

# *Los Sueños Resort*

Puntarenas,

# **COSTA RICA**

*April 24-29, 2012*



2012 Annual Meeting

**Louisiana Association  
of Defense Counsel**

# From the President

Dear LADC Members:

On behalf of the LADC Officers and Board of Directors I am excited to invite you to attend the overseas seminar in Los Sueños (“the Dreams”) Costa Rica. This rain forest setting is a departure from our traditional venues and is aimed towards encouraging more participation by younger members of our Association without sacrificing the quality accommodations our members have come to expect for this event. In an effort to suit every interest and budget, we are offering a buffet of choices for lodging and activities, with those activities ranging from self-guided eco-tours to world class golf and sport fishing. The dress is “Island Casual” – no coats, no ties.

As always, our Directors have put together a top-notch CLE program to include presentations by our Executive Director Emeritus, Professor Frank Maraist, and from a panel of jurists sitting in state and federal district and appellate courts.

Please share with us the lush flora, balmy winds, and friendly people of Costa Rica.

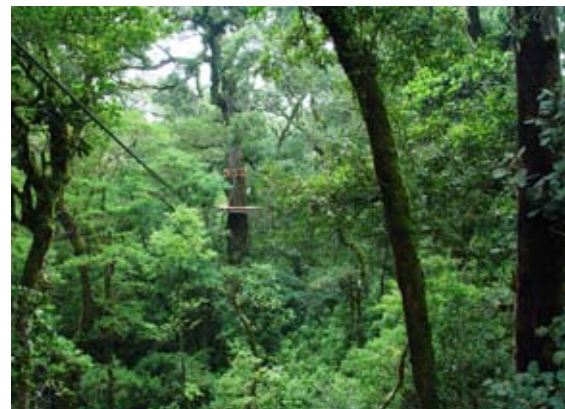
Thank you,

Ben Mayeaux  
LADC President

Imagine a land of brilliant orchids, glowing greenery, astonishing tropical birds, soaring volcanoes and spectacular views of the Pacific. Imagine quietly walking the forest floor, made mystical by drifting mists, the calls of wildlife and the echoes of distant rivers plunging to the sea.

This is Costa Rica, site of the LADC 2012 annual meeting. Our host accommodation will be Los Sueños Resort on the edge of the Pacific Ocean at Herradura (horseshoe) Bay. From our base nearby opportunities include:

- Forest walks
- Sea kayaking
- Carera biological reserve (bird watching)
- Rainforest aerial tram and ziplining
- Horseback riding



- Half-day and full day sport fishing charters
- Golf - 18 holes on the edge of the rain forest
- Spa
- Casino
- Local restaurants
- Beach club and pools within the resort complex

We are also a few minutes away by taxi from the town of Jacó, featuring local shops, restaurants and a fine beach. If your Spanish is rusty, English works nearly everywhere.

Our condo accommodations feature living room, kitchen, bedroom, patio, TV, internet with wi-fi and a golf cart for local transport. Two and three bedroom condos also available. See information below.



Pictured  
left and right:  
Casa de Sueños

# Meeting and Event Schedule

## TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Arrive in San Jose. A private van will meet your flight and deliver you directly to the front door of Los Sueños Resort. At check-in you will receive your condo keys, golf cart keys, a beach club pass and a packet of useful information.

Evening welcome reception and buffet dinner at our private villa, Casa de Sueños. Casa de Sueños will be our hospitality suite, breakfast locale and social center for the duration of the conference.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

**For the delegates, breakfast at the Marriott followed by morning CLE.**

The Marriott is on property and can be reached on foot within ten minutes, or in a few minutes by cart. For the spouses a buffet breakfast is available at the Casa de Sueños. A special spouse orientation will follow covering excursions, the Spa, local dining and shopping.

In the afternoon choose fishing, hiking, shopping, golf, the spa, zip lining through the jungle canopy, optional tours in the area or just relaxing with a drink by one of several pools.

Evening hospitality suite and dinner on your own.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 26

**Delegate breakfast and CLE at the Marriott.**

A full schedule of optional tours and events will be available for morning and afternoon. Also, afternoon golf tournament at the adjoining Iguana course, a layout beautifully carved from the rain forest.

Casual beachside drinks and dinner at restaurant El Pelicano, just down the road from Los Sueños. You can get there in your golf cart. Come as you are.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Breakfast buffet. Today is a great chance for a full day fishing excursion, an excursion to the magnificent beaches at Manuel Antonio National Park, a day trip on a 70-foot catamaran to Tortuga Island or local explorations.

Evening hospitality at los Sueños.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 28

After breakfast relax, shop, sit by the pool, have a margarita, or do the mangrove swamps and crocodile adventure.

At 4:30pm we will climb by van 1,150 feet above the Pacific to the elegant Villa Caletas for cocktails and one of the most stunning sunsets in the western world. Following this natural wonder will have our traditional farewell dinner and Changing of the Guard.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Return to Reality. Transfers back to Juan Santamaria Airport for your return flights.

