



SCDTAA 50th Annual Meeting

November 9-12, 2017
The Cloister at Sea Island, Sea Island, Georgia

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends:

On behalf of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association and the SCDTAA Board of Directors, I am pleased to invite you to our Fiftieth Annual Meeting on November 9-12, 2017. This year, we are excited to be returning to The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia. The Cloister is the only resort in the World to have received four Forbes five-star awards for eight consecutive years. It provides a Mediterranean-style oasis of terra cotta roofs, sunlit garden patios and old world elegance, first-class accommodations, and highly personalized service to create an unforgettable experience. The Cloister also offers championship golf courses; a PGA event is planned the week after our arrival so the courses will be in top shape. You will also have a chance for a relaxing day of lounging around the heated pools or Ocean walks, outstanding fishing on either salt or fresh waters, as well as a world-class spa and shooting school. This location with its newly constructed accommodations will be the excellent way to celebrate our 50th year meeting.

The meeting this year will start the evening of Thursday, November 9th with our President's Welcome Reception and conclude on Saturday night with a BBQ and Oyster Roast on property at Rainbow Island. We will once again have our traditional breakfast with the judiciary on Friday morning and our black tie optional dinner and dance that evening. This is an event to which our members always look forward, and we very much hope you will join us for this exciting meeting. We will have an array of top notch CLE offerings and numerous social activities that are bound to be appealing and entertaining. For those concerned about missing your favorite football game, we will have plenty of TV's available along with your favorite beverages to enjoy those games.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts and planning of the Annual Meeting Chair, Josh Howard and his committee, Trey Suggs and Mark Allison, they have put together an excellent and entertaining CLE program in addition to many opportunities for fun and relaxation. As you can see with the attached agenda, we are thankful to have top notch speakers joining us for this momentous event, they include Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty, South Carolina Supreme Court; Timothy A. Pratt, Executive VP, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel, and Secretary for Boston Scientific; and Dean Robert M. Wilcox, University of South Carolina School of Law to name a few of those interesting speakers for our CLE programs.

We urge you and your spouse or guest to attend this wonderful meeting, it is a must attend event. Enclosed is a registration packet. I encourage you not to procrastinate in getting your registrations submitted, there are 150 rooms blocked at the Cloister with an overflow facility being the Inn at Sea Island with shuttle services available from there.

Finally, I want to say that being your President this past year has been a great honor and privilege. The work that your Association does in promoting justice, professionalism and integrity in the civil justice system is extremely important and I am amazed by the talent I see in our members. Our Association is critical during this time of change and uncertainty and I am very proud of calling myself a member of SCDTAA. My wife, Robin and I look forward to seeing you at The Cloister!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

David A. Anderson
President - SCDTAA

INFO

ACTIVITIES

Please register for these activities on the enclosed registration form

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

12:30 p.m. Golf Tournament – To be played on the Plantation Course. Sea Island's Plantation Course is Rees Jones's masterful combination of two 9-hole courses, one originally designed by the great Walter Travis, and its story lays the foundation of our legendary golf history. It opened for play in 1928 with the plantation's old corn and cotton barn converted to a clubhouse. Jones saved the old live oaks on Plantation, to remind people where they are. "When you see those trees, they tell you you're in the South—they're spectacular," Jones said.

Plantation unfolds among a forest of ancient live oaks, cedar, and Georgia-long-leaf pines. It boasts expansive fairways that give definition to the course and liberal sightlines between holes, enticing the accomplished and inviting the novice. Along with the Seaside Course, it is the home of the PGA TOUR's RSM Classic, a FedEx Cup event hosted by Sea Island touring professional Davis Love III.

\$480.00 per person

Boxed lunch included

12:30 p.m. Fishing Excursion – Fish the waters surrounding Sea Island for over 20 different salt water species. Our seasoned guides fish year-round, providing you with exceptional fish catching abilities.

\$490.00 per person

Box lunch included

Minimum of 4 people required and a maximum of 12 people

2:00 p.m. Clay Target Tournament – One hour of interactive practice and clay target lesson; the second hour is the competition. No experience needed.

