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Happy 2004 Everyone! August 26th fast approaches and Asheville, North Carolina awaits. I can't imagine a more lovely setting than The Grove Park Inn. How lucky we are to belong to NAFUSA and go to these wonderful places. San Antonio to Jackson Hole, Washington, DC to San Francisco and next year—Boston! This year the Blue Ridge Mountains and one of the most beautiful surroundings in the entire country. Take a look at the websites for Grove Park Inn and Asheville, N.C. These are clearly invitations to go there, but how about one of the best C.L.E. programs we've ever had, including the honor of Janet Reno, former Attorney General of the United States, as our dinner speaker!



Exciting and balanced discussions from Joe Whitely, Chief Counsel, Homeland Security; The Honorable John S. Martin, former Federal District Judge from the Southern District of New York; maybe former Deputy Attor-

ney General Larry Thompson and Professor John Conley from the University of North Carolina Law School. Our friends Leon Friedman from Hofstra Law School and Guy Lewis, Lou DeFalaise, and Mary Beth Buchanan will once again be with us. You can thank me later.

Speaking of things to entice you to this year's conference, try a golf tournament at the Donald Ross Golf Course. Decent entry fee and super prizes. This 6,700 yard, 70 par immaculately maintained course is considered one of the finest conditioned courses in Western

North Carolina.

These are the things NAFUSA brings you but if you look at the Various websites, you'll find so many wonderful opportunities and venues to entertain you and the whole family.



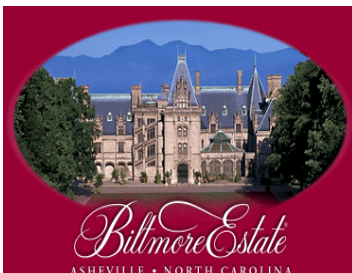
Let the scenic mountains of Asheville provide the inspiration and excitement that are sure to make this year's annual conference a success. Asheville is the perfect combination of big city amenities, unique attractions and activities that will make our event memorable and give family members

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plenty to do while your attendees are in meetings. Make your reservations early at the Grove Park Inn. Call the reservation line above and be sure to identify yourself as a part of the NAFUSA Conference and the dates you expect to be there.



The Biltmore Estate and the surrounding area offer days of wonderful diversions. Your daytime admission to the Biltmore Estate includes a self-guided tour of the Biltmore House, gardens, and winery. Go to the Biltmore.com web site for more information on this exciting tourist spot, the George Vanderbilt mansion, the English Walled Gardens and Conservatory. Sample great wines and wander through the turn-of-the-century Historic Biltmore Village. Bring the family.



www.exploreasheville.com will take you to a full variety of area sites.

Patrick M. McLaughlin (ND OH 1984-88) has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2003. The founding partner in the firm of McLaughlin & McCaffrey LLP, Cleveland, OH, he is also a recent inductee into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. He resides with his wife, Christine and three sons, Brian, Christopher, and Conor.

Golf, Spas, Biltmore Estates, just part of the amenities....

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa is one of the American South's oldest and most famous grand resorts. Overlooking Asheville, North Carolina's skyline and the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Inn promises to be one of the most spectacular spots for our annual conference.

Master golf course architect Donald Ross created incredible views from beneath the crest of Sunset Mountain to the gentle slopes of the back nine, and offering avid fans the challenge of accuracy versus power on this par 70 layout. Don't forget your clubs and come early to really enjoy the tournament event. Sign up now to get in on this unforgettable opportunity to play this course.

Registration forms have been inserted with the newsletter to reserve your time. Those desiring to play must register before August 1 for early arrivals. See the enclosed form for more details, or email Sam Currin with any questions, at sam@currinlaw.com.



Early arrivals can enjoy a preliminary round on Wednesday, August 25th, at the beautiful Donald Ross Golf Course at The Grove Park Inn.

DID YOU KNOW... the latest edition of Federal Criminal Trials is now available? This 6th edition, contains up-to-date Amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rules of Evidence and is the definitive volume on federal criminal procedure, rules and constitutional protections. Authored by our own, James Cissell, past Nafusa President (2001-2002), this exhaustive work will prove an invaluable reference for those in the federal court arena. Published by Michie, \$145.

