



NORTH CAROLINA  
ASSOCIATION OF  
DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

**September 19-21, 2021**

Omni Hilton Resort  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

**Schedule**

**Sunday, September 19**

2 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting & Planning Session
6:15 p.m.	Early Arrivals Cocktail Reception
7:15 p.m.	President's Dinner: An Evening With the Judiciary (additional fee)

**Monday, September 20**

7:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Visit with Exhibiting Partners
8:20 a.m.	Welcome & Announcements
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.  (45 min General)	<b>Recent Decisions Case Law Update</b> This session will provide an overview and brief analysis of important decisions since the June 2021 presentation. <i>Dixie Wells, Ellis &amp; Winters, LLP</i>
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  (60 min General)	<b>The Impact of COVID on Jury Pools</b> This session will provide an overview of proprietary data collected from over 6,000 people through various rounds of nationwide survey research since the beginning of the pandemic focused on how COVID-19 has impacted jury pools, including willingness to serve, vulnerability and susceptibility to the Reptile Theory, perceptions of corporations in various industries, and damages. This presentation will share the results of that survey research, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experiences and attitudes related to COVID-19</li><li>• Feelings about having to appear for jury duty</li><li>• How changed perceptions will likely impact verdicts in civil lawsuits, including damages and susceptibility to the Reptile Strategy</li></ul> <i>Rachel York Colangelo, Ph.D., National Managing Director of Jury Consulting, Magna Legal Services</i>
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break & Visit w/Exhibiting Partners
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  (60 minutes Technology Credit Hour- pending approval)	<b>Lessons from Red Valve, Inc. v. Titan Valve, Inc.: Best Practices for Controlling the Flow of Electronically Stored Information in A Commercial Case</b> This session provides a study of a complex case with an e-discovery expert and trial lawyer as they share best practices in terms of collection, identifying devices, handling the data, and what happens when things get sideways. <i>Benjamin S. Chesson, Nelson Mullins Riley &amp; Scarborough; Vince Robisch, CS DISCO</i>

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

(60 minutes Mental Health  
Credit Hour)

### **The Impact of COVID on Lawyer Mental Health and Well-Being**

COVID-19 is placing unprecedented demands and challenges on everyone and in a variety of ways. This program focuses on the impact it has specifically had on the mental health and well-being of lawyers. Common reactions are discussed and explained, with strategies given to help put these reactions into perspective. Various tools, coping methods, suggestions, and guidelines are provided to assist in managing the impact on lawyers' health and well-being and boosting their emotional resiliency.

*Cathy Killian, LCMHC, LCAS, CCS, CCH*

*Clinical Director, North Carolina Lawyer Assistance Program*

225 minutes / 3.75 credit hrs

6:30 p.m.

Oceanside Reception & Dinner, Shorehouse

## **Tuesday, September 21**

7:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Visit with Exhibiting Partners

8:25 a.m.

Welcome and Bring to Order

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

### **The Future of Law**

(30 minutes General)

An introductory overview of current trends, issues and challenges facing today's law firms.

*John Remsen, The Remsen Group*

9:05 – 10:10 a.m.

### **Attracting and Retaining Tomorrow's Lawyers**

(60 min General)

How are firms addressing the current trends, issues and challenges? Join us for an interactive panel discussion during which we will discuss strategies to attract and retain tomorrow's lawyers. This session will cover a wide range of issues including compensation, work/life integration, remote working, mentoring, training, feedback, evaluation, and firm culture.

*Moderator: John Remsen, The Remsen Group; Panelists: Jennifer Ruiz, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP; Leslie Packer, Ellis & Winters, LLP; Jasmine Pitt, Bennett & Guthrie, PLLC*

10:10 – 10:30 a.m.

Break & Visit Exhibiting Partners

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

### **Post-Covid Trial Practice: What's Old is New Again**

(60 min General)

This presentation will discuss recent research focused on judicial behavior in allowing the full range of improvements during jury selection, including: the use of questionnaires, attorney-conducted voir dire, and expanded voir dire (time and scope) to allow counsel to get the best feedback that informs cause challenges and peremptory strikes. Ms. Morris will use this research to give us some best practices in jury selection in a post-COVID world.

*Charlotte A. Morris, M.A., Litigation & Communications Consultant*

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### **View From the Bench**

(45 min General)

Hear from a few of our guest judges in a moderated panel discussion on challenges and opportunities brought on by COVID, and their take on the program session as we move forward in our trial practices.

*Moderator & Panelists TBA*

195 minutes / 3.25 credit hrs

Total CLE Credit: 7 hours including 1 hour Mental Health & 1 hour Technology  
(pending approval)

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Closing Awards Luncheon