

# **SOUTH CAROLINA**

# **DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION**

52ND ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

**JULY 26-28, 2019**

The Sonesta Resort | Hilton Head, South Carolina



# WELCOME



Happy Summer! On behalf of your Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you, your guest and families to the Summer Meeting. We are excited to again enjoy a beach weekend on beautiful Hilton Head Island at the beautiful Sonesta Resort. Our committee has been hard at work lining up an action-packed beach weekend including an informative and entertaining CLE schedule that will offer something for everyone. On both Saturday and Sunday there will be a Workers' Compensation and Emerging Leader breakout sessions. Our main sessions will cover topics ranging from a legislative update on apportionment and tort reform to an update on §1983 cases from State Representative Justin Bamberg. Our meeting will kick off on Friday afternoon with the welcoming reception at 6:30pm and the children's program will start at 6:00pm. On Saturday, we will have CLEs from 8:30am until noon and a tie dye workshop from 10:00am to 12:00pm for the children and guests not attending the CLE sessions. In the afternoon, there will be a golf tournament for the golfers and for the non-golfers we will have a beach day with family friendly games on the beach. That evening we will have a seafood buffet, silent auction and s'mores for all guests and their families. On Sunday, we host our annual Breakfast with the Commissioners and we will conclude our CLE programming by noon to enjoy the day at your leisure. We hope that you will join us for fun weekend full of sun, sand, surf great networking, informative CLEs, and outstanding social activities!

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

James B. Hood  
SCDTAA President

## HOTEL INFORMATION

The Sonesta Resort, 130 Shipyard Drive, Hilton Head, South 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 Sonesta will not hold any reservations unless secured by a major credit card. The room rate at the Sonesta for run of the house rooms is \$299.00/night plus tax, plus a daily destination 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 3 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, Wednesday, June 26, 2019 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on June 26, 2019 will be accepted based on a space and rate availability basis.

### **DIRECTIONS**

Directions to the Sonsta Resort can be found on their website <https://www.sonesta.com/us/south-carolina/hilton-head-island/sonesta-resort-hilton-head-island/getting-here> under the “Destination” section.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

A refund, less \$250.00, will be given to cancellation requests received in writing by July 5, 2019. No refunds will be given after July 5, 2019.

### **CONFERENCE ATTIRE**

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

# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2019 SCDTAA SUMMER MEETING

## **SOCIAL GUESTS**

Anyone who plans to attend the educational portion or the social functions (the reception Friday or the dinner Saturday 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](mailto: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**

Help support the Silent Auction! Anyone wishing to donate to the silent auction please contact Aimee Hiers ([aimee@jee.com](mailto:aimee@jee.com) / (803) 252-5646); Derek Newberry ([dnewberry@hallboothsmith.com](mailto:dnewberry@hallboothsmith.com) / (843) 720-3476).

## **SATURDAY EVENING SEASHORE, SEAFOOD, SILENT AUCTION, AND SMORES AT SUNSET**

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

## ACTIVITY INFORMATION

### **FUN RUN – COMPLIMENTARY**

Saturday, July 27th

6:45am

Join fellow attendees for a relaxing run on the beach.

### **TIE DYE SHIRT EVENT**

Saturday, July 27th

Learn the different techniques used to create your one-of-a-kind groovy tie-dye t-shirt. Design your own Hilton Head Island wearable souvenir! For kids and parents alike. Parents must accompany children under the age of 10 years old.

**REGISTRATION FEE \$18.00 PER PERSON**



## **BEACH GAMES – COMPLIMENTARY**

Saturday, July 27th

2:00pm

Please join us on the beach between 2 and 5 for a relaxing afternoon and to participate in the beach games. We will have bocce, cornhole and bucketball set up for your enjoyment along with bottled water to help cool you off.

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, July 27th

12:30pm – 5:30pm

To be played at the Shipyard Golf Club – Galleon/Brigantine Courses

The Galleon course was Designed by George W. Cobb and built in 1970. These original nine holes of Shipyard Golf Club meander through large oaks and tall pines. Accurate placement of approach shots into heavily guarded greens is necessary on the Galleon course.

The Brigantine course was designed by Willard C. Byrd and built in 1982. Alligators sun themselves along these scenic, water hazard filled nine holes of the Brigantine course. With slight dog-legs and well-placed bunkers, this course requires shot-making and a good short game.