\$165.00 per person

Minimum of 4 people required, maximum of 8 people.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

2:00 p.m. 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!

\$55.00 per person

Minimum of 5 people required

HOTEL INFORMATION:

The Cloister, 100 Cloister Drive, Sea Island, GA 31561. Group reservations for the meeting can only be made for registered meeting attendees. Guaranteed reservations must be accompanied by a major credit card. The Cloister will not hold any reservations unless secured by a credit card. The room rate at The Cloister is \$375.00/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.** Confirmation information will be sent by email within three weeks of receiving registration.

All deposits to the Cloister are refundable up to 14 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, Tuesday, October 10, 2017 the cutoff date. Reservations requests received after the room block is has been fully reserved or after the release of unused rooms on October 10, 2017 will be accepted based on a space and rate availability basis.

DIRECTIONS:

Directions to The Cloister can be found on their website <https://www.seaisland.com/about-sea-island/maps-directions/> under the "Directions and Address" section.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A refund, less \$250.00, will be given to cancellations after October 19, 2017. No refunds will be given after October 19, 2017.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

Dress for the sessions will be casual, business casual for the President's Welcome Reception, Friday night's dinner is black tie optional, and Saturday evening's event will be held outside and is resort casual. Attire for the hotel is resort casual, however a collared shirt is required for gentleman after 5:00pm.



2017 ANNUAL MEETING TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

- 3:00pm – 5:00pm **Board of Director's Meeting**
- 4:00pm – 6:00pm **Registration Desk Open**
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **Nominating Committee Meeting**
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **Young Lawyer's Meeting**
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm **President's Welcome Reception**
Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

