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May 31, 2016

Maria Z. Vathis, Esquire
National Convention Committee
Federal Bar Association
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Re: South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
Proposal to Host 2020 Annual Meeting and Convention

Dear Maria and members of the Committee:

On behalf of 2020 Convention Charleston Bid Committee, I am pleased to submit the South Carolina Chapter's proposal to host the Federal Bar Association's 2020 Annual Meeting and National Convention in beautiful and historic Charleston, South Carolina.

As you will see in detail in our application, we are very proud of our thriving Chapter here in South Carolina. Our Chapter's continued growth shows that we have the enthusiasm, resources, and drive to make the 2020 event a tremendous success. Moreover, in addition to the strong support of the current Board of Directors, several of the Chapter's past presidents have been heavily involved in building our Chapter's momentum for this submission, and their support shows that the energy behind this application extends well beyond the Chapter's current administration. Perhaps just as importantly, the legal community in Charleston (and in South Carolina generally) is exceptionally collegial and would be engaged and welcoming hosts. The Chapter also enjoys tremendous support from our local federal judges. Should the Committee select Charleston as the location for the 2020 meeting, we are confident that the South Carolina Chapter will have a large team of supporters ready to make the event an outstanding success.

We believe Charleston is the perfect host city for the 2020 Convention. Our application lists only a few of the accolades that Charleston has received as a premiere travel destination. (There simply wasn't room to include them all.) In selecting Charleston for the convention site, the Committee can be assured of high attendance not only by regular FBA event participants seeking to take advantage of outstanding programming and networking opportunities, but also by a large number of members and members-to-be who will take advantage of the opportunity to visit Charleston itself.

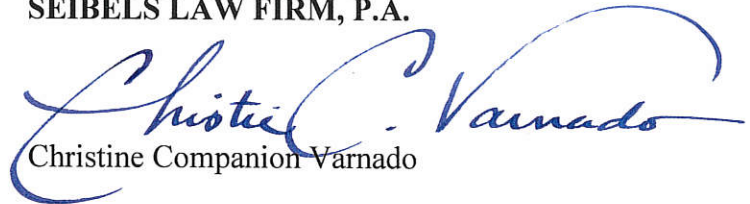
We ask that you give the South Carolina Chapter's proposal your strongest consideration and look forward to answering any questions the Committee may have.

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With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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PROPOSAL FOR

**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER
OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION



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The South Carolina Chapter is pleased to submit this bid to host the 2020 FBA Annual Meeting and Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

Charleston is an exciting and accessible location. *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine has named Charleston as the No. 2 City in the World (*Readers Choice Awards 2014*) and the No. 1 Small City in the United States every year since 2011. For decades, Charleston has topped the list of the "Most Polite" cities in the country. Charleston was the first stop in the Washington Post's "The Search for America's Best Food Cities" published in April 2015, and *Food and Wine* magazine has written about Charleston restaurants many times. The weather is fine in Charleston in September with daily averages between 67 and 84 degrees. The hospitality, congeniality, award-winning restaurants, historic venues, beaches, pleasant weather, and many other attractions that inspire national and international accolades for Charleston would serve as a huge draw for the members of the Federal Bar Association.

Reasonable Geographic Distribution of Convention Sites

In recent memory, no FBA annual convention has been held within the Fourth Circuit, which consists of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia. While members in the Fourth Circuit would have ready access to Charleston, the city is easily accessible by all. The Charleston International Airport is serviced by six major airlines with several non-stop flights offered daily.

AIRLINE & DIRECT FLIGHT DETAILS



For more information including arrival/departure times visit CHS-AIRPORT.COM.

ALASKA AIRLINES

800.252.7522 | alaskaair.com

4 weekly nonstop departures (M, W, F, Su)
to Seattle (SEA-TAC)
Number of seats: 160

