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CHARLESTON

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 8-12, 2026





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Academy Family,

Please join us for the 2026 Annual Meeting in beautiful **Charleston, South Carolina**.

Alycia and I are curating an experience designed to inspire as much as it delights. It will be a time to reconnect with old friends, welcome new ones, and celebrate the fellowship that binds us. Together, we will stroll Charleston's storied cobblestone streets, experience the living traditions of the Gullah culture, and savor the city's award-winning Lowcountry cuisine.

Charleston is also a place of profound meaning. Nearly half of all enslaved Africans entered this country through its harbors, a legacy we cannot forget. We will use this convening both to honor that past and to reaffirm our shared mission: protecting and promoting the Rule of Law in a world that needs our voice more than ever.

We will also be intellectually enriched as Brian Gover delivers his much-anticipated Dean's Address.



We look forward to welcoming you in Charleston.

Joe Tucker & Alycia Horn

President & First Lady
International Academy of Trial Lawyers

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MEETING OVERVIEW

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00am – 6:00pm	Information/Help Desk
8:30am – 11:30am	Admissions Committee Meeting
11:45am – 1:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
5:00pm – 6:00pm	New Fellow Reception
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Opening Reception

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

6:30am – 7:00am	Ethos Athletic Club Mind-Work
7:00am – 4:00pm	Information/Help Desk
7:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am – 11:00am	Board of Directors Meeting
11:00am – 12:00pm	International Relations Committee Meeting
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch on Your Own
1:00pm	Optional Excursions*
7:00pm – 10:00pm	A Taste of History: Dinner at the International African American Museum

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

6:30am – 7:00am	Ethos Athletic Club Mind-Work
7:00am – 1:30pm	Information/Help Desk
7:00am – 8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am – 12:00pm	Professional Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction of New Fellows • Guest Speakers • Dean's Address by Brian Gover
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Dean's Reception & Lunch
12:30pm	Optional Excursions*
Evening	Dinner on Your Own

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

6:30am – 7:00am	Ethos Athletic Club Mind-Work
7:00am – 1:30pm	Information/Help Desk
7:00am – 8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am – 12:00pm	Professional Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction of New Fellows • Guest Speakers • General Assembly
12:00pm – 1:00pm	President's Reception & Lunch
1:00pm	Optional Excursions*
6:00pm – 10:30pm	Closing Night Reception & Gala

* Please see optional excursions pages for additional information and pricing.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

THURSDAY, APRIL 9



Fort Sumter Guided Tour

12:45pm – 4:00pm

Cruise through Charleston Harbor on a narrated voyage to historic Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. Step ashore to explore the ramparts and exhibits with National Park rangers, then return on a scenic harbor cruise back to Charleston.

\$300 / PERSON



Gullah Bus Tour with Alphonso Brown

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Discover the living legacy of Charleston's Gullah culture on this award-winning guided bus tour led by Alphonso Brown, a native speaker and storyteller. Departing from The Charleston Place, you'll explore historic sites, hear the rhythms of the Gullah language, and visit landmarks including the Philip Simmons House Museum.

\$67 / PERSON



The Charleston Recharge

1:15pm – 3:30pm

Recharge your mind and body with an afternoon of wellness at Ethos Athletic Club, just minutes from The Charleston Place. Begin with group training to relieve stress, then experience The Deep End, a guided contrast therapy with breathwork, sauna, and ice bath. Enjoy full gym access, InBody scans, and smoothies.

\$200 / PERSON

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9



History Walking Tour

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Explore Charleston's vibrant historic neighborhoods with your own private guide. Begin in The Charleston Place lobby, then stroll through cobblestone streets as your guide brings history to life at St. Michael's Church, the Nathaniel Russell House, Washington Square Park, and other iconic landmarks.

\$90 / PERSON

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10



Cook Your Catch

12:30pm – 7:30pm

Experience Charleston's waters with a 4-hour inshore fishing excursion led by Captain Jeremy Espiritu and his fleet. Cast for red drum, sea trout, and flounder in calm rivers and creeks, then enjoy your fresh catch prepared for dinner at Water's Edge.

\$355 / PERSON



Cooking Class with Award-Winning Rodney Scott's BBQ

1:00pm – 5:30pm

Savor the tradition and flavor of Rodney Scott's award-winning BBQ with a behind-the-scenes pit master experience. Learn the secrets of real pit cooking during a guided tour and demo, then share a family-style feast of slow-smoked meats, signature sauces, classic sides, desserts, and drinks—a true celebration of Southern barbecue culture.

\$360 / PERSON



Golf at Wild Dunes Links Course

1:00pm

Enjoy a coastal round of golf at Wild Dunes Resort, just 35 minutes from downtown Charleston. With lush fairways, swaying palms, and sweeping ocean views, the Links Course culminates in a finishing hole overlooking the Atlantic — an iconic Lowcountry golf experience.

Note: Additional \$131 per rental club set (purchase onsite)

\$511 / PERSON

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Culinary Walking Tour

2:00pm – 5:30pm

Discover Charleston's rich culinary heritage on a guided tasting tour through the French Quarter and City Market. Led by expert local storytellers, you'll enjoy curated dishes and drinks at four restaurants—an indulgent journey through Lowcountry cuisine that blends history, flavor, and unforgettable shared experiences.

\$200 / PERSON

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McLeod Plantation Walking Tour

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Step into history at McLeod Plantation, a carefully preserved 37-acre Gullah/Geechee heritage site dating back to 1851. A truly unique plantation experience, this tour highlights the transition to freedom for generations of African Americans and honors the lives of both enslaved and free people who shaped Charleston's past and our nation's future.

\$92 / PERSON



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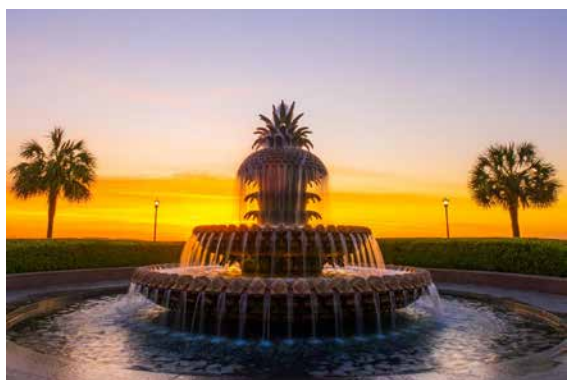


Church & Architecture Walking Tour

1:30pm – 4:00pm

Discover why Charleston has been known as the “Holy City” since 1783, celebrated for its spirit of religious tolerance and its skyline of church steeples. Beginning at The Charleston Place lobby, your guide will lead you to six to ten historic houses of worship, sharing stories of faith, freedom, and architecture—stepping inside when available.

\$105 / PERSON



Morning Mind-Work Sessions

6:30am – 7:00am

Begin each day with clarity and focus at our complimentary Morning Mind-Work sessions. Held at The Charleston Place, these 30-minute guided practices will help you clear your mind, energize your body, and set intentions for the day.

COMPLIMENTARY



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