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News Story

NCATL, NCADA Hosting Joint Seminar

In what is being called an historic first, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers and the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys are teaming up for a joint seminar,

The event, titled "The Good, Bad and Ugly of Dealing with the Other Side — What's Effective & What's Not In Discovery, Mediation, and at Trial," will be held Feb. 3 at the Four Seasons in Greensboro

The program chairs are James B. Maxwell, Maxwell Freeman & Bowman, P.A., Durham and J. Nicholas Ellis, Poyner & Spruill, LLP, Rocky Mount.

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Among the professionalism issues to be tackled from both the plaintiffs' and defense perspective:

- **A Fistful of Dollars: The Difference between Discovery and Discord.** Presenters are: Superior Court Judge Howard E. Manning; Dan J. McLamb, Yates McLamb & Weyher, LLP, Raleigh; and C. Mark Holt, Kirby & Holt, LLP, also of

Raleigh.

- **For A Few Dollars More: Mediation without Malice.** Presenters are: Robert A. Beason and Rene Ellis, Beason & Ellis Conflict Resolution; David N. Allen, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP, Charlotte; and Janet Ward Black, Donaldson & Black, PA, Greensboro.

- **Hang 'Em High: Maintaining Civility in the Courtroom.** Superior Court Judge F. Donald Bridges; Charles Burgin, Dameron Burgin & Parker, PA, Marion; and James B. Maxwell.

- Luncheon presentation will be by Richard T. Boyette, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog, LLP, Raleigh, the NCADA and DRI past president; and Howard F. Twiggs, Twiggs Beskind Strickland and Rabenau, Raleigh, the NCATL and ATLA past president.

Melvin F. Wright, executive director of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, will present the speakers.

For more information, contact the NCADA online at www.ncada.org and the NCATL online at www.ncatl.org.

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