

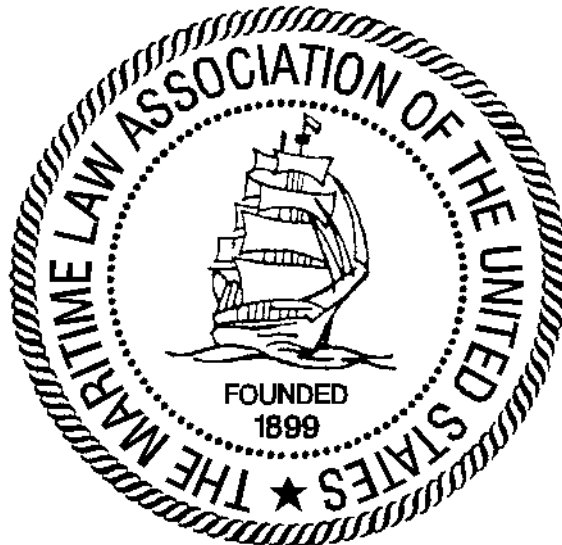
The Maritime Law Association
Of the United States

FALL MEETING

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION IN HILTON HEAD

November 3 – 7, 2009

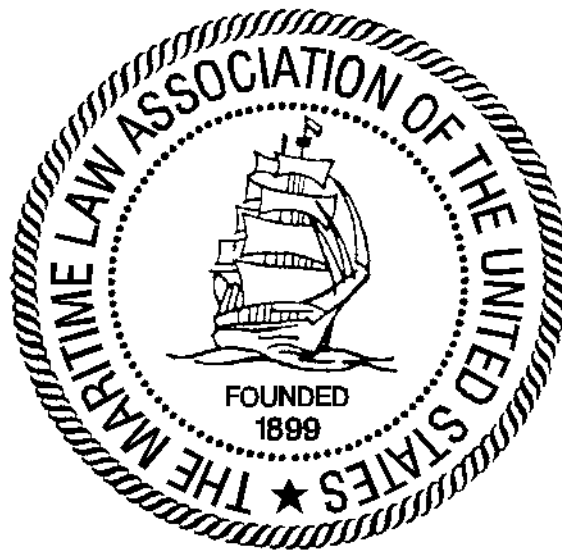
Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa



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Dear MLA Members and Invited Guests:

This year's Resort Meeting will take place at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort and Spa.

Our Meeting will feature all of the MLA's signature professional, social and recreational resort meeting activities. This year, we anticipate presenting up to 12 hours of accredited Continuing Legal Education programs, with additional CLE presented in the committee meeting context. Featured topics will include discussions of issues relating to piracy, Rule B, maritime personal injury, *Daubert* challenges to maritime experts, intermodalism and ethics, as well as a review of recent developments in maritime law generally. Further details within!

We will open our social activities with the traditional President's Welcome cocktail reception on Wednesday. Our meeting will feature an Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil at the Hilton Head Plantation on Thursday and our Dinner Dance will bring us the sounds of the Sapphire Bullets of Pure Love on Friday. We will close with a Buffet Supper on Saturday night.

The Resort offers a beautiful setting for all outdoor activities, and our golfers should be particularly pleased with the spectacular Robert Trent Jones course that will host our tournament.

Once again, we are pleased to encourage attendance of our younger members by offering a special reduced rate for those who have been members of the Association for less than ten years. We will also offer them à la carte ticketing to evening events.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

Warren J. Marwedel
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CLE SCHEDULE

(Order of presentation and starting times will be announced at the Convention)

Thursday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Thursday, November 5, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 6, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

What Every Maritime Lawyer Should Know About Piracy

Mr. H. Allen Black
Winston & Strawn, Washington D.C.