AMERICAN AIRLINES

800.433.7300 | aa.com

9 daily nonstop departures to Charlotte (CLT)
Number of seats: 723

2 daily nonstop departures to Dallas (DFW)
Number of seats: 150

1 daily nonstop departure to Miami (MIA)
Number of seats: 100

3 daily nonstop departures to Philadelphia (PHL)
Number of seats: 180

5 daily nonstop departures to Washington (DCA)
Number of Seats: 294

DELTA AIR LINES

800.221.1212 | delta.com

11 daily nonstop departures to Atlanta (ATL)
Number of seats: 1535

2 daily nonstop departures to Detroit (DTW)
Number of seats: 100

2 daily nonstop departures to New York (JFK)
Number of seats: 204

3 daily nonstop departures to New York (LGA)
Number of seats: 195

JETBLUE AIRWAYS

800.JETBLUE (800.538.2583) | jetblue.com

2 daily nonstop departures to Boston (BOS)
Number of seats: 300

1 daily nonstop departure to Ft. Lauderdale (FLL)
Number of seats: 100

2 daily nonstop departures to New York (JFK)
Number of seats: 300

2 daily nonstop departures to Washington (DCA)
Number of seats: 200

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

800.I.FLY.SWA (800.435.9792) | southwest.com

3 daily nonstop departures to Baltimore (BWI)
Number of seats: 411

2 daily nonstop departures to Chicago (MDW)
Number of seats: 274

1 daily nonstop departure to Dallas (DAL)
Number of seats: 137

1 daily nonstop departure to Nashville (BNA)
Number of seats: 137

1 daily nonstop departure to Houston (HOU)
Number of seats: 137

UNITED AIRLINES

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4 daily nonstop departures to Chicago (ORD)
Number of seats: 250

1 daily nonstop departure to Houston (IAH)
Number of seats: 100

4 daily nonstop departures to Newark (EWR)
Number of seats: 250

3 daily nonstop departures to Washington (IAD)
Number of seats: 200

Recent South Carolina Chapter Activities and Programs

The South Carolina Chapter was reconstituted in 2001, and since that time has continued to increase the number of successful events and activities it offers to its growing membership. As a state-wide chapter, South Carolina presents events each year in several locations around the state, but primarily in Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston.

The South Carolina Chapter has experience hosting significant events. In April of 2016, the Chapter hosted the United States Magistrate Judges Conference in Charleston. With the "Holy City" as a draw, the conference had record attendance and included a reception in the historic federal courthouse.

In 2015, in conjunction with the FBA Federal Litigation Section and the South Carolina Bar Association, the Chapter hosted an event in Charleston celebrating the 225th anniversary of the federal court in South Carolina. All of the federal district and magistrate judges in the state, as well as a number of judges from the Fourth Circuit and South Carolina state courts attended the event that celebrated the federal court's important historical role in the state and the country. Attendees convened in the historic courtroom in the federal courthouse located on one corner of Charleston's famous "Four Corners of Law" to hear the presentations and then walked across the street to enjoy a champagne reception in Charleston County's historic courthouse, which has been restored to its 18th century appearance.

The Chapter also cohosted an event in Charleston to honor civil rights hero and former South Carolina District Judge J. Waties Waring. In his courageous dissent in *Briggs v. Elliott* in 1951, Judge Waring was the first federal judge in America to describe segregation as "per se inequality" and "an evil that must be eradicated." His reasoning was adopted three years later by the United States Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education*. The keynote speaker at this momentous event was Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States. Members of Congress, Charleston's mayor, and numerous judges and officials from around the state participated in the program. Following the unveiling of the statue of the judge erected in his honor, the Chapter hosted an outdoor reception in nearby Washington Park.

The Chapter has also hosted events in conjunction with the Fourth Circuit oral arguments held in Greenville, South Carolina, one of which featured former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

These recent special events are in addition to the popular programs the Chapter holds each year, including the Chapter's Annual Meeting and federal practice CLE in

September; the annual "Introduction to Federal Practice Seminar" series hosted for summer law clerks in Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston; and events to honor the investiture of new district and magistrate judges. The Chapter has also formed substantive law committees in various practice areas which host their own smaller, specialized events for members, including the recent inaugural Qui Tam CLE in Columbia. Brown bag lunches, judicial meet-and-greets, and events expressing gratitude and support for members of the "court family" round out the Chapter's calendar.

The Chapter also supports its successful ongoing service project by providing mentors and helping to fund events for the District's Drug Court Bridge Program, a voluntary program designed for individuals on pretrial or post conviction release who suffer from substance abuse or addiction. In cooperation with the U. S. District Court, U.S. Probation Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office, this program provides offender rehabilitation by implementing a blend of treatment and sanction alternatives. In addition, the Chapter hosted two National Community Outreach projects in Columbia and Greenville this year.