The course designers inter-connected two of the three nine-hole courses for a unique and challenging 18-hole round. The original Clipper and Galleon courses create an exciting combination of long fairways and perilous hazards, while the Brigantine course winds its way around lagoons and breathtaking terrain. The former home of the Hilton

Head Senior International from 1982 to 1984, Shipyard Golf Club was rated as one of the finest layouts on the CHAMPIONS TOUR.

Boxed lunch included.

**REGISTRATION FEE \$300.00 PER PERSON**



## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

Friday, July 26th / Saturday, July 27th

5:00pm – 11:00pm

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 \$65.00 / CHILD / NIGHT**

## **LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?**

Outside Hilton Head can help you find an activity for you and your family. Go to <https://www.outsidehiltonhead.com/> or call 800-686-6996 to book an activity. They have everything from stand up paddle boarding to kayak nature tours to historic excursions and tours.



# AGENDA

## FRIDAY JULY 26, 2019

- 3:00pm to 5:00pm      **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4:00pm to 7:00pm      **Registration Desk Open**
- 4:00pm to 5:00pm      **Young Lawyers Happy Hour**
- 6:00pm to 10:00pm    **Children's Program – Dinner, movie & games**
- 6:30pm to 7:30pm      **Full Moon Rising Reception**

## SATURDAY JULY 27, 2019

- 7:15am                      **Registration**
- 7:30am to 12:00pm      **Exhibit Hall Open**
- 7:45am to 8:15am        **Breakfast**
- 8:15am to 8:30am        **Membership Meeting**  
James B. (Jamie) Hood, Esq. – President
- 8:30am to 9:30am        **Check Your Head: Some Observations on Space and Resilience**  
John J. Pringle, Jr., Esq.
- 9:30am to 10:15am      **§1983 Caselaw Update**  
Representative Justin T. Bamberg, Esq. - District 90
- 9:30am to 10:15am      **Workers' Compensation Breakout**  
Landon "Rocky" Hughey, Esq.
- 9:30am to 10:15am      **Emerging Leaders Breakout (Ethics)**  
Mark A. Allison, Esq.
- 10:00am to 12:00pm     **Tie Dye T-Shirt Workshop for kids and non-attending parent**
- 10:15am to 10:30am     **Break**

- 10:30am to 11:15am**      **Enforcement of Arbitration Agreements in Nursing Home Litigation: New Rules after *Coleman, Thompson, and Hodge***  
Todd W. Smyth, Esq.
- 11:15am to 12:00pm**      **Women in Lawn Seminar Recap**  
Sarah Wetmore Butler, Esq.
- 12:00pm to 1:00pm**      **Women in Law Happy Hour**
- 12:30pm to 4:30pm**      **Golf Tournament**
- 2:00pm to 5:00pm**      **Beach Games for the Whole Family**
- 6:00pm to 10:00pm**      **Children’s Program – dinner, movie & games**
- 6:30pm to 9:00pm**      **Seafood Dinner, Silent Auction, Smores**

**SUNDAY JULY 28, 2019**

- 7:30am**      **Registration**
- 7:30am to 12:00pm**      **Exhibit Hall Open**
- 7:45am**      **Breakfast**
- 8:00am to 8:30am**      **Breakfast with Commissioners**
- 8:30am to 9:30am**      **Experiences with Post – Litigation Repairs**  
Applied Building Sciences, Inc.
- 9:30am to 10:15am**      **Legislative Update – Apportionment and Tort Reform**  
Former Chief Justice Costa M. Pleicones  
Representative Kirkman Finlay III – District 75
- 10:15am to 10:30am**      **Break**
- 10:30am to 11:00am**      **“CPSC, NHTSA, FTC, FDA, ETC.:  
Sorting Out the Alphabet Soup of Product Safety & Recalls  
(And Why Your Client Needs to Know)**  
Jay T. Thompson, Esq.



**11:00am to 11:30am**

**Trial Superstars**

R&D Strategic Solutions

**10:30am to 11:30am**

**Workers' Compensation Breakout**

Landon "Rocky" Hughey, Esq.

**10:30am to 11:30am**

**Emerging Leaders Breakout**

Anthony W. Livoti, Esq.

**11:30am to 12:30pm**

**Practical Professionalism: Ethics, Standards, and Civility  
in Claims Handling and Insurance Defense Work**

David A. Anderson, Esq.

**12:30pm**

**Adjournment**



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### **2019 ANNUAL MEETING**

November 14-17

The Ritz Carlton

Amelia Island, Florida

### **2020 SUMMER MEETING**

July 23-25

The Omni Grove Park Inn

Asheville, North Carolina

### **2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

November 12-15

The Ritz Carlton Reynolds

Lake Oconee, Georgia