



# SCDTAA

53RD ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

JULY 23-25, 2020

THE OMNI GROVE PARK INN

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, I invite you to attend the 53rd Annual Summer Meeting. We are excited to return to the beautiful Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville North Carolina after a two-year hiatus. The past two Summer Meetings at the beach in Hilton Head were a huge success with a great group of lawyers with young children attending. If you fall into that category and are wondering if you should bring your family to the mountains in July, I have two words for you – Kid's Camp. Yes, the Grove Park has one and kids (and parents) love it.

In years past, the Summer Meeting gained a reputation for being workers compensation "heavy." However, this year Trey Suggs and his Summer Meeting Committee have put together a fantastic CLE program with healthy blend of litigation and workers compensation topics, kicked off with a trial tactics discussion led by Judge Markley Dennis, Brent Clinkscales and Molly Craig. Mills Gallivan, Anne Culbreath, David Anderson have graciously agreed to lead a discussion on conducting successful mediations in this new virtual age. Other highlights include a discussion on Professional Conduct Online by Barbara Seymour, former head of the South Carolina Office of Disciplinary Counsel, an Emerging Leaders breakout session and two workers' compensation break outs.

This has been a difficult spring for everyone. Social distancing and isolation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic have taken a toll on us all. As our country, state and judicial system ease back into normal operations, and we ease back into normal life, please join us in Asheville for some cool mountain air, excellent CLE opportunities and safe responsible socializing with friends in one of the best resort properties in the country.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Johnston

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

A. Johnston Cox  
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 \$289.00/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 15, 2020 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on June 15, 2020 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, 2020. No refunds will be given after July 2, 2020.

## **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

## 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 [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); 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 23RD / FRIDAY, JULY 24TH**

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**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, 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.

**Minimum of 8 people required**

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

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, July 24th**

**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 \$395.00 per person**

### **TENNIS DOUBLES AND SOCIAL**

**Friday, July 24th**

**2:00pm**

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!

**Minimum of 5 people required**

**Registration fee \$65.00 per person**

### **GUIDED ELECTRIC BIKE TOUR**

**Friday, July 24th**

**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 \$130.00 per person**

### **TREETOP ADVENTURE TOUR**

**Friday, July 24th**

**12:30pm – 5:30pm**

The park features about 50 unique climbing, ziplining, walking, jumping, swinging and rappelling challenges anchored to over 30 trees and towering poles nestled in the wooded park. There are 4 voluntary "trails" to maneuver, one easy, two intermediate, and one advanced trail. Each trail includes 10-15 different challenges that complete a circuit. Guests get to choose the trails they are comfortable with, deciding how much they



would like to be challenged, and they maneuver the trails at their own pace because each guest moves around the park individually instead of in a group. The park is akin to ski slopes



in the trees, a true “jungle gym” for all ages, strengths, and adventure levels. This is made possible by a new technology called “smart belays” which is designed to assure guests are attached to safety systems at all times and they cannot detach themselves from the system until they have completed the aerial trail of their choice and are back on the ground. Some of the elements found on the treetop trails include a cargo net climb, several swinging bridges, and a treetop sliding board into a zipline. There are several themed ziplines at the park, including a

flying kayak, a “giddy-up” horse swing, a hang glider, and an aerial snowboard allowing guests to catch some airtime. There is also a rock-climbing wall that hangs 45 feet in the air, treetop tunnels, a disk golf challenge (called 13th hole), dancing Hula Hoops, a Tarzan traverse, fireman’s pole, and the bottomless Burma Bridge.

The easy trail is designed for first-timers, younger children, and more timid adventurers, has little to no climbing, milder and more stable crossings, is lower to the ground, and has an easy finish back to the ground. The intermediate trails are increased in height (up to 30 feet above the ground), contain several climbing challenges and increased exposure to moving elements, and exits include a rappel and a cargo net escape. At heights up to 50 feet above the ground, the advanced trail is more adventurous, has more personal challenges, has lots of exposure with trees swaying and structures moving as guests traverse the highest and most physically and mentally challenging activities in the park. Suspended high above the forest floor, the adventure park promotes family or group fun, outdoor adventure, personal growth, physical





fitness and active lifestyles. It is a “must see to believe” attraction, an experience that will create a believer in the fun of treetop adventure.