Chapter Recruitment Efforts and Resulting Growth

From a charter membership of 19 lawyers in September of 2001, the Chapter has grown to 376 members in 2016. The Chapter draws members from all parts of the state and has a significant concentration in Charleston and the surrounding communities. The Chapter enjoys active support by all members of the District of South Carolina judiciary, as well as Chief Judge William Traxler and Judge Terry L. Wooten of the Fourth Circuit. The Chapter follows the FBA's Membership Best Practices using its Membership Chair and Membership Plan to recruit and retain members, resulting in a 22% growth in membership in 2015-2016, following a healthy 10% growth in 2014-2015. The recent development of the substantive law committees has been a significant draw for the membership. In addition, within the past few years the Chapter has successfully launched and significantly grown its law student divisions at South Carolina's two law schools: the University of South Carolina School of Law and the Charleston School of Law.

In addition to local participation, South Carolina Chapter members have been active on a national level, leading and serving on committees and in other capacities. Some of these leaders include:

Christie Companion Varnado: National Board of Directors, former Chair of the Circuit Vice Presidents, and Circuit Vice President for the Fourth Circuit

Hannah Metcalfe: Circuit Vice President for the Fourth Circuit

Nancy Bloodgood: former Chair of the Labor & Employment Section

Thomas P. Gressette, Jr.: former Circuit Vice President for the Fourth Circuit
James L. Bell: former Chair of the Senior Lawyers Division

In addition, the Chapter sent a representative to Capitol Hill Day in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

The Chapter believes that should the Annual Meeting and Convention be held in Charleston in 2020, it will strengthen chapter growth as current members become excited about hosting the event and new members are brought on board to assist with the planning and execution. In fact, just in soliciting a letter of support for the bid package from the new President of the Charleston School of Law, we gained a new member. That is only the beginning! The Chapter anticipates that the Charleston School of Law student division members' active experience in key support roles with the conference will inspire them to continue with membership as they transition from students to young practitioners, thus tapping into a key demographic for membership growth, both locally and nationally.

Chapter Leaders Involved with the Convention

The 2020 FBA Convention Charleston Committee consists of the current President, Stephanie Lewis, and former Chapter Presidents, Nancy Bloodgood, Hannah Metcalfe, Christy Ford Allen, Brian Quisenberry, and Christie Companion Varnado. These committee members are dedicated to the success of the Chapter and have committed to participating in the planning and implementation of the Convention in Charleston. In addition, the National Sales Manager for the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Angie Day-Wilson, has agreed to assist with the planning and development of the event. She was of significant assistance in putting together this bid package and recently met with the FBA staff while in the D.C. area to answer questions and gain insight into the needs for the convention. The Committee also intends to retain the services of a local event planner to ensure the smooth operation of the events and to take advantage of the discounts such professionals generally enjoy.

WHY CHARLESTON?

Condé Nast Traveler magazine ranks Charleston as one of the top destinations in the country! We ask that you step out of the big city, single hotel concept and embrace a unique package of choice! Your attendees are special! Why not offer them a choice of wonderful hotels plus a variety of price points to meet each and every need!

By selecting Charleston, you are guaranteeing the Federal Bar Association's Annual Conference will be one of the top attended conferences held in your history. Let our history make it one of the most memorable and successful programs in your history!



Welcome Reception

If Charleston is selected as the host site for the 2020 Convention, the South Carolina Chapter understands that it will be responsible for hosting a Welcome Reception that will be offered free of charge to the conference participants, including venue, food and beverage, entertainment, and transportation to and from the host hotel.

Venue & Entertainment

As noted in the National Register, "Charleston played an important role in Colonial, Revolutionary, antebellum and Civil War America. The city was a major Colonial seaport, an active participant in the Revolution, a seat of rice and cotton culture and a leader of secession. Today much of the nation's great social and architectural history can be visibly appreciated because of the great concentration of period buildings that still line the city streets." As a result, there are a plethora of interesting venues within the city and the outlying areas that can accommodate a memorable Welcome Reception. Potential locations include the **Fort Sumter National Monument**, the **USS Yorktown aircraft carrier and museum**, the **South Carolina Aquarium**, the **Old Exchange Building**, **Charles Towne Landing**, and numerous historic southern plantations and museum homes.

Some other potential sites include:

The William Aiken House is a National Historic Landmark located on the corner of King and Ann Streets. *Martha Stewart Weddings* named The William Aiken House THE venue in the state of South Carolina for a wedding. It has been a location for feature films including *The Notebook*, staged photo shoots for Saks Fifth Avenue, hosted the unveiling of BMW's 7-Series, and has graced the pages of *Vogue*, *Town & Country* and *Grace Ormonde Wedding Style*.