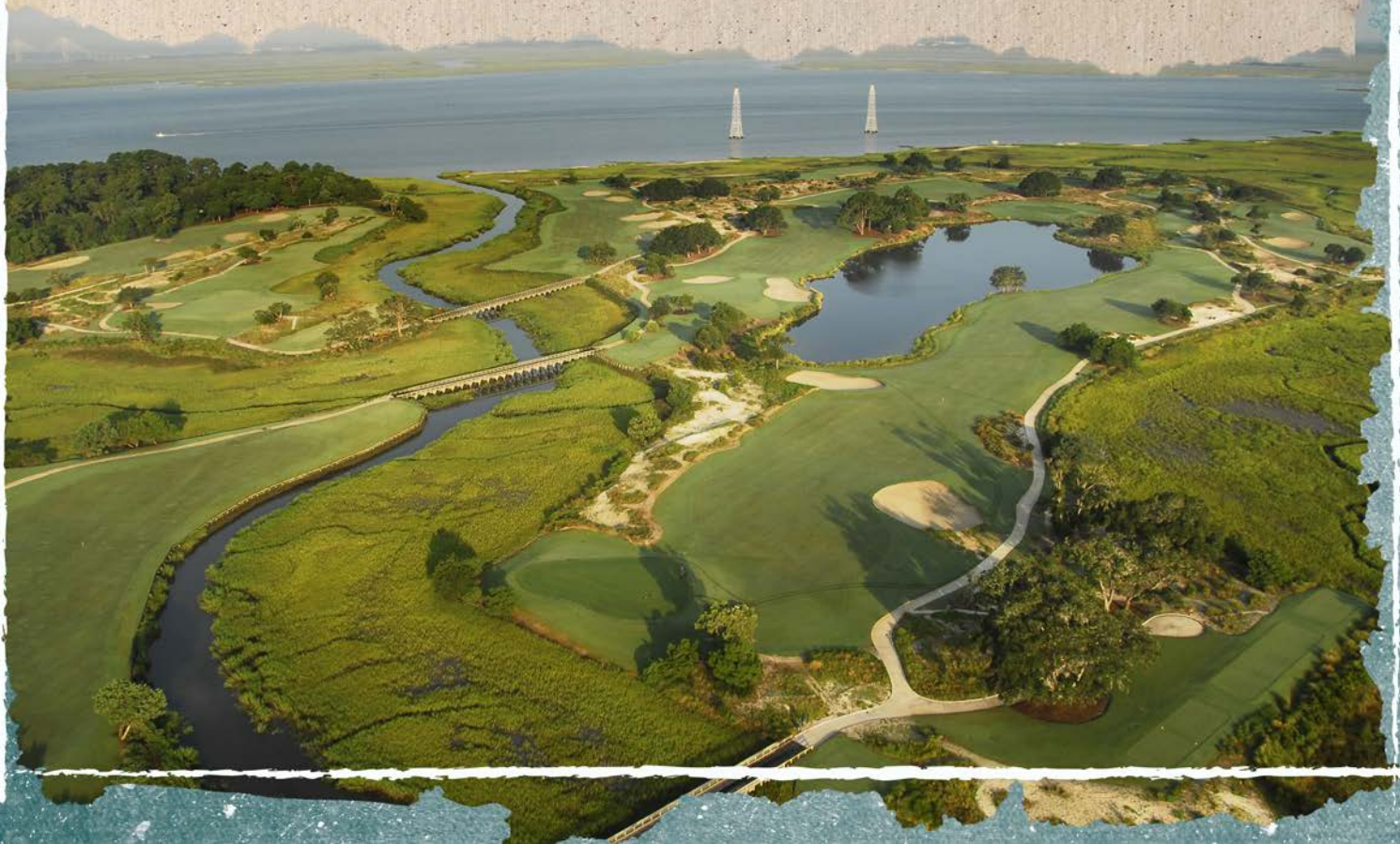
- 7:45am – 8:15am **Breakfast Honoring the South Carolina Judiciary**
- 8:15am – 8:25am **Membership Meeting, Election of Officers & Board of Directors**
- 8:25am – 8:35am **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
David A. Anderson, Esq., SCDTAA President
- 8:35am – 9:00am **Effective Rebuttal Techniques and Defense**
Pitfall in Life Care Planning and Vocational Wage Loss Analysis
Inquis Presentation
Reg L. Gibbs, MS, CRC, LCPC, CBIS, CLCP, FIALCP
Steve Yuhas, M.Ed., CRC, NCC, CCM, CLCP, CBIS.
- 9:00am – 10:00am **Keys to Success for the 21st Century Lawyer**
Timothy A. Pratt, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer,
General Counsel and Secretary for Boston Scientific
- 10:00am – 10:10am **Break**
- 10:10am – 10:35am **Construction Law Update: S.C. Code 15-38-15 and settlement setoffs:**
Does an "Issue Release" or Joint and Several Liability Matter?
Products Incorporated into Structures: What Duties Remain?
Where Does Notice and Opportunity to Cure Get Its Teeth?
Graham P. Powell, Esq.

- 10:35am – 11:00am Insurance Law Update**
ERISA: What every litigator needs to know
John C. Hawk IV, Esq.
- 11:00am – 12:00pm Judicial Panel – Reflections from the Bench on Changes in the Practice of Law in South Carolina**
The Honorable Perry M. Buckner III
The Honorable Diane S. Goodstein
The Honorable Clifton B. Newman
The Honorable J. Derham Cole
Moderator: William A. Coates, Esq.
- 12:15pm – 1:15pm Women in Law Reception**
- 12:30pm Golf Tournament**
- 12:30pm Fishing Excursion**
- 2:00pm Clay Target Tournament**
- 5:30pm Past President's Reception (By Invitation Only)**
- 6:30pm Cocktail Reception**
- 7:30pm Friday Night Banquet and Dancing (Black tie optional)**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

- 8:00am – 8:15am Membership Meeting**
- 8:15am – 9:15am Ethics Update.**
Dean Robert M. Wilcox
University of South Carolina School of Law
- 9:15am – 10:00am The State of the Judiciary**
Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty
South Carolina Supreme Court
- 10:00am – 10:15am Break**

