



LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL

ANNUAL MEETING

HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE
JULY 1 - 4, 2024



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I joined the LADC 26 years ago when I became a first-year associate at the firm in which I still practice today. I joined the organization at the urging of my mentors within the firm. If I'm being completely honest, I joined the LADC because that's just what young lawyers in our firm did once they were sworn in and admitted to practice. However, it didn't take me long to realize that the LADC is an organization in which my time and dollars were worth investing.

In the fall of 1999, my husband and I went on our first "big" LADC trip – an attribute for which the LADC had become known after a couple of decades in existence. Back then, there were two LADC trips per year: the annual meeting (which often was held at a location outside the U.S.), and a fall meeting (which usually was held at a stateside location). Our firm's managing partner was President of the LADC that year, so not only was attendance of our firm's associates encouraged, it was a relatively affordable trip for members to make – even those who were in the infancy of their careers. The destination – Cancun, Mexico – was enticing for numerous reasons. The setting was tropical, the meeting location offered beach set-ups & a swim-up bar (and umbrella drinks flourished at both), and golf & spa options for attendees were plentiful. Most importantly, Cancun was a place where members and their families temporarily escaped the demands and pressures of the practice of law. An added bonus was that we dined, socialized, and cut loose with people from all over the state whose acquaintance otherwise would not have been made.

In 2006, my husband and I attended another "big" meeting as a perk of my LADC membership. With the exception of its price point, this trip rivaled in many ways the Cancun trip we had taken years before. The meeting location offered a tropical climate, pools with ocean views, orchid-garnished rum drinks, and luxury spa facilities. The setting was Maui, and the Spirit of Aloha abounded. We occupied some of our spare time with charter fishing trips, Jeeping the Hana Highway, and sunset whale-watching cruises. In a word, it was paradise.

Next up for us with the LADC was Costa Rica – a destination that offered experiences like monkey mangrove tours, billfishing (and more specifically, billfish-catching!), day trips to Tortuga Island, and first-class spa treatments. The best part of this trip was that my daughter (then 4) and my mom both joined us on the trip, making it the definition of a family vacation and an experience we all still cherish to this day.

My LADC experience is not unique. Each and every member can enjoy this particular advantage of membership. You need only register to attend one of the amazing trips offered by the LADC each year, and you and your family may have the experience of a lifetime. To that end, I urge you and your families to join me in July 2024 at the LADC's annual meeting on the Island of Hawai'i as we celebrate the culmination of my term, reflect on the successes of the LADC's first 60 years of life, and toast to the future of this reputable organization. There, we will escape the rigors of life on the mainland and embrace the Spirit of Aloha.

If you cannot celebrate Independence Day with us next year in our Nation's 50th state, please consider becoming more involved in the LADC. Make no mistake; I have thoroughly enjoyed the social aspects of my LADC membership. However, my involvement long ago expanded (from merely attending CLEs and taking trips) to Board service, having occupied various roles which collectively encompass almost a decade of my career. It is that service from which I have received the greatest professional benefit, for I have been privileged to serve with motivating leaders, engaged directors, enthusiastic young lawyers, exceptional executive directors and a super event planner. I truly am honored to have been selected to lead the organization that singlehandedly has made the most indelible mark on me – both professionally and personally.

Mahalo,

Jennie Porche Pellegrin | LADC President

HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE

Discover paradise on the Big Island. Located on the sunny, scenic Kohala Coast, the Hilton Waikoloa Village offers a taste of island life where the Spirit of Aloha will envelop you - whether you choose to float your cares away on the lazy river, relax poolside in a cabana while sipping on a tropical cocktail to a ukulele serenade, survey sea turtles and reef fish in a saltwater oasis, or swim, snorkel and paddle in the oceanfront lagoon.