The Governor Thomas Bennett House at 69 Barre Street, circa 1825, is one of the most magnificent homes in Charleston. The home is of tremendous architectural importance, with exceptional ornamentation plasterwork. Of particular note is the free-flying staircase, which is only one of two in the entire city.

The Gibbes Museum of Art, located at 135 Meeting Street, is newly renovated in 2016. Established as the Carolina Art Association in 1858, the museum moved into a new Beaux Arts building in the Charleston Historic District in 1905. The recent renovation includes a world class garden suitable for weddings or other festive gathering. The Gibbes houses a premier collection of over 10,000 works of fine art – principally American works, many with a connection to Charleston or the South.

The Gaillard Auditorium completed a major renovation in August of 2015. The new neo-classical Gaillard provides a superior performance hall, ample and elegant convention and banquet space, an inspiring learning space and catalyst for the arts education of school-children, and will serve as a hub of artistic, intellectual, and civic activity.

Food & Beverage

Simply stated, the food and beverage scene is HOT in Charleston! The site of the 2016 season of *Top Chef*, the city is home to four James Beard Award Winning Chefs, as well a bevy of nationally recognized restaurants and food and wine festivals. As a result, event caterers must be at the top of their game in order to compete. The Chapter anticipates that its Welcome Reception will provide an unforgettable dining experience for Conference participants.

Transportation

Imagine being transported to the Welcome Reception via horse-drawn carriages. It's possible! In addition, Charleston has companies with fleets of trolleys and buses available for rental. Depending on the venue and the location of the host hotel, many sites are also within easy walking distance. In that event, special arrangements can be made to transport those who find walking difficult.

Funding

The South Carolina Chapter is confident that that it will be able to adequately fund an event of this size and nature with a budget of \$50,000 to \$60,000. If awarded the conference, in addition to setting aside funds during each year to save for the event, the Chapter will solicit Chapter members, area law firms, and local and national vendors as sponsors. The Chapter has had success in past years garnering sponsorships for its annual meeting and anticipates its traditional sponsors will support this exciting event. A list of sponsors who have already committed to financial contributions is included in the package. In addition, the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau has pledged \$5000 in funding. The Chapter also is anticipating some cost savings during 2020 by coordinating its annual meeting with the Convention, thus freeing up the \$8000 to \$10,000 spent on that event for use at the Welcome Reception.

Swearing in ceremony for the Fourth Circuit

The South Carolina Chapter would be pleased to arrange and host a swearing in ceremony for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals at the historic federal courthouse.

EXCURSIONS & OFF-SITE EVENTS

The Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau will work with your group to design gatherings, outings, tours and optional events not to be soon forgotten by attendees. Your group will find Charleston to be a destination unlike any other. The only thing they won't find is a shortage of interesting things to see, do and enjoy!



Local Activities, Day Trips, and Spouse Excursions

Top Notch Dining Experiences: Charleston has a number of nationally recognized restaurants and chefs: (*Husk* and *McCradys*) Executive Chef Sean Brock was named the 2010 Best Chef of the Southeast; (*FIG* and *The Ordinary*) FIG Executive Chef Jason Stanhope was named as 2015 Best Chef Southeast, following Chef/owner Mike Lata who was chosen in 2009 as the Best Chef Southeast; and (*Hominy Grill*) Robert Stehling was named 2008 Best Chef Southeast. Additional first-class dining options include *Cypress*, *Slightly North of Broad*, *Oak Steakhouse*, *The McIntosh*, *Indaco*, *The Grocery*, *Chez Nous*, and *The Charleston Grill*. Foodies will recognize many of these venues from popular shows such as Anthony Bourdain's *Parts Unknown*, the 2016 season of *Top Chef*, and countless Food Network programs.

The Calhoun Mansion: The greatest post-Civil War house on the eastern coast, this Italianate Mansion has 24,000 square feet, 14 foot ceilings, ornate plaster moldings, huge working pocket doors, and a music room with a 45 foot high ceiling, 35 rooms, 23 fireplaces, and fascinating antiques.

Charles Towne Landing: This State Historic Site sits on a marshy point, located off of the Ashley River, where a group of English settlers landed in 1670 and established what would become the birthplace of the Carolina colony. Charles Towne Landing introduces visitors to the earliest colonial history of Charleston as they interact with hands-on exhibits in the Visitor Center, talk to knowledgeable staff members, and take an audio tour on the self-guided history trail. Guests can step aboard and tour *the Adventure*, Charleston's only 17th-century replica sailing ship, see cannons fired or take a peek at otters, bears, bison, and more at the Animal Forest natural habitat zoo.

