

2018 Mountain MAGIC

OCTOBER 18-21 / OMNI GROVE PARK INN / ASHEVILLE, NC

Make plans to get away from your hectic schedule and enjoy a magical weekend with your friends and colleagues at one of NCAJ's most highly anticipated events. Learn skills and practical tips at the CLE you can immediately use, presented by some of the most successful trial lawyers in the Nation, and enjoy camaraderie with fellow NCAJ members.

MOUNTAIN MAGIC CO-CHAIRS

Jon Moore, *Brown Moore & Associates, Charlotte*

Valerie Pearce, *IDS Regional Defender, Durham*

FALL CONFERENCE FOR PARALEGALS PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Sherry Bolens, *NCCP, Comerford & Britt, LLP, Winston-Salem*

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schedule of events

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

(current as of 8.13.2018)

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm **Registration & Exhibit Hall Open**

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Welcome to Mountain Magic! @ Lexington Avenue Brewery**

Sponsored by **FindLaw, a Thompson Reuters business**

Complimentary for Mountain Magic attendees, Fall Conference for Paralegals attendees and Asheville area legal professionals.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 am – 8:30 am **Vernon on the Veranda** (open discussion for Workers' Comp Practitioners)

8:00 am – 1:30 pm **Registration & Exhibit Hall Open**

8:45 am – 9:00 am **Welcoming Remarks – Mountain Magic Co-Chairs**

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Valerie Pearce, *IDS Regional Defender, Durham*

8:55 am – 4:45 pm **Fall Conference for Paralegals**

Sponsored by **Settlement Planning Services, LLC**

9:00 am – 12:15 pm **GENERAL SESSION** (for Civil and Criminal Practitioners)

"Extending Your Practice Beyond the Routine: Using Traditional Tort Skills in Uncommon Cases"

How you can employ traditional tort principles, strategies, and theories in novel contexts that broaden the personal injury lawyer's impact.

Featured Speaker – Theodore J. Leopold, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Palm Beach Gardens, FL



Theodore J. Leopold is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Mr. Leopold is Chair of the Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death, Managed Care Abuse, and Unsafe & Defective Products practices and Co-Chair of the Consumer Protection practice.

Mr. Leopold's practice is devoted solely to trial work, with a focus on complex product liability, mass tort, managed care abuse, consumer class actions, and catastrophic injury and wrongful death litigation. Mr. Leopold has tried cases throughout the country and has recovered multi-million dollar verdicts, including jury verdicts in the eight-figure and nine-figure amounts.

"Do's and Don'ts at the Court of Appeals"

Entertaining and informative tips from two North Carolina appellate judges on a wide variety of topics designed to improve the brief-writing and oral advocacy skills of practitioners with cases before the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Featured Speakers

Judge Mark A. Davis, *NC Court of Appeals, Raleigh*

Judge Donna S. Stroud, *NC Court of Appeals, Raleigh*



12:15 pm – 1:30 pm **Mountain Magic Luncheon and Presentation (includes paralegals)**

Sponsored by **Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Co. of North Carolina**

"How to Fight for the Right Cause in the Wrong Place"

Kevin Thompson, *Thompson Barney, LLC, Charleston, West Virginia*

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Workers' Compensation Section Meeting**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Women's Caucus Meeting**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Criminal Defense Section Meeting**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Professional Negligence Section Meeting**

schedule of events CONTINUED

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Auto Torts Section Meeting

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Sunset Social at the Omni Grove Park Inn & Spa

*Sponsored by **Jay Gervasi, P.A.** and **Robson Forensic***

Catch up with old friends and make new friends before dinner in Asheville. Includes light hors d'oeuvres and drinks on the Vanderbilt Terrace overlooking one of the most breath-taking views in Western NC.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Twilight Reception – Century Room at Pack's Tavern

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Registration & Exhibit Hall Open

Continental Breakfast *sponsored by **Sawyer Consulting LLC***

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Allen A. Bailey Endowment Board Breakfast Meeting

9:00 am – 12:15 pm

GENERAL SESSION (for Civil and Criminal Practitioners)

"Leaders of Tomorrow – Moving Juries and Other Gatherings of People to Greatness"

An interactive, on your feet, experiential collaboration on leadership, ethics, and group dynamics.

Featured Speakers



Mel C. Orchard, III, *The Spence Law Firm, LLC, Jackson, WY*

Tyson E. Logan, *The Spence Law Firm, LLC, Jackson, WY*

Mel Orchard is a trial lawyer, trying cases in the courtrooms across America for the past 23 years. Mel has litigated and/or tried hundreds of cases in his career and has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in settlement and verdicts for his clients. During his trial career Mel has been a part of record-breaking civil jury verdicts in various jurisdictions (Wyoming, Arizona, and Iowa). He has also devoted significant time to pro bono work through Lawyers and Advocates for Wyoming and many local and national charities.