**Requirements:** The park is designed for participants of average mobility and strength who are in reasonably good health. All guests must be less than 265 pounds, 7 years old and over (some trails require participants to be at least 10, and all children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult), and guests must also sign a waiver and release of liability. Closed-toe shoes are required, and we recommend collared shirts and modest, longer shorts or pants dependent upon the seasonal weather. We suggest anyone with medical concerns (such as obesity, high blood pressure, cardiac and coronary artery disease, pulmonary problems, pregnancy, arthritis, tendonitis or other joint and muscular-skeletal problems, fear of heights or other psychological/psychiatric conditions) consult a physician before making a reservation.

**Boxed lunch included**

**Minimum of 10 people required**

**Registration fee \$200.00 per person**



# 2020 SCDTAA SUMMER AGENDA

## **THURSDAY, JULY 23**

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

Silent Auction and Reception

## **FRIDAY, JULY 24**

7:15am

Registration

7:30am to 12:00pm

Exhibit Hall Open

7:45am to 8:15am

Breakfast

8:15am to 8:30am

**SCDTAA Membership Meeting**  
A. Johnston Cox, SCDTAA President

8:30am to 9:30am

**Trial Tactics: Experiences and Evolution**  
Honorable R. Markley Dennis, Jr.  
Brent O. E. Clinkscales  
Molly H. Craig

9:30am to 10:15am

**Mediation in the New Age**  
David A. Anderson  
Anne R. Culbreath  
H. Mills Gallivan

9:30am to 10:15am	<b>Workers' Compensation Breakout</b> Stephanie L. Pugh
9:30am to 10:15am	<b>Emerging Leaders Breakout</b> Mark A. Allison
10:15am to 10:30am	<b>Break</b>
10:30am to 11:15am	<b>Legislative Update</b> Representative A. Shane Massey Jeffrey N. Thordahl, SCDTAA Lobbyist
11:15am to 12:00pm	<b>ABS Presentation - Forensic Engineering Hot-Topics</b> Jason Gregorie
12:15pm to 1:50pm	<b>Women in the Law Reception</b>
12:30pm to 5:30pm	<b>Golf Tournament</b>
12:30pm to 5:30pm	<b>Treetop Adventure Tour</b>
2:00pm	<b>Tennis Doubles and Social</b>
2:00pm to 5:30pm	<b>Guided Electric Bike Tour</b>
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	<b>SCDTAA Children's Program</b>
6:30pm to 9:00pm	<b>Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Barbeque on the Blue Ridge</b>

## **SATURDAY, JULY 25**

<b>7:45am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:00am to 12:00pm</b>	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00am to 8:30am</b>	<b>Breakfast with Commissioners</b>
<b>8:30am to 9:30am</b>	<b>Brave New World: Professional Conduct Online</b> Barbara M. Seymour
<b>9:30am to 10:00am</b>	<b>The State of Our State's Affidavit of Merit Statute</b> C. Daniel Atkinson J. Alexander Joyner
<b>10:00am to 10:15am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15am to 11:00am</b>	<b>Best Practices for Creating a Defensible E-Discovery Process</b> Angela T. O'Neal
<b>10:15am to 11:00am</b>	<b>Workers' Compensation Breakout</b> Stephanie L. Pugh
<b>10:15am to 11:00am</b>	<b>Emerging Leaders Breakout</b> A. Mark Allison
<b>11:00am to 12:00pm</b>	<b>In House Counsel: Managing Through the MAX and a Global Pandemic</b> Mark C. Fava, The Boeing Company

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# FUTURE MEETING DATES

## 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

November 13-15  
The Ritz Carlton Reynolds  
Greensboro, Lake Oconee, Georgia

## 2021 SUMMER MEETING

July 22-24  
The Omni Grove Park Inn  
Asheville, North Carolina

## 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

November 18-21  
The Sanctuary  
Kiawah Island, South Carolina