The City Market: This partly open-air market is open daily and features several hundred artists, craftspeople, sweet grass basket makers, and authentic local products.

Fort Sumter National Monument: Decades of growing strife between North and South erupted in civil war on April 12, 1861, when Confederate artillery opened fire on this Federal fort in Charleston Harbor. Fort Sumter surrendered 34 hours later. Union forces would try for nearly four years to take it back. The Fort is reachable only by boat.

Ghost Tours: There are several ghost tours to choose from. The tour features tales of ghosts and graveyards, the legends of an ancient city that have only been whispered from generation to generation. This is no mere history tour in the dark. Participants walk the darkened streets and hear tales of decapitation, hanging, live burials, and tragic demise.

International African American Museum (IAAM): (anticipated 2018) Located at Gadsden's Wharf on the Charleston Harbor, IAAM will be an international center of learning where people can advance their understanding and appreciation of American history, particularly the role of African Americans. Historians believe that as many as 40% of all enslaved African Americans who came to North America entered through Charleston. The museum will feature eight distinct chapters that guide visitors through the African American story. Visitors begin in West Africa in the 17th century, and end with the formation of new African American communities in the 21st century.

Harbor Tours: There are several harbor tours. Visitors can climb aboard the Carolina Belle to enjoy the beauty of the Charleston Harbor and learn the rich history of the Holy City. This scenic and relaxing 90 minute tour features over 75 landmarks and points of interest. There are also sailing boat tours, a jazz tour, and dinner cruises.

The H.L. Hunley Submarine: When the hand-cranked Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley torpedoed the mighty USS Housatonic in Charleston Harbor on February 17, 1864, it didn't change the course of the Civil War, but by becoming the first combat submarine to sink an enemy warship, it altered naval warfare forever. Born and built amid gray-cloaked secrecy during the American Civil War, the submarine and its eight-member crew slipped to the bottom of the sea on the moonlit evening of February 17, 1864, after it signaled to shore a success that changed naval warfare. Visit The Hunley, housed at a laboratory in North Charleston, South Carolina and see what scientists and historians has found in their 15 years of studying it since it was salvaged.

Middleton Place Gardens and Plantation: Americas' oldest landscaped gardens were laid out beginning in 1741. The plantation has beautiful flowers, stables, an old mill, the remains of the plantation house, and a view of the Ashley River. It is one of the most popular plantations to visit in Charleston.

Palmetto Carriage Company: The oldest carriage tour company in Charleston. A Palmetto Carriage tour offers a blend of knowledge, wit, humor, and history and is exciting and ever changing. Tours cover 25-30 blocks of Charleston's Historic Downtown District and can be combined with a harbor tour, walking tours, and culinary or haunted history tours. Additionally, guests can be picked up at the Francis Marion Hotel and dropped off at many restaurants downtown. The company will arrange several packages in advance for attendees to choose from.

Nathaniel Russell House: Recognized as one of America's most important neoclassical dwellings, this National Historic Landmark was purchased by the Historic Charleston Foundation in 1955, and the house served as the Foundation's headquarters for 37

years. Today, the interiors are restored to their original 1808 grandeur, and the house is surrounded by formal gardens.

Patriots Point/The Yorktown: Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant (just across the Cooper River) features the USS Yorktown, USS Clamagore, USS Laffey, a Medal of Honor Museum, a Vietnam Support Base, a Cold War Sub Memorial and helicopter rides, as well as boats to Fort Sumter.

Walking Tours: Venture down thoroughfares and hidden alleys, to explore Charleston's most historic sites with experienced, licensed tour guides.

Arthur Ravenel/Cooper River Bridge: Home to one of the largest 10k races in the country, the Arthur Ravenel/Cooper River Bridge is a beautiful cable-stayed bridge spanning the Cooper River. It is the third largest cable-stayed bridge spans in the western hemisphere, and its expansive bicycle/pedestrian walking lane is a very popular destination for locals and tourists.

Fort Moultrie/Sullivan's Island beaches & Kiawah & Seabrook Islands: Charleston is bordered on the north and south by sea islands boasting of some of the most beautiful beaches on the east coast. These islands are within a short driving distance of the city.