Tyson E. Logan is a partner with national trial firm The Spence Law Firm, LLC. Tyson is a passionate and charismatic trial lawyer based in the mountains of Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He has a tireless energy and drive to take on the most powerful opponents in the toughest places. Over the last decade, Tyson has tried jury trials across the country and quickly achieved record personal injury and wrongful death verdicts and settlements, including numerous seven, and eight-figure results. Tyson's successes include a \$28.5 million verdict for a carbon monoxide poisoning brain injury; a \$10 million wrongful death settlement; and a \$12 million settlement in a burn injury case. Tyson is also on staff as a teacher at Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College. He is a frequent presenter on communication and mindfulness. Outside the courtroom, Tyson loves to coach youth soccer, volunteer, ski, bike and run in the mountains, meditate, practice yoga, play, laugh, love, and dance.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Stories of Renewal and Recovery (*qualifies for 1.0 substance abuse/mental health hour*)

Shelli Bucker, *EBCI – Legal Assistance Office, Cherokee*

Steve Philo, *Franklin*

A recent national landmark ABA study confirmed that lawyers are at the highest risk of any profession for issues like depression and alcoholism. Anywhere from a quarter to a third of the profession encounters these issues at a given time. Lawyers are high functioning individuals with tremendous capacity to "never let them see you sweat." This skill is often the downfall for many who may be dealing with these hidden issues. Typically colleagues are too busy with their own lives and law practices to notice when one of their own may be struggling. In this CLE, volunteers from the NC Lawyer Assistance Program share their experience and personal insight into the specific mental health issues they encountered, the consequences that resulted from those issues, how they began recovery, and what life is like today "on the other side." The speakers will also share helpful resources and explain how the Lawyer Assistance Program works. These personal stories illuminate hidden symptoms and more obvious behavior patterns that any lawyer can use to identify issues in colleagues or in oneself. As each person's journey is unique, the stories all differ. Spoken from the heart, these stories are often funny, sometimes heartbreaking, and always inspirational.

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday Night Party at Smoky Park Supper Club

*Sponsored by **Milner Plaintiff Services/Millennium Settlements***

Join us along the majestic French Broad River for dinner, dancing and fun! We will have a fantastic band providing live music during dinner. This is always one of the highlights of Mountain Magic and a great way to spend time with friends from near and far one last time, before heading home!

This is a family-friendly event, complimentary for Mountain Magic attendees and guest.

Saturday Night Band "Harvest" *sponsored by **Teddy, Meekins & Talbert, Attorneys at Law***



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

NCAJ Board of Governors Meeting



Fall Conference for Paralegals **OCTOBER 19 / ASHEVILLE, NC** **LITIGATION STRENGTH TRAINING for PARALEGALS**

The Fall Conference for Paralegals is held concurrently with NCAJ's Mountain Magic 2018 and offers a variety of topics of interest to paralegals, legal assistants, and anyone on the legal support staff. Attend and get your annual CPE requirement for the paralegal certification!

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sponsored by **Settlement Planning Services, LLC** | 6.0 CPE Hours (including 1.0 Ethics Hour)

9:00 am – 10:00 am	How to Walk the Line: Taking a Case from Initial Intake Call to the Courthouse Filing Noah Abrams, Abrams & Abrams, P.A., Raleigh
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Reality Check Ahead: Creating Checklists to Assist You in Handling Workers' Compensation Claims and Social Security Disability Cases Melissa L. Garcia, Garcia Law Firm, P.A., Charlotte
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Trials in the Technology Age: Time to Put Away the Old Stuff – Using Technology to Try Cases More Efficiently and Move Towards a More "Paperless" Approach Sherry Bolens, NCCP, Comerford & Britt, LLP, Winston-Salem John Chilson, Comerford & Britt, LLP, Winston-Salem
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (with Mountain Magic Attendees)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Keep Calm & Prepare a List: The How-To's for Tailoring Trial Prep Checklists to Fit the Case You Are Trying Matthew W. Buckmiller, Stubbs & Perdue, P.A., Raleigh
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	411 on 414: How to Apply Rule 414 to Your Case and Current Issues Surrounding Rule 414 Ann C. Ochsner, Whitley Law Firm, Raleigh
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Ethics: Update on Current Ethics Opinions Warren Savage, Lawyers Mutual Insurance Co. of NC, Cary
4:45 pm	Adjourn
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YOUR REGISTRATION INCLUDES

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FALL CONFERENCE FOR PARALEGALS (OCTOBER 19): seminar materials (electronic format only), breaks, Social @ Lexington Avenue Brewery (Thursday), lunch (Friday), and Sunset Social (Friday). Registrants will be emailed a link to the seminar materials before the program for viewing and downloading.

DEADLINES: Register by October 4 and SAVE! All registration must be received by October 10 at 8 am. After that time registration closes and you will only be able to register on-site (beginning Thursday, October 18, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm and continuing through Mountain Magic).

REFUNDS: Cancellation requests received by October 10 will be refunded less a \$35 service fee. No refunds will be honored after October 10.