Panel: *Strategies & Recent Developments in Maritime Personal Injury*

Mr. Paul Gibson
Riesen Law Firm, North Charleston, SC
Mr. Eddie Powers
Vandeventer Black, LLP, Norfolk, VA
Mr. Jack Scalia
GARD (North America), New York, NY

Daubert and the Maritime Expert

Mr. David Marvel
Robertson & Hollingsworth, Charleston, SC

Intermodalism Issues for the Maritime Practitioner

Mr. Ryan Gilsean
Buist, Moore, Smith & McGee, Charleston, SC

The End of the Package Limitation As We Know It: What The Rotterdam Rules Would Mean For Carriers, Stevedores, and Terminal Operators

Mr. Alexander Giles
Semmes, Bowen & Semmes, Baltimore, MD

Current Status of Maritime Punitive Damages

Professor Randall Bridwell
Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC

How to Deal With a Difficult Adversary

Mr. David Sipple
Hunter Maclean Exley & Dunn, P.C., Savannah, GA

Panel: *Recent Developments and Current Status in Rule B Litigation*

Mr. Patrick Lennon
Tisdale & Lennon, Southport, CT

Mr. Peter Gutowski
Freehill, Hogan & Mahar, LLP, New York, NY

Mr. Carl Buchholz III
Rawle & Henderson, Philadelphia, PA

DAILY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

All Day: Early Arrival
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Registration

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

9:00 a.m. – Noon Tennis
9:00 a.m. – Noon Registration
Noon – 5:00 p.m. Golf
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.: Registration
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.: Reception for first-time attendees
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: President's Welcome Reception

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Registration: As needed
8:00 a.m. – Noon: Fishing
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Early Committee Meetings
9:00 a.m. – Noon: CLE Programs
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. CLE Programs
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Oyster Roast & Low Country Boil

Friday, November 6, 2009

Registration: As needed
6:45 a.m. Fun Run/Walk
8:00 a.m. – 12:30: CLE Programs
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.: Committee Meetings
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Cocktail Reception
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.: Dinner and Dancing

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Registration: As needed
9:30 a.m. – Noon: Annual General Business Meeting
1:00 p.m.: Sailing Regatta
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Farewell Dinner Buffet

GOLF

The MLA Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Robert Trent Jones Course at Palmetto Dunes Plantation. There will be a shotgun start at Noon, and players may choose whether to play individual stroke play or a Captain's Choice team scramble format. The Robert Trent Jones Course is located within walking distance of the Marriott, but hotel shuttle buses will be available if necessary to transport players from the Marriott to the Clubhouse. Please be at the course and ready to golf by 11:30 a.m. to avoid delays. The early bird registration fee is \$150.00. The registration fee includes golf, cart, driving range, box lunch, refreshments on the course and after the round, and prizes. A Golf Registration Form is attached on page 10. Any individuals or Firms wishing to donate prizes or giveaways, please contact Alex Giles

TENNIS

The Tennis Tournament will take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. The event will be a Round Robin starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Palmetto Dunes tennis facility, walking distance from the Marriott. The early-bird registration fee is \$50/person, including court fees, balls and prizes. Beverages will be available in the pro shop (for individual purchase or charge), and participants will be entitled to a 15% discount on selected merchandise. Racquet rental is available for \$4. *Participants can also reserve court time throughout the week at a reduced hourly rate (\$20 per hour).* MLA guests will also be eligible to sign up for any of the daily clinics and lessons (group or private) offered by the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center, as well as a full array of junior tennis programs.

FISHING

Enjoy a morning (8AM to Noon) of fully guided inshore fishing in the marshes of Hilton Head Island. Anglers will fish with local guides on fully equipped Bay boats (4 anglers per boat). All bait, tackle, ice, refreshments and gratuities are covered in the trip price (early bird registration, \$150). November is prime fishing season in this area. Target species this time of year include redfish and speckled trout. The trip will depart from Shelter Cove Marina. Arrive by 7:30 AM to ensure a timely departure.