And more

TOURING CHARLESTON

A great place to begin your visit is with a stop at one of four area Visitor Centers for information, tour and attraction tickets. Our visit planning staff are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Eastern Time. Call 800-774-0006 for assistance in planning all aspects of your Charleston area visit. Many tours depart from the downtown center itself. The multi-sensory presentation “Forever Charleston” is shown throughout the day and provides visitors with a framework for understanding the city they are about to discover.

Historic attractions and homes open for tours include the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, the Gibbes Museum, the Charleston Museum and its Museum Houses, the Aiken-Rhett House, the Edmondston-Alston House and the Nathaniel Russell House.

Downtown Charleston lends itself to walking, and many visitors find this to be a convenient way to see everything the city has to offer. Walk quaint alleys where steeples tower overhead. Feel the sea breeze as you follow famous footsteps. Encounter stately mansions and peek in hidden gardens. History comes to life on tours which include major landmarks and architectural treasures. Magnificent formal gardens grace much of the Historic District, adding to the beauty of the colonial, antebellum, and Victorian architecture.

For a change of pace, one can go on a Ghost Walk and explore the haunts of Charleston and learn of famous ghosts from the historic city’s past and present, graveyards and other historic sites.



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GOLF

Charleston courses are of exceptional variety and challenge an array of breathtaking coastal terrains, from true links style to Lowcountry forests, there's quite simply a perfect Charleston course for every player and passion.

Some of our most famous courses include The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort which hosted the 1991 Ryder Cup Matches. Since then, the Charleston area has hosted numerous international tournaments, including the 1997 and 2003 World Cup of Golf, and the 2001 and 2004 UBS Warburg Cup and the LPGA's Ginn Tribute Hosted by ANNIKA. The Ocean Course again challenged the world's greatest golfers when it hosted the 2007 Senior PGA Championship, won in dramatic fashion by Denis Watson. This legendary course recently hosted the 2012 PGA Championship. Charleston has been featured in several leading golf publications such as *Travel + Leisure Golf*, *LINKS Magazine* and *GOLF Magazine*.



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The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort

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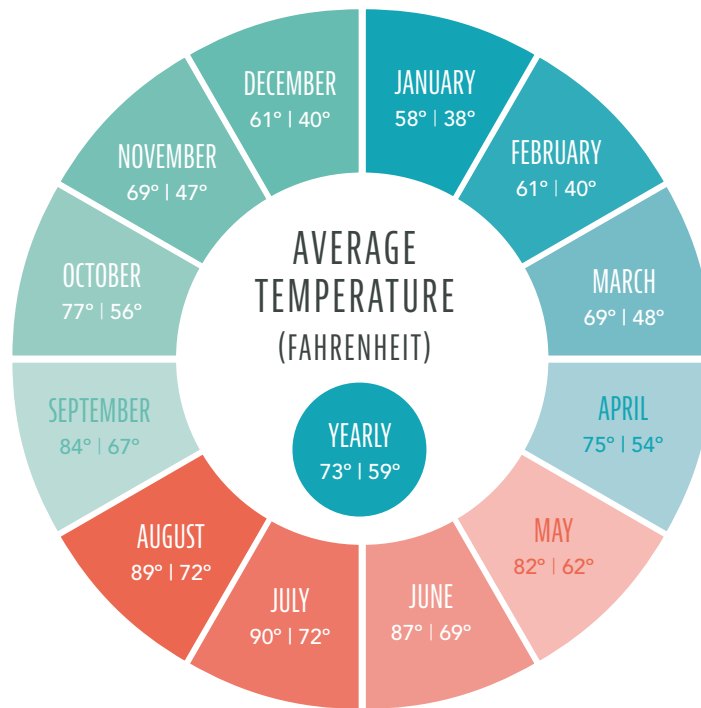
SHOPPING

Shopping in downtown Charleston is just as diverse and exciting. Be sure to visit the quaint antique shops along King Street, and browse for hand-made sweetgrass baskets and other crafts in Charleston's Historic District and famous Old City Market, that has recently re-opened after a \$4.5 million enhancement project. From its recognizable shops such as Louis Vuitton and Gucci to its specialty stores like Ben Silver and Croghan's Jewel Box, Charleston is a shopper's delight. The entire city is chock full of interesting and unusual specialty shops.

Adjacent to the Convention Center complex is the exciting retail development Centre Pointe. The main attraction is the expanding \$45 million Tanger Outlet Shopping Center. Brand name shops such as Polo by Ralph Lauren, Coach, Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Mikasa, Saks Fifth Avenue and J Crew are within walking distance of the Convention Center!



