

SOUTH CAROLINA

DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

51ST ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

JULY 27-29, 2018

The Sonesta Resort | Hilton Head, South Carolina



WELCOME LETTER



On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, I invite you to attend the 51st Annual Summer Meeting. This year's meeting promises to be an exceptional one as we continue to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of this great organization.

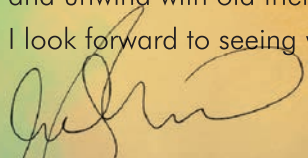
We are extremely excited about bringing this Summer Meeting to the beautiful beaches of Hilton Head. The Sonesta Resort is a world-class property and the staff there is eager to host our group and make this meeting memorable. The Summer Meeting Committee of Trey Watkins, Andy Delaney, Rob Tyson, Jared Garraux, Rocky Hughey, along with our Young Lawyers Division President, Derek Newberry, have worked hard to put together an outstanding line up of speakers. The activities are intended to let you and your entire family enjoy what the Sonesta Resort and Hilton Head Island have to offer.

Technology is ever changing in our world and in our practices and we have Mark Lanterman, a noted expert on cybersecurity, to talk about the dangers that lurk on the Dark Web. The fallout from the V.C. Sumner Nuclear Plant failure shows no sign of slowing down and Frank Ellerbe will talk about the status and future of the electric utility industry in SC. This meeting always has breakouts specifically geared for workers' comp practitioners and that program promises to be informative. We have invited all seven workers compensation commissioners so this will be a great opportunity to hear firsthand the issues affecting this practice area. Our state DRI Representative Jay Courie will speak to us on the future of the business of law. Judge Robert Hood will address issues related to managing the civil docket and how that impacts the scheduling of our cases. Malissa Burnette will discuss how the #MeToo movement is impacting the workplace; our own Dick Willis and Becky Laffite will look at what we can learn from movies to help our trial skills; and John Nichols of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel will bring us our ethics discussion. James Smith will also address our group about the future of our great state.

The Emerging Leaders program is off to a great start and we have over 35 young lawyers participating. This Summer Meeting offers the first opportunity of the year for participants to complete one of their requirements of attending breakout sessions tailored for them to discuss leadership topics. Nearly two hours of breakout sessions will address: emotional intelligence, thriving as a young associate in law firms, and getting involved in professional organizations. These sessions will equip these lawyers for success in their firms and the SCDTAA.

On the social front, our weekend starts with our "Full Moon Rising" welcome reception on Friday night. In addition to our traditional golf tournament on Saturday afternoon, we will have "Beach Games" all afternoon. Form your teams now for this "competition" among the sun, surf, and sand. There will be kids activities all day Saturday and that evening, to include tie-dyed shirt making and a "dive-in" movie by the pool. We will have a seafood dinner Saturday evening at the Ocean Pavilion overlooking the ocean. The entire weekend will be a great time to relax and unwind with old friends and a chance to make new ones. Plan on attending and bringing the entire family.

I look forward to seeing you on Hilton Head in July.



Anthony

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, Monday, June 25, 2018 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on June 25, 2018 will be accepted based on a space and rate availability basis.

DIRECTIONS

Directions to the Sonesta 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 6, 2018. No refunds will be given after July 6, 2018.

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 outside and are 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 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.

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 / (803) 252-5646); Derek Newberry (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 28th

6:45am

Join fellow attendees for a relaxing run on the beach.

Tie Dye Shirt Event

Saturday, July 28th

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 28th

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 28th

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



FRIDAY, JULY 27TH / SATURDAY, JULY 28TH

Children's Program

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.



SCDTAA 2018 SUMMER MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

FRIDAY JULY 27, 2018

- 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**
- 6:30pm to 7:30pm** **Full Moon Rising Reception**

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

- 6:45am to 7:30am** **The Legal Runaround – Beach Run**
Robert E. Tyson, Jr.
- 7:45am to 8:15 am** **Breakfast**
- 8:15 am to 8:30 am** **SCDTAA Membership Meeting**
- 8:30 am to 9:30 am** **Easiest Catch: Don't Be Another Fish in the Dark Net**
Mark Lanterman
- 9:30am to 10:15am** **What Hollywood Can Teach Us About Cross-Examination**
Richard H. Willis
Rebecca Lafitte
- 9:30am to 10:15am** **Workers' Compensation Breakout**
Panel Presentation with the Commissioners
- 9:30am to 10:15am** **Emerging Leaders Breakout**
Ethics and Mental Wellness: Emotional Intelligence and Professional Responsibility
Henry L. Deneen
- 10:00am to 12:00pm** **Tie Dye T-Shirt Workshop for the Kids and Non-Attending Parent**

10:15am to 10:30am Break

10:30am to 11:15am Ins and Outs of the Electric Utility Industry in South Carolina
Frank Ellerbe III

11:15am to 12:00pm What the future holds for the Business of Law?
James R. Courie

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

6:30pm to 9:00pm Seashore, Seafood, Silent Auction and Smores

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

8:00am to 8:30am Breakfast with the Commissioners

8:30am to 9:30 am Mental Health and Wellness
John S. Nichols

9:30am to 10:15am What South Carolina Needs Now
James E. Smith, Jr.

10:15am to 10:30am Break

10:30am to 11:00am Management of the Docket and Other Administrative Nightmares
The Honorable Robert E. Hood

11:00am to 11:15am Courtroom Successes through Human Factors Testimony
Steph Borzendowski, PHD
Applied Business Sciences

11:15am to 11:30am Proliferation of Liquid Applied Membranes in Current Construction

Jason Gregorie, PE
Whitney Schrum, AIA
Applied Business Sciences

10:30am to 11:30am Workers' Compensation Breakout

Lessons Learned from Clemmons
Kelly F. Morrow

10:30am to 11:30am Emerging Leaders Breakout

The Emerging Leaders Top Five: Developing and Growing in Your Firm and the SCDTAA. Hear top five tips for success working with in-house counsel; for shining as an associate in your firm; and for involvement in defense organizations.

James R. Courie
David C. Holler
Lucy Grey McIver
Anthony W. Livoti – Moderator

11:30am to 12:30pm Ethics: Beyond #MeToo: Civility, Civil Rights & Workplace Relationships

M. Malissa Burnette

12:30pm Adjournment



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FUTURE MEETING DATES

2018 Annual Meeting
November 15-18
The Sanctuary
Kiawah Island, South Carolina



2019 Summer Meeting
July 26-28
The Sonesta Resort
Hilton Head, South Carolina



2019 Annual Meeting
November 14-17
The Ritz Carlton
Amelia Island, Florida