TWO-MILE FUN RUN/WALK

The Fun Run/Walk will take place on Friday November 6, 2009 at 6:45 AM. Registration will begin at 6:15 AM, poolside at the Marriott. Enjoy beautiful views of the beach and the island during the run. Water and fruit will be provided. Winners will be declared for men and women in both the walk and run. All participants will receive an MLA t-shirt. The early-bird registration fee is \$35/person.

SAILING

Participate is an afternoon sailing regatta hosted by the South Carolina Yacht Club in the waters off Hilton Head Island. Participants will crew Harbor 20's skippered by Club members. The regatta will have full a race committee. Post-race cocktails at the Club are included in the registration fee. No experience required. The early-bird registration fee is \$35/person, for sailors and spectators alike. The regatta will conclude in time to allow participants to make it to the Farewell Dinner.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME TO HILTON HEAD

We will gather on the hotel's Bass Head deck overlooking the ocean for cocktails, a buffet dinner featuring crabcakes and other local dishes, and the opportunity to meet friends at the beginning of our Hilton Head meeting. Dress is sporty casual. Ties are not required for the gentlemen.

OYSTER ROAST AND LOW COUNTRY BOIL

A short bus ride will take us to the beautiful Hilton Head Plantation for a traditional South Carolina oyster roast and low country dinner. Local oyster providers will open and roast fresh oysters, which will be enjoyed with lemon and or cocktail sauce. For non oyster eaters, other hors d'oeuvres will be available. Our low country dinner will feature a traditional low country boil – shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes – along with shrimp and grits, fried chicken and other low country specialties. Dress is casual.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER DANCE

Following cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, we will have dine on filet mignon in the hotel's elegant ballroom. Entertainment will be provided by a favorite local musical group, the Sapphire Bullets of Pure Love, who will help us dance the night away, Southern-style. Cocktail attire for the ladies and coats and ties for the gentlemen.

FAREWELL BUFFET

Before packing to go home, we will head to the hotel deck for cocktails, a casual, family-friendly cook-out supper, and a last chance to meet up with old and new friends and discuss when we will meet again. Dress is casual.

The meeting registration fee for MLA Members and Invited Guests is:

\$800.00 if postmarked before October 1, 2009, or
\$850.00 if postmarked after September 30, 2009.

The fee for an adult (18 or older) accompanying an MLA Member or Invited Guest is:

\$600.00 if postmarked before October 1, 2009 or
\$650.00 if postmarked after September 30, 2009.

The registration fee includes meals and beverages for adult registrants at four hosted events: the President's Welcome Cocktail Reception, the Thursday Oyster Roast, the Cocktail Reception and Dinner Dance and the Farewell Buffet. Children under 18 need not register, but are not eligible to attend hosted events.

The fee for Young Lawyers (admitted to MLA membership after 1999) is:

\$150.00 if postmarked before October 1, 2009 or
\$175.00 if postmarked after September 30, 2009.

The fee for an adult (18 or older) accompanying a Young Lawyer is:

\$125.00 if postmarked before October 1, 2009 or
\$150.00 if postmarked after September 30, 2009.

The Young Lawyer registration includes attendance at the Oyster Roast, CLE programs and committee meetings. À la carte event pricing is available to Young Lawyers and appears on the registration form.

Admission at all hosted events will be by ticket only. Tickets will be included in the registration materials that you will receive upon arrival at the MLA Registration Desk.

The 2-page MLA REGISTRATION FORM that follows must be completed and mailed with payment to:

Donald C. Radcliff
Brady Radcliff & Brown
Post Office Box 1668
Mobile, AL 36633

Confirmation from MLA will be by e-mail. If you do not specify an e-mail address, confirmation will be via postcard. Your reservation will not be confirmed until full payment for all registrants in your party has been received by MLA.