ACCOMMODATIONS & RATES

Palace Tower Resort View - \$339/night + taxes/fees Near Kohala Pool, Main Lagoon, Wedding Chapel and Nui Italian. 350 to 480 sq. ft. room in Palace Tower, featuring golf course, tropical garden or mountain views, one king-sized bed or two queen sized beds, outdoor balcony/lanai, mini fridge and coffeemaker.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM HERE

Click the link below or paste in your browser.

www.bit.ly/LADC2024HAWAII

RESERVATION DEADLINE

May 31, 2024

REDUCED RESORT FEE

\$30/day + taxes

Includes the following amenities:

- 1) In-room internet access
- 2) Hawaiian cultural class offerings, including ukulele, lei-making, and hula lessons
- 3) Local, toll-free, and credit card calls (no access fee)
- 4) Unlimited movie rentals with DVD – limit 2 checked out at any given time
- 5) Complimentary 15-minute photo session and souvenir keepsake
- 6) 20% discount on beach toys at the saltwater lagoon
- 7) Keiki Pool activities and scavenger hunts
- 8) Unlimited fitness and yoga classes at the Hohala Spa
- 9) \$10 off Hawaii Nautical Sailings on the Spirit of Aloha Catamaran from Anaeho'omalulu Bay



MEETING & EVENTS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 1ST

Hotel check-in opens at 4:00 p.m.

Join us on the Sunset Lanai from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for an opening reception. Conference materials and welcome bags will be available for pick up at the reception.

TUESDAY, JULY 2ND

Morning CLE.

Spend your afternoon exploring the island, then join us at the Legends of Hawaii Luau where hula dancers, torch runners, and coconut huskers will share some of Hawaii's unique traditions and culture. You won't want to miss this entertainment-filled evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD

Morning CLE.

Continue your island explorations in the afternoon, then join us at the Grand Staircase from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for the "Passing the Gavel" dinner.

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

Enjoy breakfast with the group before island-hopping to your next destination, or stay and celebrate the 4th on-site.

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH

Departures



CLE SEMINAR REGISTRATION

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To register electronically, please visit the LADC website at www.LADC.org

Registration Opens:

August 14, 2023

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- 8 hours of on-site CLE and electronic seminar materials
- 4 hours of CLE via Zoom (to be obtained at a later date in 2024)
- Buffet breakfast (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
- Monday evening welcome reception
- Tuesday evening Legends of Luau dinner
- Wednesday evening closing dinner and entertainment

2024 LADC ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

(APPLICATION FORM ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.LADC.ORG)

Check all appropriate boxes to identify each applicable per person fee and to calculate your registration fee:

☐ Member Fee: \$995

☐ Non-Member Fee (Lawyer attending CLE): \$1,295 (Includes complimentary one-year membership)

☐ Emeritus Member Fee: \$899:

☐ Spouse/Significant Other/Adult Guest Fee: \$795

☐ Adult Child Fee (18+ years): \$795

☐ Senior Child Fee (13-17 years): \$230

☐ Junior Child Fee (5-12 years): \$145

☐ Child Under 5: complimentary

Total Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

NAME (for name tag) _____

FIRM _____

EMAIL _____ OFFICE PHONE _____

NAME(S) OF SPOUSE, GUEST(S) AND/OR CHILD(REN) (for name tags) _____

PAYMENT METHOD

A check (made payable to LADC and mailed with this form to P.O. Box 9430, Metairie, LA 70055) in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Charge to (check one): ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ Zip Code _____

Signature (as it appears on card) _____

CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund (minus a \$50 administrative fee) will be issued for cancellations received before January 1, 2024.

A refund of 50% of all payments made will be issued for cancellations received on or before June 3, 2024.

A refund of 25% of all payments made will be issued for cancellations received on or before June 17, 2024.

Absolutely no refunds will be issued for cancellations received after June 18, 2024, and all payments received will be forfeited.

Requests for cancellation of registration must be made to and received by the LADC in writing. All such requests/cancellations should be emailed to kimberly@eventresourcesnola.com. Please contact Kimberly Zibilich at 504-208-5510 or at kimberly@eventresourcesnola.com with any questions you may have or for more information.