

9:30am – 10:20am

Behind the Tapestries:

Author Denise Kiernan, discusses her *New York Times* bestseller *The Last Castle*

10:20am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am – 11:30am	Conflicts, Conflicts, Conflicts: Prospective Clients in Beauty Contests, Limited Engagements, and Prospective Waivers Nathan M. Crystal
11:30am – 12:00pm	Defending Foreign Born Clients Lee C. Weatherly
2:00pm	Tennis
2:00pm	Yoga
	Afternoon on your own / Hospitality Suite open
7:00pm	Lowcountry Oyster Roast & Dinner



HOTEL INFORMATION



The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island, located at One Sanctuary Beach Drive Kiawah Island, SC 29455. Group reservations for the meeting can only be made for registered seminar attendees. Guaranteed reservations must be accompanied by a major credit card. The Sanctuary will not hold any reservations unless secured by a credit card. The room rate at the Sanctuary is \$259.00/night inclusive of taxes. To request hotel room reservations please fill out the **HOTEL RESERVATION FORM** and return to SCDTAA headquarters with your Annual 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.**

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, October 15, 2018 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on October 15, 2018 will be accepted based on a space and rate availability basis.

DIRECTIONS:

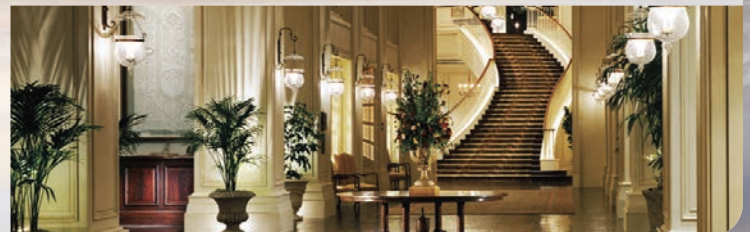
Directions to The Sanctuary can be found on their website <http://www.kiawahresort.com/about-the-resort/> under the "our location" section.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A refund, less \$300.00, will be given to cancellations after October 18, 2018. No refunds will be given after October 18, 2018.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

Dress for the sessions will be casual, business casual for the President's Welcome Reception, Friday night's dinner is black tie optional, and Saturday evening's event will be held outside and is resort casual. Attire for the hotel is resort casual.



ACTIVITIES

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE ACTIVITIES ON THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

6:15am Beach Run – Join fellow attendees for a relaxing run on the beach.
Complimentary

12:30p.m. Golf Tournament – To be played on the Osprey Point Course. Osprey Point is one of the most popular courses with resort guests. Totally renovated in 2014 under the direction of course architect Tom Fazio, Osprey Point features tees, greens and fairways grassed with Paspalum. Fazio blended a par-72 layout that takes advantage of its setting. The course offers a wide variety of holes, each presenting its own unique challenges and beauty, which are bound to produce an enjoyable round. Each hole is unique and memorable. There are four challenging par-3s, four extremely distinctive par-5s and ten outstanding par-4s ranging in length from 340 yards to 461 yards from the championship tees.

Since Fazio's design was for a member's only type of course, Osprey Point is very playable for the average golfer. It features generous landing areas and few forced carries. From the proper tees, the course poses appropriate challenges to the better golfers and fairness to the high-handicapper, senior golfers and junior golfers. For the better player, the course is very challenging with plenty of hazards to avoid, numerous risk/reward options and doglegs that go both left to right and right to left, requiring a premium on both accuracy and finesse. Osprey Point is ranked 10th in Golf For Women magazine's list of the "50 Best Golf Courses for Women," It was also recently awarded a near-perfect 4½ stars in Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play" reader's poll where it was considered one of the best values in South Carolina.

\$445.00 per person
Boxed lunch included



12:30p.m. Inshore Fishing Charter – The spectacular inshore and nearshore waters that surround Kiawah Island, South Carolina support an incredible fishery that is specific to this stretch of the coast. Miles of pristine marshes, creeks, rivers, bays and flats make up our tidal estuaries that hold an abundance of gamefish throughout the year. These fertile waters offer incredible fishing within minutes of Kiawah Island. Experience the Lowcountry and discover why it has become one of the East coast's premier fishing destinations.

\$350.00 per person

Box lunch included

Minimum of 4 people required and a maximum of 16 people

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

6:00am Beach Run – Join fellow attendees for a relaxing run on the beach.

Complimentary

2:00p.m. Tennis Doubles and Social – 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!

\$60.00 per person

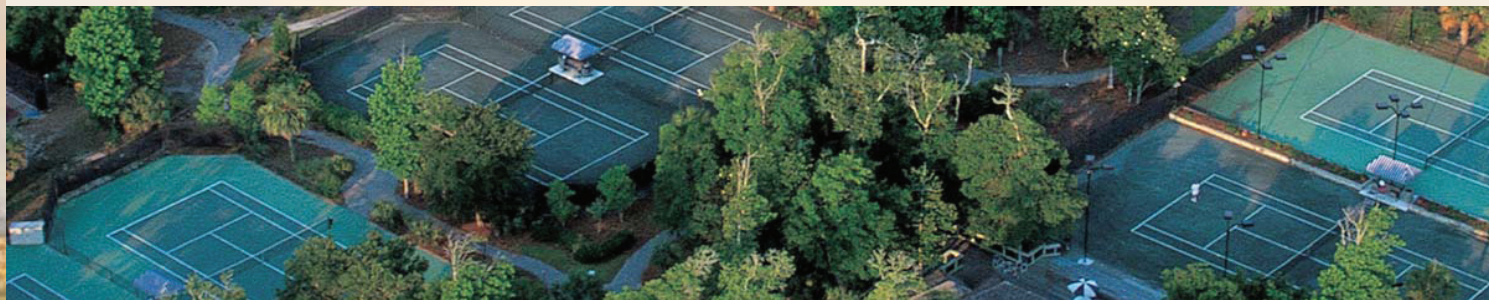
Minimum of 5 people required

2:00p.m. Yoga – Accommodating all ages, fitness levels, and experience. The instructor generally teaches a hatha yoga (breath focused) with a blend of slow to moderate paced vinyasa and longer held restorative poses. Focus on breath creates body awareness, helps calm the mind, and builds strength and flexibility. Duration: 60 minutes.

\$40.00 per person

Minimum of 10 people required

Guarantees for activities will be given October 25th, no refunds for activities will be granted after October 25th.



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FUTURE MEETING DATES

2019 SUMMER MEETING

July 26-28
The Sonesta Resort
Hilton Head, SC

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

November 14-17
The Ritz Carlton
Amelia Island, FL

2020 SUMMER MEETING

July 23-25
The Omni Grove Park Inn
Asheville, NC

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

November 12-15
The Ritz Carlton Reynolds
Greensboro, GA

