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Dear NCPJ Colleagues:

In May, many of you attended our spring conference in sunny San Diego, California and enjoyed an informative and intriguing program. The upcoming National College of Probate Judges Fall Conference will be held in beautiful Hilton Head, South Carolina, from Wednesday, November 14, through Saturday, November 17, 2018. The beachfront resort hotel, Westin Hilton Head, will host the conference. The hotel is located at Two Grasslawn Ave., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Program: Executive Board Members Amy McCulloch and Rita Cobb have developed an inspiring and thought provoking program. Topics will include: Mental Health Evaluations, Crisis Intervention Training, Mediation in Probate and Heirs Property and Preservation. Also, Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty of the South Carolina Supreme Court will present motivating opening remarks. Please do not miss this opportunity to catch up on current trends in probate, guardianship, and elder law, visit with experts in varying disciplines, and fellowship with other judges and professionals.

Accommodations: The Westin Hilton Head is a year-round sporting paradise. Active travelers can choose from seaside golf, tennis, swimming, and cycling, while a luxurious spa, picturesque beaches and delightful dining options appeal to those in search of relaxation.

Cost of Hotel: The NCPJ has negotiated a guaranteed rate of \$169.00 per night single or double (plus the sales and hotel occupancy taxes), plus a reduced resort charge of \$12.00 per night. Resort charges include shuttle to the golf course, tennis courts and the Shelter Cove Mall & Marina, 24-hour access to the fitness center, overnight self-parking and unsecured wireless internet in lobby and guest rooms. Please call the Central Reservations Office to make reservations at (866) 238-4218 and mention the NCPJ Conference. **Reservations for the hotel must be made no later than October 13, 2018.** An online reservation page is available on the NCPJ website (www.ncpj.org) toward the bottom of the front landing page under "2018 Fall Conference."

Registration: The conference registration fee will be \$400.00 for members if received before September 14, 2018, and \$450.00 after that date. The fee for retired judges is \$200.00. The registration fee includes all conference materials, and the

cost of the reception and banquet. The fee for spouses and guests will be \$80.00, which includes the cost of the reception and banquet. In keeping with our policy to encourage the attendance of judges in the host state, non-member South Carolina probate judges who have not previously belonged to NCPJ will be granted a one year complimentary membership with their registration.

Transportation: The hotel, Westin Hilton Head, is located approximately 45 miles northeast of Savannah Hilton Head International Airport. Located in Savannah, Georgia, this airport is about one hour from Hilton Head Island. Rental cars are available at the airport. Information on transportation to and from the hotel is located on the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport website.

Activities: On a pristine stretch of sugar-white sand along the Atlantic Ocean lies The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa. Nourish your soul with a walk or bike ride on our hard-packed sand beaches, explore the island via paddle board or kayak, treat yourself to our full-service spa, or tee it up at one of our nearby golf courses. No matter the time of year, Hilton Head Island provides a temperate climate for an escape to a beachside destination that provides a small-town feel. Hilton Head Island, sometimes referred to as simply Hilton Head, is a Lowcountry resort town and barrier island in Beaufort County, South Carolina. It is 20 miles northeast of Savannah, Georgia, and 95 miles southwest of Charleston. The island is named after Captain William Hilton, who in 1663 identified a headland near the entrance to Port Royal Sound, which mapmakers named "Hilton's Headland." The island features 12 miles of beachfront on the Atlantic Ocean and is a popular vacation destination. Hilton Head Island offers an unusual number of cultural opportunities for a community its size, including plays at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, the 120-member full chorus of the Hilton Head Choral Society, the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, an annual outdoor, tented wine tasting event on the east coast, and several other annual community festivals. It also hosts the Heritage Golf Classic, a PGA Tour tournament played on the Harbour Town Golf Links in Sea Pines Resort. The dress code for the conference is casual and the dress code for the reception and banquet is business casual.

We hope you can join us for what is sure to be an informative and enjoyable gathering of probate judges and professionals from across the country. Mark your calendars now to join NCPJ this fall in Hilton Head Island, SC. We look forward to seeing you there!

Very truly yours,

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