For more information on the book and author, Go to www.LexisNexis.com

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Thank You! Though we don't see him as much as we would like to, His Honor Judge Mike Hawkins (AZ 1977-1980) continues to place NAFUSA high on his list of those he likes to help. He's the guy who helps me get these speakers. He just doesn't help—they're his ideas!

Fond Remembrances

With sadness we are informing you of the deaths of two great Alumni who passed away in early January—Tex Lezar and Bob Garrick.

Tex died suddenly on January 5th at the age of 56, in Dallas. In the Reagan/Bush administration, Tex served as Counselor to Attorney Ed Meese, Special Counsel to AG William French Smith and Assistant AG for the Office of Legal Policy.

He is survived by his wife, Merrie Spaeth. A

memorial was held in Dallas on January 10th.

Bob who also served in the Reagan/Bush Administration, passed away that week. He served as Deputy White House Counselor to Ed Meese, at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and as Director of Research and Policy Development in the 1980 campaign.

Funeral services were also held on January 10th at Forest Lawn in Glendale, California.



We have reserved a block of rooms for this year's annual conference at The Grove Park Inn. Call early to reserve the rooms you want.

Room rates are \$253.00 single and double occupancy. There is a \$25.00 charge per guest, for every 3rd and 4th guest in the room.

Call and reserve your rooms today 800-438-5800.

The room block expires on July 26, 2004, so plan now-don't delay!

Travel Resources to and from Asheville

The following routes are best if traveling to Asheville by car: I-40 East from Knoxville, TN; I-40 West from Statesville and Raleigh, NC; I-85 to I-26 from Charlotte and South Carolina; and 19/23 South from Johnson City/Bristol, TN. For more complete directions and maps, click here.

For a more scenic and leisurely drive, try the Blue Ridge Parkway. More motorists exit and enter the Parkway in Asheville than at any other point along the road's 470 miles. There are seven Asheville area Parkway exits.

AIRPORT

Asheville Regional Airport (828-684-2226) Paging Airport Lobby (828-687-7243)

Tour Services:

Asheville Trolley Works

Loop tours and transportation to and from downtown area and major attractions such as the Biltmore House. ? 281-1852

Young Transportation

For tours and special events. ? 258-0084

The Asheville Regional Airport is served by two airlines, U.S. Airways and Delta, offering a total of 20-25 flights a day. Local folks also often use Greenville (SC) or Charlotte International for air travel. (Greenville is an hour-and-a-half drive from Asheville; Charlotte is two hours.) There are many ground transportation options once you've arrived at any of these airports. (See below.)

AIRLINES:

Delta Delta uses the connector ASA and Comair for its flights from Asheville to Atlanta and Cincinnati. **US Airways** US Airways flies from Asheville to Charlotte and Raleigh to connections all over the world. **Continental** Continental Express flies from Asheville to Newark, Houston, St. Paul, Detroit, and other Continental hubs.

BUSES:

Asheville Transit Authority

City bus transportation. Ten routes, hundreds of stops on all major thoroughfares. The central station is located on Coxe, next to the [28801] Post Office. ? 828-253-5691

Greyhound Buses

CAR RENTALS:

Avis Rent-A-Car Avis is located at the airport. Call 800-831-2847 for more information.

Budget Budget has locations at the Asheville Mall and the Asheville Airport. Call 828-684-2272 for local information. **Enterprise** Enterprise has several locations throughout Asheville. Call 800-736-8222 for more information. **Hertz** Hertz is located at the Asheville Airport. Call 828-684-6455 for locate information.

Average monthly Temperature High/Low	
Jan 50/32°F	Jul 84/62°F
Feb 55/34°F	Aug 84/62°F
Mar 59/39°F	Sep 78/56°F
Apr 68/46°F	Oct 69/43°F
May 55/34°F	Nov 59/34°F
Jun 59/39°F	Dec 49/30°F

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events, weather, maps and directions, visitors center, etc.
www.Asheville.com
www.GroveParkInn.com
www.Biltmore.com

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- Interface with DOJ with occasions to share our collective expertise in the formulation of national policy
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- Modest annual dues

Just a few of the benefits available to you as members. Get more involved today by signing up now to attend the Annual Conference in Asheville, N.C., August 26-29, 2004!

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ever offered is set for this year's
Conference in Asheville, N.C.**