## A Few of the Many Things You Can Do in Los Sueños:

**Canopy Tour:** An adrenaline-fueled traverse of the tropical treetops of the forest via a system of cables and platforms. Your experienced local guide leads the way and points out fascinating flora and fauna of the region. **Duration: approximately 3 hours.**

**Rainforest Aerial Tram:** See highlights of the Pacific coastline featuring rivers and waterfalls as you glide among the treetops. **Duration: approximately 3 hours.**

**Tranopy (zip line and tram):** A guided ride through the jungle canopy by combination of aerial tram and heart-stopping ziplining through the trees. **Duration: approximately 4 hours.**

**Mangrove and Crocodile Adventure:** Travel by boat through the waterways and mangroves surrounding the mouth of the nearby Tárcoles River. Your guide will explain the eco system and name the many colorful birds in the area. **Duration: approximately 4 hours.**

**Sea Kayaking:** Paddle along the Pacific coastline enjoying the beautiful natural sites. **Duration: approximately 4 hours.**

**Carara National Park:** Features both dry and humid tropical rainforest. It's a perfect way to see the floral diversity of Costa Rica along with rare Scarlet Macaws. **Duration: approximately 4 hours.**

**Bijagual Waterfalls Adventure:** Combines a 45 minute horseback ride and a hike to the biggest waterfall in the region. **Total trip 5-1/2 hours. Minimum 4 people.**



**Manuel Antonio National Park:** On the Pacific coast. Usually plenty of monkeys, Iguanas and sloths as well as fine beaches with picnic tables. **Duration: about 8 hours. Lunch included. Minimum 4 people.**

**Tortuga Island:** By 71 foot catamaran across the gulf of Nicoya to the white sands of Tortuga Island. **Duration: approximately 10 hours. Breakfast and lunch included.**

**White Water Rafting:** Class III rapids on the Savegra and Naranjo rivers. Fine for beginners and experienced rafters. **Duration: 10-12 hours including breakfast and lunch. 6:15am departure. Minimum 4 people.**

**Basics to tote along on all tours:** sun screen, sun glasses, bug repellent, hat, camera.

## Attention Fishermen:

Assure yourself the boat you want. Go to [Costicardreams.com](http://Costicardreams.com) for descriptions of all available boats together with current prices.

**All LADC members will receive at least a 5% discount.** If you book by January 1, 2012, the discount will be 10%, and if you can book by November 1, 2011, the discount will be 15%. You can also reach Costa Rica Dreams directly by calling 1 (337) 205-0665.



**Program Cost - Accommodations for five nights including tax:**

**One bedroom Condo, tax and golf cart: \$1,485.00**

**Two bedroom Condo, tax and 2 golf carts: \$1,882.00**

**Three bedroom Condo, tax and 3 golf carts: \$2,618.00**

**Registration Fee: Delegate \$1,790.00 Spouse \$490**

**Registration Includes:** Round trip transfers from Juan Santamaria Airport to Los Sueños Resort, open reception and buffet dinner, buffet breakfast daily, CLE, coffee breaks, daily Hospitality Suite in Casa de Sueños, closing reception and dinner at Villa Caletas and all current taxes.

**CLE: 8 hours credit, including 1 hour of ethics and professionalism.**

**DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A deposit of \$500. 00 per delegate is required with the registration form no later than Friday, November 10, 2011. Final payment will be due January 20, 2012. The condominium payment is nonrefundable unless the unit is resold to a LADC delegate. The registration fee is nonrefundable as of February 24, 2012.**

**Getting There:** Continental and American have the best current schedules from major Louisiana gateways to San Jose (SJO).

Be sure to check the internet, as fares and schedules change frequently. Early booking is suggested to be sure of getting the schedules you want.

**Documentation:** A valid US passport. If you are not an American citizen, check with the consulate of Costa Rica, World Trade Center, 2 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Tel (504) 581-6800.



**REGISTRATION FORM**

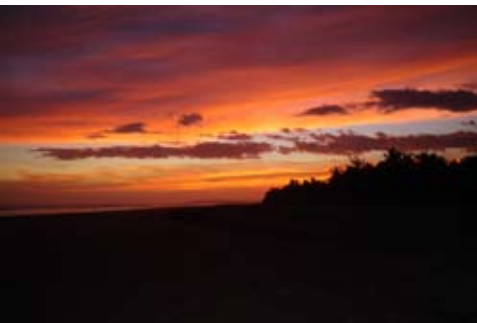
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Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ (Badge Name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Condominium:  One Bedroom  Two Bedroom  Three Bedroom

If sharing a condo with another delegate, please include name: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests (early arrival, extended stay, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR DEPOSIT OF \$500.00 PAYABLE TO PETER McLEAN, LTD.**

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