



## South Dakota Defense Lawyers Association Newsletter



### *President's Message*

**DOUGLAS ABRAHAM**

I want to reach out, as my term as President of the Association winds to end and encourage each of you to participate in our Annual Seminar which is set to occur on November 2 and 3, 2023, in Deadwood, and to further encourage you to participate on our Board and Committees.

First, our Program Committee has worked diligently to secure excellent speakers through the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and we have also organized a panel of Judges headed up by the Seventh Circuit's Chief Judge, the Honorable Craig Pfeifle. I hope to see you all in Deadwood and hope you will all take advantage of this excellent opportunity to reconnect with colleagues through the Association and participate in an outstanding seminar.

This Association also continues to be proactive with the next generation of lawyers at the Law School at the University of South Dakota. Tyler Haigh is our law school Committee Chair and has done an excellent job working with the students at USD.

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*Join Us on October 4th!*

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

**THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEFENSE  
LAWYERS ASSOCIATION  
&  
STATE BAR OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SECTOR SECTION**

**INVITE YOU TO:**

*A Reception for the Court*

October 4, 2023

5:00PM-7:00PM

***Valiant Vineyards***

1500 West Main Street, Vermillion, SD 57069



As a last-minute invitation, I also want to remind you all of the Supreme Court Reception at Valiant Vineyards that the Association co-hosts with the State Bar South Dakota Public Sector Section. I hope to see you all there on October 4, 2023. Last, I want to encourage you to reach out to the Association through its Officers and Executive Secretaries to take advantage of our list-served to assist in securing experts, sharing testimony, and generally providing assistance to colleagues involving the unique issues that are presented in our area of work.

# Annual SEMINAR

## Deadwood Social Club



**THURSDAY**  
NOVEMBER 2ND



**TIME**  
5:30 - 8:00 PM

## The Lodge at Deadwood



**FRIDAY**  
NOVEMBER 3RD



**TIME**  
7:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Full schedule of events on page 4. Hotel block at The Lodge at Deadwood under SDDL A. All conference information can be found at [sddla.org/events](https://sddla.org/events).



# 2023 SDDLA Annual Seminar

## Schedule of Events

<b>Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Deadwood Social Club</b>
4:30-5:30 PM	Board Meeting
5:30-6:15 PM	Social
6:30-8:00 PM	SDDLA Annual Business Meeting Awards Dinner
<b>Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>The Lodge at Deadwood</b>
7:30 AM	Registration Opens
8:00 AM	Welcome
8:30-9:15 AM	Ethics Presentation James Hehner, Clendening Johnson & Bohrer, P.C.
9:15-9:45 AM	Vendor Introductions
9:45-10:15 AM	Break
10:15-11:15 AM	Trial Tactics Matthew Moffett, Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, LLP
11:15 AM-12:15 PM	Judges Panel Judge Pfeifle (Craig), Judge Swanson, Judge Wickre

Registration is open for the 2023 Annual Seminar. All registration and accommodation information can be found on our website:  
<https://sddla.org/events>.



# *Message from the Executive Team*

KATIE SIEVERDING & JASPER DIEGEL

Happy Fall! The weather and the leaves are definitely changing. I even made my first batch of chili over the weekend.

We are gearing up for a great Annual Seminar in Deadwood and are excited to officially meet everyone in person. The seminar schedule is set and is going to be a great line up of speakers! All the conference information can be found on our new website: [sddla.org/events](http://sddla.org/events).

Speaking of websites, that was one of the first projects we tackled as we took over management of the association. We were unable to gain access to the old website, [sddla.net](http://sddla.net), so we purchased the new domain, [sddla.org](http://sddla.org), and started creating an fresh new site for the association. We are working to get membership dues payments accepted right on the website.

We are excited to be a part of this association and see what the next chapter holds!

*~Katie*



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