

SCDTAA

FIFTY THIRD ANNUAL MEETING



NOVEMBER 13-15, 2020

THE RITZ CARLTON REYNOLDS, LAKE OCONEE
GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

PRESIDENTS LETTER



On behalf of the officers and board of directors of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, we hope that you and your guest will join us for our 53rd Annual Meeting at the Ritz-Carlton on Lake Oconee. Trey Watkins has done a great job chairing our Annual Meeting Committee putting together an informative and entertaining CLE agenda with relaxing activities and collegial networking opportunities among old and new friends. Our Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and affords our members the chance to interact with our judiciary in a relaxed, professional environment.

Like everything else in 2020, our meeting will be a little different this year. Instead of our traditional Thursday evening to Sunday morning schedule, we have shortened the Annual Meeting to a two day affair, while providing the same amount of CLE hours as previous Annual Meetings. Also, as discussed in more detail later, we will not be holding our traditional black tie dinner and dance, but a casual dinner in an informal setting.

Our meeting will kick off at 5:30 Friday evening with a reception and a talk from Dr. Walter Edgar, Professor Emeritus at the University of South Carolina, on South Carolina's role in creating the United States Constitution, followed by the President's Reception and dinner to welcome our members and guests.

On Saturday morning, we will host breakfast honoring the South Carolina Judiciary. Saturday morning will also be jam packed with CLE opportunities. For those early risers who want to maximize their CLE credits, an optional CLE will kick off at 7:00 Saturday morning with our Emerging Leaders. Our other CLE offerings on Saturday morning will include a very entertaining 2 hour ethics presentation by ReelTime based upon an original short film they produced on the fundamental question "Why do 'good' lawyers 'go bad.'" The session will explore the intersection of ethical decision-making and the manifold sources of stress encountered by lawyers in managing the day-to-day practice of law.

On Saturday afternoon there will be golf, tennis and a birds of prey demonstration for those looking for some outdoor time. For those looking for something a little less strenuous, the hospitality suite will be open, the outdoor fireplace will be crackling and The Masters golf tournament and college football will be on for viewing at the new Pavilion. The afternoon's activities will be followed by a barbeque and oyster roast with also at the Pavilion.

Please join us this November for another fantastic Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. ...". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ACTIVITIES

Please register for these activities on the enclosed registration form

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020

6:00am Run

Join fellow attendees for a relaxing run.

Complimentary

12:30pm Golf Tournament

The Preserve Course was the first course built at Reynolds Lake Oconee, opening in 1988 and to this day, is known as the most player friendly of the collection of courses here. Award-winning architect Bob Cupp designed the rolling, tree-lined layout, with assistance from U.S. Open champions Fuzzy Zoeller and Hubert Green.

Maximum of 24 people

\$380.00 per person / Boxed lunch included



2:00pm 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!

Minimum of 5 people required

\$70.00 per person



2:00 p.m. Birds of Prey Demonstration

Be amazed by the action of a raptor flight demonstration. Friendly, experienced falconers fly several birds of prey, while teaching you why they are such a magnificent asset to our ecosystem.

Minimum of 25 people required

\$125.00 per person



Guarantees for activities will be given October 16th, no refunds for activities will be granted after October 16th

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Ritz Carlton Reynolds is located at 1 Lake Oconee Trail Greensboro, GA 30642. Group reservations for the meeting can only be made for registered meeting attendees. Guaranteed reservations must be accompanied by a major credit card. The Ritz Carlton will not hold any reservations unless secured by a credit card. The room rate at the Ritz Carlton is \$279.00/night plus tax. 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 AND payment prior to or along with the hotel form.**

All deposits are refundable up to 7 days prior to arrival. Cancellations made within 7 days prior to arrival will forfeit the first and last night's room rate and tax. Availability of rooms at the group rate is subject to the SCDTAA room block and for reservations made on or before, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on October 13, 2020 will be accepted based on a space and rate availability basis.

Parking has been reduced for SCDTAA attendees to \$15.00/night.

DIRECTIONS

Directions to the Ritz Carlton can be found on their website <https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/georgia/reynolds/hotel-overview/directions> under the "hotel overview" section.