ABOUT THE WEATHER



CLIMATE SUMMARY

The Charleston area's temperate climate, with an average temperature of 66 degrees, makes a visit pleasurable at any time of year.

PROPOSED HEADQUARTER ACCOMMODATIONS



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SLEEPING ROOMS	LARGEST ROOM SQ. FT.	NO. OF MEETING ROOMS	BANQUET CAPACITY	TOTAL SQ. FT.
344	9,680	13	800	19,993

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SLEEPING ROOMS	LARGEST ROOM SQ. FT.	NO. OF MEETING ROOMS	BANQUET CAPACITY	TOTAL SQ. FT.
435	14,432	20	1,120	45,000

DIRECTOR OF SALES

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PROPOSED HEADQUARTER ACCOMMODATIONS



THE MILLS HOUSE WYNDHAM GRAND HOTEL

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Playing host to guests for over 160 years, the newly restored Mills House Wyndham Grand, located in the heart of the Charleston Historic District, offers the contemporary elegance desired by today's traveler, while reflecting the hotel's storied past.

SLEEPING ROOMS	LARGEST ROOM SQ. FT.	NO. OF MEETING ROOMS	BANQUET CAPACITY	TOTAL SQ. FT.
216	3,640	11	350	11,474

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SLEEPING ROOMS	LARGEST ROOM SQ. FT.	NO. OF MEETING ROOMS	BANQUET CAPACITY	TOTAL SQ. FT.
235	5,000	9	400	20,000

DIRECTOR OF SALES

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SLEEPING ROOMS	LARGEST ROOM SQ. FT.	NO. OF MEETING ROOMS	BANQUET CAPACITY	TOTAL SQ. FT.
212	3,354	10	280	11,000

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SPONSORS AND LOCAL SUPPORT

The South Carolina Chapter invites the Committee to review the attached letters of support, recommendation, and endorsement from the following leaders in Charleston and South Carolina:

- The Hon. Patrick Michael Duffy, Senior U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division
- Stephanie E. Lewis, President of the FBA South Carolina Chapter
- J. Edward Bell, III, President of the Charleston School of Law
- John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston
- Brian C. Duffy, President of the Charleston County Bar Association

In addition, a list of the South Carolina law firms who have committed to financial sponsorship for the 2020 FBA National Conference in Charleston follows.



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May 9, 2016

National Convention Committee
Federal Bar Association
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Dear Convention Committee:

On behalf of the District of South Carolina judges located in Charleston, South Carolina, I am writing to express our strong support for the bid of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association to host the 2020 Federal Bar Association Annual Meeting and Convention here in Charleston.

The South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association sponsors and co-sponsors many events and activities which help support the mission of the FBA. The judges willingly participate and assist when able, and would be interested in participating and attending the national meeting.

Just this Spring alone, the SC Chapter has hosted two "brown bag lunches" with district and magistrate judges, co-hosted the Federal Magistrate Judge Association's CLE titled Increasing Diversity Among Federal Magistrate Judges and Qui Tam Practice Group CLE. Last year, the federal courthouse in Charleston celebrated its 225th anniversary with the assistance of the SC Chapter, an event which drew all of the Federal District and Magistrate judges in the state as well as a number of judges from the Fourth Circuit and South Carolina state courts. These recent special events are in addition to the traditional popular events the Chapter hosts each year, including the Chapter's Annual Meeting and CLE each September, the annual Introduction to Federal Practice Seminar series hosted in Greenville, Columbia and Charleston each summer, and the events each year to honor the investiture of new District and Magistrate Judges.

As a native of Charleston, I can speak to its charm, and it would be an excellent place to host the FBA event.

Sincerely,

Patrick Michael Duffy



Federal Bar Association

South Carolina Chapter

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National Convention Committee
Federal Bar Association
1220 North Fillmore Street, Suite 444
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Re: Proposal to Host 2020 FBA National
Convention in Charleston, SC

To the National Convention Committee:

As the President of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and Managing Shareholder of the Jackson Lewis P.C. Greenville, South Carolina office, I am writing to express my support for the South Carolina Chapter's proposal to host the Federal Bar Association's 2020 National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

Our South Carolina Chapter is very active and continues to grow, with 367 members as of April. Our Chapter has successfully hosted numerous events for judges and practitioners in Charleston, and they are well-attended with positive feedback. We recently hosted the United States Magistrate Judges Conference in April of this year, and we were told that the attendance was better than at any prior conference. The Honorable Thérèse Wiley Dancks was our primary liaison for this event, and I am sure Judge Dancks would be happy to share her impressions from that event should you have any questions. In addition, just in the past few months this year, we have hosted several lunches for federal judges in Charleston, a Qui Tam CLE with the South Carolina Bar in Columbia, and hosted two National Community Outreach projects in Columbia and Greenville. All of these events were attended by our Chapter members and judges who are very engaged and supportive of the FBA.