- 10:15am – 10:45am** **Reasonable Certainty in Economic Damages**
Elliott Davis Presentation
Peter Barton
Missy Johnson, CPA, CVA, MAFF
- 10:45am – 11:10am** **Trucking Law Update**
Expect the Unexpected: Preparing Your Driver for Deposition
Curtis L. Ott, Esq.
- 11:10am – 12:00pm** **The Fading Aristocracy for Justice**
Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- 2:00pm** **Tennis**
- 7:00pm** **Riverside BBQ & Oyster Roast on the Black Banks River**



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The Cloister, Sea Island, GA

Please fill out a separate form for each conference attendee

NAME (as to appear on nametag): _____

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ CELL NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME (as to appear on nametag): _____

SPOUSE/GUEST EMAIL (to receive meeting information): _____

SPOUSE FIRM: _____

SC BAR NUMBER _____ SPOUSE/GUEST BAR NUMBER** _____

****If spouse/guest wishes to receive CLE credit there is a \$125.00 processing fee due with registration fee**

I am a first-time attendee (check box) ☐

Registration Fees

On or before 10/9/17

Members \$1,095.00

Spouse/Guest \$150.00

After 10/9/17

Members \$1,195.00

Spouse/Guest \$250.00

I plan to attend: ☐ President's Welcome Reception ☐ Friday Night Banquet ☐ BBQ & Oyster Roast Dinner
(please check if attending – all three included in registration)

Spouse/Guest plan to attend: ☐ President's Welcome Reception ☐ Friday Night Banquet ☐ BBQ & Oyster Roast Dinner
(please check if attending – all three included in registration)

Optional Events: (Please check all that apply and add to registration fee)

Golf Tournament – **Friday, November 10th** ☐ Me ☐ Spouse/Guest \$480.00 per person
- Includes green fees, cart fees, lunch and beverages

My handicap _____ Spouse/Guest handicap _____

Fishing Excursion – **Friday, November 10th** ☐ Me ☐ Spouse/Guest \$490.00 per person
- Includes box lunch and transportation
- Minimum of 4 people required & maximum of 12 people

Clay Target Tournament – **Friday, November 10th** ☐ Me ☐ Spouse / Guest \$165.00 per person
- Minimum of 4 people required

Tennis Doubles & Social – **Saturday, November 11th** ☐ Me ☐ Spouse/Guest \$55.00 per person
- Minimum of 5 people required

Enclosed is \$ _____ (covers registration fee and activities)

****PLEASE NOTE IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE MEETING ONLINE AT WWW.SCDTAA.COM**

A refund, less a \$250.00 processing fee, will be given for cancellation requests received in writing before October 19th. NO REFUNDS will be granted after October 19th.

RETURN THIS FORM TO SCDTAA HEADQUARTERS

1 Windsor Cove, Suite 305, Columbia, SC 29223 (803) 252-5646 / Fax (803) 765-0860

The Cloister at Sea Island Welcomes
South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association

YOU MAY ONLY RESERVE THE NUMBER OF ROOMS
AS REGISTERED ATTENDEES

Date of Arrival: _____

Date of Departure: _____

No. of Rooms: _____

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____

Guest Name:	Credit Card Number:
Company:	Expiration Date:
Street:	Security Code:
	Signature:
City/State:	E-Mail:
Telephone:	Fax:

Room Type Please note bed types are based on availability. These are requests not guarantees. All rooms are non-smoking.	Room Information
() King (1 bed) \$375.00 plus tax/night single/double occupancy	Request: () Handicap Accessible **Check in time begins at 4:00 pm & check out time is 12:00 pm ** A deposit equal to two night's sleeping room rate by a major credit card or a check is required to confirm your reservation
() Double (2 beds) \$375.00 plus tax/night single/double occupancy	**Deposit will be forfeited if reservation is cancelled less than 14 days prior to 5pm EST on arrival date.

Comments:

SCDTAA Group Reservation Cut Off Date is 5:00pm EST October 11th

To confirm your reservation, please complete this form and FAX to (803) 765-0860 or email to aimee@jee.com. All reservations will be made through SCDTAA headquarters. Only registered attendees for the meeting will be able to make hotel reservations.