NON-ATTENDANCE: If you are unable to attend, you will be provided the seminar materials in lieu of a refund.

MCLE/CPE CREDITS: "Mountain Magic" qualifies for 6.0 CLE hours. Attendance at the "Stories of Renewal and Recovery" qualifies for 1.0 Substance Abuse Hour. The "Fall Conference for Paralegals" qualifies for 6.0 CPE Hours (inc. 1.0 Ethics).

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

OMNI GROVE PARK INN & SPA | 209 MACON AVENUE

Call 800.438.5800 or 828.252.2711 and ask for the NC Advocates for Justice group rate of \$355/night (single/double). The block is **available until September 17, 2018**. Room availability and rates cannot be guaranteed after this date or if room block sells out prior to this date. *Check-in after 4:00 pm; check-out is before 11:00 am.*

Other recommended hotels in the area:

HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON (88 Tunnel Road) 828.252.5400

RENAISSANCE ASHEVILLE HOTEL (One Thomas Wolfe Plaza) 800.359.7951 or 828.252.8211

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON (22 Woodfin Street) 800.325.3535

HAYWOOD PARK HOTEL (1 Battery Park Avenue) 800.228.2522

CROWNE PLAZA RESORT (1 Holiday Inn Drive) 828.254.3211

DOWNTOWN INN & SUITES (120 Patton Avenue) 828.254.9661

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT ASHEVILLE (1 Buckstone Place) 828.281.0041

SPRINGHILL SUITES (2 Buckstone Place) 828.253.4666

HOLIDAY INN EAST (1450 Tunnel Road) 828.299.3308

DAYS INN EAST (1435 Tunnel Road) 828.298.4000

HAMPTON INN (204 Tunnel Road) 828.255.9220

PRINCESS ANN BED & BREAKFAST (301 E. Chestnut Street) 828.258.0986

HOTEL INDIGO (151 Haywood Street) 877.846.3446

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registration

EVENTS + SOCIALS

SIDEBAR SOCIAL AT LEXINGTON AVENUE BREWERY

Thursday October 18
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

This is a great opportunity to see NCAJ Members from around Asheville and those registered for Mountain Magic. This event is held at Lexington Avenue Brewery, one of Asheville's most popular breweries.
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FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Friday, October 19
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

The Friday Luncheon speaker is always one of the highlights of Mountain Magic! This year's speaker is Kevin Thompson, *Thompson Barney, LLC*, from Charleston, West Virginia.
Sponsored by Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of NC

FRIDAY SUNSET SOCIAL HOUR

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP

The Allen A. Bailey Endowment is offering NCAJ young lawyer members the opportunity to apply for a fellowship to attend Mountain Magic 2018. The fellowship includes one complimentary Mountain Magic registration and hotel accommodations at the Omni Grove Park Inn. Two Allen A. Bailey Endowment Fellows will be selected. Applicants will be evaluated and selected on the basis of NCAJ membership status, demonstrated financial need, and letter of recommendation. Applications are available at ncaj.com/endowment. Apply before **September 12**. Questions? Contact Kim Crouch at kcrouch@ncaj.com or 800.688.1413.

MOUNTAIN MAGIC OCTOBER 18 – 21

	Early by 10/4	Advance by 10/10	On-site after 10/10
NCAJ Member	○ 405	○ \$425	○ \$445
First Time Attendee (must be NCAJ member)	○ \$270	○ \$290	○ \$310
NCAJ Public Service Attorney Member	○ \$245	○ \$265	○ \$285
NCAJ Legal Assistant Member	○ \$155	○ \$175	○ \$195
Non-Member	○ \$505	○ \$525	○ \$545
Full-Time Judge	○ Comp	○ Comp	○ Comp

Please Note: CLE Season Tickets not valid for Mountain Magic registration.

Seminar materials:

All seminar materials are PAPERLESS! Please be on the lookout for an email 72 hours prior to the seminar that includes an electronic link to the seminar materials to download and/or print.

Total \$ _____

OPTIONAL FALL CONFERENCE for PARALEGALS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

	Early by 10/4	Advance by 10/10	On-site after 10/10
NCAJ Legal Assistant Member	○ \$170	○ \$190	○ \$210
Non-Member	○ \$220	○ \$240	○ \$260
Paralegal Student	○ \$40	○ \$40	○ \$40
CLE Season Ticket Holder	○ Comp	○ Comp	○ Comp

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Total \$ _____

THREE EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

Log on to www.ncaj.com (credit card only)

Fax form to 919.833.6396 (credit card only)

Mail this form to NCAJ/CLE, P.O. Box 10918, Raleigh, NC 27605-0918

Name _____

Email _____

(for confirmation/seminar materials)

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT Check enclosed

Charge my: Mastercard VISA Amex

Account # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS/ACCOMMODATIONS

Requests for special dietary needs will be honored, if possible. Please contact Amy Smith at 919.835.2811 or amy@ncaj.com at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements.

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