CANCELLATION POLICY

A refund, less \$300.00, will be given to cancellations before October 23, 2020. No refunds will be given after October 23, 2020.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Walter Edgar – Professor Emeritus University of South Carolina and Host, SC ETV Radio



Walter Edgar retired from the University of South Carolina in 2012, after a forty-year career. He was director of its Institute for Southern Studies and held four named professorships, including the George Washington Distinguished Professor of History and the Claude Henry Neuffer Professor of Southern Studies. Born in Mobile, Alabama, he did his undergraduate work at Davidson College and his graduate work at the University of South Carolina. He is the author or editor of more than a dozen books on South Carolina and the American South, including *The South Carolina Encyclopedia* (2006) of which he was editor-in-chief. He is also the author of *South Carolina: A History* (1998) and *Partisans and Redcoats: The Southern Campaign that Turned the Tide of the American Revolution* (2001). Since 2000, he has hosted "Walter Edgar's Journal on SC ETV Radio—and since 2005 "South Carolina from A to Z"



Michael Kahn is a "recovering lawyer," having practiced for 6 years with the New Jersey Attorney General's office. He is a licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Oregon, and his psychotherapy practice has focused on helping clients deal with anxiety, depression, grief/loss, career satisfaction, and men's issues. He co-facilitates grief groups for lawyers in Oregon and Vancouver, BC. Michael presents training seminars and workshops on ethics, grief, wellness, diversity and inclusion and other topics throughout the U.S. and abroad, including for the U.S. military in Germany and Japan. He also is a professional coach and provides assistance with career issues, stress management, retirement, and coping with change.



Chris Osborn is a former law professor, and the founding principal of Osborn Conflict Resolution, which provides Superior Court mediations, as well as collaborative law approaches for family law, construction, business, and will and probate disputes throughout North Carolina. Chris is trained as a collaborative lawyer, and is a member of the North Carolina Civil Collaborative Lawyers Association. He has been certified by the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission as a Superior Court mediator since 2009, and has assisted the vast majority of his legal clients over the years to reach amicable resolutions in a wide variety of litigation matters, including business breakups, construction and employment law disputes, and will caveats.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING TENTATIVE AGENDA

RITZ, REYNOLDS PLANTATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020

- 2:00pm - 4:00pm** **Board of Director's Meeting**
- 3:00pm - 6:00pm** **Registration Desk Open**
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm** **Nominating Committee Meeting**
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm** **Young Lawyers Reception**
- 5:30pm** **President's Welcome Reception and CLE Presentation**
- 6:00pm - 6:15pm** **SOLACE Initiative**
Jay Thompson - Nelson Mullins
- 6:15pm - 6:30pm** **Introduction of Past Presidents**
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm** **South Carolina and the United States Constitution**
Walter Edgar
Professor Emeritus University of South Carolina and Host, SC ETV Radio
- 7:30pm - 10:30pm** **Opening Reception and Dinner**
- 9:00pm** **Hospitality Lounge Open**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020

- 7:00am** **Registration Desk Open**
- 7:00am - 8:00am** **Optional CLE Hour with Emerging Leaders**
Mark Allison
- 8:00am - 8:45am** **Breakfast Honoring the South Carolina Judiciary**

- 8:45am - 9:00am** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Membership Meeting, Election of Officers & Board of Directors
A. Johnston Cox, President SCDTAA
- 9:00am - 11:00am** **Ethic: Nobody Told Me There'd Be Days Like These**
Michael Kahn
Chris Osborn
- 11:00am - 11:15am** **Exhibit Hall Break**
- 11:15am - 11:45am** **Update from Columbia**
Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty
- 11:45am - 12:15pm** **Speaker Pending**
- 12:15pm - 1:30pm** **Women in Law Reception**
- 12:30pm - 6:00pm** **Hospitality Lounge Open**
- 12:30pm** **Golf**
- 2:00pm** **Tennis**
- 2:00pm** **Birds of Prey Demonstration**
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm** **Past President's Reception**
- 6:30pm** **Lakeside BBQ and Oyster Roast**
- 8:30pm** **Hospitality Lounge Open**

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FUTURE MEETING DATES

2021 SUMMER MEETING

July 22-24
The Omni Grove Park Inn
Asheville, NC

2021 ANNUAL MEETING

November 18-21
The Sanctuary
Kiawah Island, SC

2022 SUMMER MEETING

July 21-23
The Omni Grove Park Inn
Asheville, NC

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

November 3-6
The Ritz Carlton
Amelia Island, FL



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