



# Fiftieth Annual Summer Meeting

South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association  
July 14-16, 2017

**The Omni  
Grove Park Inn**  
ASHEVILLE, NC



# 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 \$286.00/night plus tax, plus \$25.00/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, Friday, June 9, 2017 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on June 9, 2017 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 23, 2017. No refunds will be given after June 23, 2017.

## **CONFERENCE ATTIRE:**

Dress for the sessions and President’s Welcome reception will be resort casual, and Saturday evening’s event will be held inside 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 silent auction 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 meeting 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 and wi-fi will **NOT** be available in the meeting rooms.

## ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION WILL BE ON FRIDAY EVENING

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); Claude Prevost ([cprevost@collinsandlacy.com](mailto:cprevost@collinsandlacy.com) / (803) 255-0490).

## SATURDAY 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:

### Wild Food Foraging Adventure

Saturday, July 15th

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Asheville is surrounded by the Pisgah National Forest, the most biodiverse temperate region on the planet. Our expert naturalist who specializes in forage-to-table adventures will take your group on a three-hour customized ecotour in this region with over 300 wild edibles, a guided trip “off the eaten path.” Your guests will learn how to safely gather edible wild plants, mushrooms and other extreme cuisine, a true woodland shopping spree. Other hunter-gatherer topics include wild cooking, crafting, medicine,

ecology, folklore and survival skills. After this “wild gooseberry chase” it will be “finders, eaters” as we cook up a sampling of our catch of the day, a wild food “pick-nic.” Our guide also demonstrates how to turn your quarry to into “find dining.” Wild mushroom pizza, daylily tamales, sassafras root beer, wisteria ice cream... because each new season offers different forest treasures, the finds are different on each trip. Our wild food adventures are available year-round for all ages and ability levels. Most tours feature between ten and twenty finds. Please make sure guests bring their cameras, appropriate seasonal clothing and wear shoes for light (minimal) hiking.

**Box lunch included**

**Minimum of 10 people required**

**Registration fee \$195.00 per person**

### **Scenic Horseback Riding**

**Saturday, July 15th**

**12:30pm – 4:30pm**

Experience fresh mountain air, breath-taking scenery and an old fashioned down-home friendliness when you go horseback riding in North Carolina’s Blue Ridge Mountains. Your group will be taken to a secluded ranch just minutes outside of Asheville, a ranch with picturesque trails that pass through high country, scenic mountain meadow and wooded areas. This safe and relaxing ride is for people of all ages and horseback riding abilities, and there are no weight limits. All rides are accompanied by friendly, experienced trail guides. Be sure to bring your camera as the scenery is spectacular! We recommend wearing comfortable secure footing (cowboy or hiking boots, and tennis shoes are acceptable), and long pants, such as blue jeans.

**Box lunch included**

**Minimum of 10 guests required and maximum of 30 guests**

**Registration fee \$180.00 per person**

## **Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, July 15th**

**12:20pm – 5:30pm**

**To be played at the Grove Park Inn golf course**

Discover the course that Golfweek magazine included in its 2005 “America’s Best” listings and Golf Digest named in 2004 as “one of the ten best courses in the United States that is 100 years old or more.” Designed by the legendary Donald Ross, the course is rated as the 8th best in North Carolina (with five of the seven courses rated higher located at legendary Pinehurst).

**Boxed lunch included**

**Registration fee \$300.00 per person**

## **Tennis Doubles and Social**

**Saturday, July 15th**

**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 \$55.00 per person**

## **Youth Outing to Fun Depot**

**Friday, July 14**

**5:45pm – 10:15pm**

**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.

The Fun Depot, Asheville’s only family entertainment center, is over 66,000 square feet of wholesome indoor fun. It was recognized as one of the Top Family Entertainment Centers (FEC) of the World by the International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions (IAAPA). Each guest will be provided with a play card giving them unlimited access to every arcade game that does not give a ticket or prize (these are the racing, shooting, flying strategic, driving, air hockey type games, as well as a Rock Climbing Wall, Indoor 18-hole Miniature Golf, Inflatables & Batting Cages) for up to three hours.

Guests will also be able to choose four of the Fun Depot's Premier attractions and those include a two-story Laser Tag Arena, 6-Lane Mini-Bowling, Bumper Cars, Indoor Go-Karts and the unique two-story Outdoor Go-Karts. Guests can bring additional money if they want to play ticket & prize games. There are size or age restrictions on some of the attractions; however younger children will have access to a Soft Play Area complete with slides, tunnels, bounce area and lots of padding. Close-toed shoes are required for the Climbing Wall.

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 20 people**

**Registration fee \$115.00 per child**

### **Children's Activity**

**Saturday, July 15th**

**6:00pm - 10:00pm**

**The children's program will be held at the Sport's Complex.**

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.

**Minimum of 8 people required**

**Registration fee \$65.00 per child**



# FUTURE MEETING DATES

## **2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

November 9-12  
The Cloister  
Sea Island, Georgia

## **2018 SUMMER MEETING**

July 27-29  
The Sonesta Resort  
Hilton Head, South Carolina

## **2018 ANNUAL MEETING**

November 15-18  
The Sanctuary  
Kiawah Island, South Carolina



# 2017 SUMMER MEETING TENTATIVE AGENDA

## FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | SCDTAA Board of Director's Meeting   |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  | Young Lawyers Division Meeting       |
| 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | Registration Desk Open               |
| 5:45 p.m. – 10:15 p.m. | SCDTAA Children's Program            |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | Welcome Reception and Silent Auction |

## SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

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| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  | Registration Desk Open<br>Exhibit Hall Open                            |
| 8:10 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.   | Welcome and Announcements<br>David A. Anderson<br>President SCDTAA     |
| 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.   | Ethics: Emotional Intelligence for Lawyers<br>Henry L. Deneen, Esquire |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  | Insurance/Torts Update   |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  | Workers' Compensation Breakout   |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break  |



**10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**Who's to Blame? - Recent Decisions  
and Defense Strategies for Handling Cases  
with Multiple Tortfeasors**

Gray T. Culbreath, Esquire  
Alan G. Jones, Esquire  
Steven T. Moon, Esquire  
T. McRoy Shelley, Esquire

**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**2017 Legislative Panel**

Representative J. Derham Cole, Jr.  
Patrick G. Dennis, Chief Counsel, South Carolina House of  
Representatives  
Senator A. Shane Massey  
Moderator: Jeffrey N. Thordahl, SCDTAA Lobbyist

**12:20 p.m.**

**Golf Tournament**

**12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Wild Food Foraging Adventure**

**12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Horseback Riding**

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Women in the Law Reception**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Tennis Doubles and Social**

**6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**SCDTAA Children's Program**

**6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Bluegrass, Blue Jeans and Barbeque on the Blue Ridge**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16TH**

**7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Registration Desk Open**  
Exhibit Hall Open

**7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.**

**Breakfast with the Commissioners**

**8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**SCDTAA Membership Meeting**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**      **In-sites from the Former Chief Justice**  
Justice Jean H. Toal
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**      **ABS / Construction Law Update**
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**      **Workers' Compensation Breakout**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**      **Products Liability Update**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**      **Boeing Presentation**  
Mark C. Fava  
General Counsel for Boeing
- 12:30 p.m.**      **Adjournment**



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