REFUND POLICY: Refunds will be considered only after the meeting has been concluded and a final accounting has been rendered. Only written requests for refunds received by Donald C. Radcliff on or before October 16, 2007 will be considered. A cancellation charge of \$100 will be deducted from any refund to cover the non-recoverable costs of the MLA.

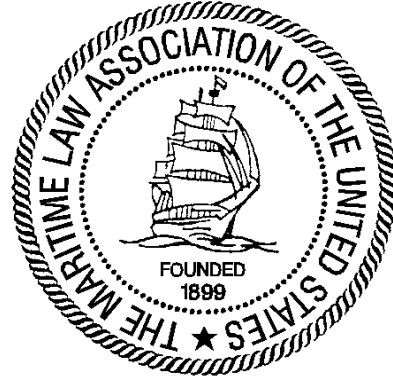
Remember, you must make hotel reservations directly with the Marriott. See page 9.

CLE Accreditation

Approximately 12 CLE credits (50-minute credit basis) will be offered. Additional CLE credits may be available at certain committee meetings. Final CLE program topics and speakers are subject to change. Tulane CLE will partner with the MLA for this program. Tulane will prepare and submit CLE course credit applications for all applicable states and submit the CLE credit records to the appropriate states. There may be a few states for which Tulane will not seek course approval because of the very hefty approval fee charged by those states. In those cases, Tulane will prepare the necessary paperwork for the attorney to submit to that state for the CLE Credit. Any person seeking CLE credits who has a genuine financial hardship may apply in writing explaining the basis of his or her hardship, and, if circumstances warrant, may receive a discount in the registration fee in accordance with the MLA's financial aid policy. Contact JoAnne Zawitoski, Vice-Chair, Committee on Planning and Arrangements

To register for the Convention, you must print and complete this page and the following page and send them, with full payment, to:

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Name of Member or Invited Guest: _____

Firm or Employer: _____

Address: _____

Street _____

City _____ State or Country _____ Zip or Postal Code _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Name of Spouse or Adult Companion: _____

Name(s) / age(s) of children: _____

Indicate: MLA Member Young Lawyer Director Past President
 Invited Guest Officer Committee Chair

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ *Make checks payable to "MLA" in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Wire instructions on request – extra charge applies.*

Name Badges: _____

Arrival time / date: _____ Dep. time / date: _____
Hotel if not at the Marriott: _____

The MLA Fall Meeting is limited to members, their spouses or other loved ones and immediate family. Other non-members may attend only by personal invitation from the President of the Association. Collegiality, our long-standing tradition, has been developed and nurtured by including everyone in every function. Accordingly, once again we ask your cooperation in foregoing any private parties.

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If you have questions regarding the registration form, please call Mr. Radcliff at 1-251-405-0077

REGISTRATION	POSTMARK BEFORE 10/1	POSTMARK AFTER 9/30	NO. OF PEOPLE		RATE		TOTAL	
Member or Invited Guest (circle one)	\$800.00	\$850.00		X		=	\$	
Accompanying Adult (over 18)	\$600.00	\$650.00		X		=	\$	
Young Lawyer	\$150.00	\$175.00		X		=	\$	
Adult Accompanying a Young Lawyer	\$125.00	\$150.00		X		=	\$	
Registration Subtotal:								\$

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES								
Tennis USTA Rating _____ Wed., Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m.	\$50.00	\$65.00	___ M ___ F	X		=	\$	
Golf (Please also complete page 10) Wed., Nov. 4, Noon	\$150.00	\$175.00		X		=	\$	
Fishing Thurs., Nov. 5, 8:00 a.m.	\$150.00	\$175.00		X		=	\$	
Fun Run/Walk Fri., Nov. 6, 6:45 a.m.	\$35.00	\$45.00		X		=	\$	
Sailing: Sailors: Spectators: Sat., Nov. 7, 1:00 p.m.	\$35.00 \$35.00	\$45.00 \$45.00		X		=	\$	
Outdoor Activity Subtotal:								\$

YOUNG LAWYER EVENT TICKETS								
President's Welcome	\$150.00	\$175.00		x		=	\$	
Oyster Roast	0	0			0	=	\$ INCL.	
Dinner Dance	\$195.00	\$225.00		X		=	\$	
Farewell Buffet	\$100.00	\$125.00		X		=	\$	
Young Lawyer Event Tickets Subtotal:								

(Tickets for Young Lawyers and their accompanying adults are priced equally.)