Should the 2020 FBA National Convention take place in the Charleston area, we will be available to support the event financially and with volunteers and publicity, take part in it as needed, and encourage our colleagues to attend. Jackson Lewis will also agree to provide financial support to help sponsor the event. In short, I wholeheartedly support the proposal of this Chapter.

Very truly yours,

JACKSON LEWIS P.C.

Stephanie E. Lewis



CHARLESTON SCHOOL OF LAW

J. Edward Bell, III
President

May 6, 2016

National Convention Committee
Federal Bar Association
1220 North Fillmore Street, Suite 444
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Committee Members:

Please accept this letter as Charleston School of Law's strong support of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's proposal to host the 2020 Annual Meeting and National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Charleston School of Law's FBA Student Division is active and will be an integral part of the local Chapter's plans for the Convention if Charleston receives the bid.

Charleston School of Law has been actively involved in the publication of the Federal Courts Law Review ("FCLR") since having been selected by the Federal Magistrate Judges Association to print the first hard copy version of the FCLR in August 2005. The current structure of the FCLR includes both a judicial editorial board, composed primarily of United States Magistrate Judges and law school professors, and our student editorial board that works with the judicial board to finalize articles for the online and hard copy versions.

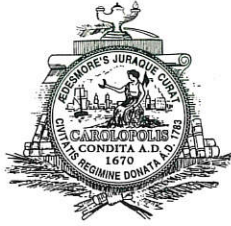
On behalf of the School, I ask that you give the South Carolina Chapter's proposal your strongest consideration. I am confident Charleston School of Law faculty, students, and alumni will attend and actively participate in the Convention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Edward Bell, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

J. Edward Bell, III

JEB/rwp



City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG
MAYOR

May 3, 2016

National Convention Committee
Federal Bar Association
1220 North Fillmore Street, Suite 444
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the City of Charleston, it would be a great pleasure for the Charleston community to host the 2020 National Convention of the Federal Bar Association. We hope your 2020 National Convention will be an enjoyable and successful occasion and our staff stands ready to do anything we can to make your visit most pleasant and rewarding.

Charleston is not only one of America's loveliest cities, but one of her most treasured. Stroll the historic district with its 18th and 19th century buildings, old cobblestone streets and intimate alleys. Charlestonians enjoy day to day life in the beautiful old homes and buildings and are dedicated to preserving them for the future. Our plantations and gardens are simply magnificent in the spring but offer year-round blooms, a glimpse of plantation life, and just a wonderful day in the country.

With the Atlantic Ocean at our front door, recreational activities are a natural part of our life. Blessed with miles of sandy beaches for family play, many located beside acres of golf and tennis courses, water activities such as sailing, fishing, harbor cruises, and trips to Fort Sumter where the Civil War began, are everyday activities.

The arts, both visual and performing, have always been an important part of Charleston. From her natural beauty and history, along with our many festivals, there is always something for everyone to enjoy.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of Charleston as hosts for the 2020 National Convention of the Federal Bar Association.

Most sincerely yours,

John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston



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National Convention Committee
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The Charleston County Bar Association fully supports the bid of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association to host the National FBA Convention in 2020.

The Charleston County Bar Association consistently works with the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in providing events and services to our respective members. The cooperation is sincere and has proven to be successful. In the past couple of years alone, we have co-sponsored a number of events, including the dedication ceremony and reception associated with the statue for the District of South Carolina's pioneering Judge J. Waites Waring. Attorney General Holder, Judges of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and U.S. Congressional representatives were among the guests at the events. We also co-sponsored a program and reception celebrating the 225th anniversary of our federal court, and assisted with a program and reception associated with the national conference of United States Magistrate Judges hosted in Charleston earlier this year.

We look forward to the opportunity to assist our South Carolina Chapter with the National FBA Convention in 2020.

With warmest regards, I am

Very truly yours,


Brian C. Duffy

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