Social Events	No. Attending
Help us plan by confirming the number of adults who will attend	
President's Welcome	
Oyster Roast & Low Country Boil	
Dinner Dance	
Farewell Buffet	

Total enclosed: \$ _____



Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa

One Hotel Circle Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928

Phone: 1-843-686-8400

Fax: 1-843-686-8450

Reservations: 1-888-511-5086

As the closest resort hotel to the beach, Marriott's deluxe guest rooms provide the best ocean views Hilton Head Island has to offer. Prop your feet up on your private balcony and relax. All accommodations are provided with private balconies, individual climate control, AM/FM clock radio, cable TV with remote control and in-room pay movies, two line telephones with message light, voice mail and dataport, in-room coffee and tea, hair dryer, iron and ironing board. Standard rooms are configured with either a king size bed or two double beds. All rooms have redesigned bathrooms that include shower stalls for king-size rooms and tubs for double-size rooms.

The MLA has secured a block of rooms including Resort View rooms, Ocean View rooms and Ocean Front rooms at prices of \$175.00, \$195.00 and \$215.00 per night, excluding taxes. The MLA has secured a waiver of the Resort Fee.

To reserve, call 1-888-511-5086 now!

The Resort offers a variety of on-site dining opportunities, including Conroy's, a newly-renovated fine-dining restaurant. Conroy's offers the best of tastes and textures so revered in the Low Country, and each dish is prepared with creativity and flair. Named after the famous Low Country writer, Pat Conroy, dining at Conroy's is an experience to savor again and again.

Conroy's Bar is located adjacent to Conroy's fine dining restaurant, the lounge features your favorite beer, wine and spirit as well as occasional evening entertainment.

If you want the perfect place to start your day or just to enjoy a light lunch, the Resort's Café is the location. Come dressed as you are to this family-friendly restaurant. A healthy and filling breakfast and lunch awaits you.

The hotel offers a full complement of spa services at Spa Soleil. Telephone 1-843-686-8420 for advance reservations.

The hotel is located minutes from the Hilton Head airport, and about 75 minutes by car from the Savannah airport.

For more information about the hotel, visit:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hhhgr-hilton-head-marriott-resort-and-spa/> and

<http://www.hiltonheadmarriott.com/>

MLA GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Robert Trent Jones Course at Palmetto Dunes Plantation

Space is limited for the MLA Golf Tournament that will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, featuring a shotgun start at noon. We request that MLA registrants and their guests register as soon as possible to ensure participation in this event.

The early bird registration fee (postmarked prior to October 1, 2009) is \$150.00, while registrations postmarked after September 30, 2009 will be \$175.00. The registration fee includes golf, cart, driving range, box lunch, refreshments on the course and after the round, and prizes. To register, please complete the below MLA Golf Tournament Registration Form.

If anyone needs to rent clubs, please indicate below whether you need to rent right-handed or left-handed clubs. The sooner that you notify the below individuals regarding your need for rental clubs, the better chance they and the golf course will have to insure rental clubs being available. The club rental charge at Palmetto Dunes will be \$50.

Please Print or Type

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: _____ USGA Handicap (or estimate): _____

Format (Choose): Stroke Play _____ Captain's Choice – Team: _____

Rental Clubs (If Needed): Left-handed _____ (Right-handed) _____

Forward this Registration Form with payment of \$150.00/player (if postmarked before Oct. 1, 2009) or \$175.00/player (if postmarked after Sept. 30, 2009) to:

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