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Greetings to everyone in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the FDCC!!

I wanted to send out this newsletter to the section to keep everyone up to speed with what is going on with the organization in the recent future.

ADR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Each Section has responsibilities that include:

1. Hot Cases,
2. Section Newsletters,
3. Quarterly Publications,
4. Website, and
5. New Members.

Hot Cases:

Each section is responsible for *Hot Cases* two weeks per year. There is an online tutorial, and we always need new volunteers. Please let me know if you are willing to serve as ADR's Hot Cases Editor for 2011.

Membership Development:

We are always seeking new section members. Please reach out to old and new FDCC members and invite them to join our Section. I'm looking for someone to volunteer as the ADR's "Outreach" contact person. Please e-mail me at Cconcepcion@cfclaw.com if you're willing to take on that job.

FDCC Quarterly

Each Section is responsible for one article per year. If you have an article, memorandum, or brief of publishable quality please contact me at Cconcepcion@cfclaw.com. FDCC provides electronic access to Quarterly articles from 1997 to present at its Internet website, www.thefederation.org.

If you have an idea for a presentation for one of the upcoming meetings, please let me know. We are always looking for fresh faces and fresh topics to speak at both section meetings and the plenary. **Please e-mail me if you have any thoughts on meeting topics.** There are many different ways to get even more from your FDCC membership.

UPCOMING EVENT

WINTER MEETING 2011 -- FACES OF THE DESERT

February 26 - March 5, 2011

Indian Wells Resort, Palm Springs, California

Next year is the 75th anniversary of the FDCC... Be part of our 75th year celebration!! This will be a Saturday to Saturday meeting with the theme "Faces of the Desert". Check out the brochure here: <https://www.regonline.com/custImages/253123//IndianWellsLONGBrochure102510.pdf>

Tom Cordell's overall themes for his year as President and for the two conventions are "Looking Forward/Looking Back". Tom is interested in exploring how we can get more out of and put more into our careers, our personal lives, our families, our communities, etc.

Plan now to join us as we celebrate the past 75 years of FDCC success, peer into the future, and look back at how far we've come. Registration must be received by the FDCC office no later than January 21, 2011. Registering for the meeting does NOT reserve a hotel room for you. You will need to make your own hotel reservations at the Hyatt.

The hotel phone number is 1-760-341-1000 or www.grandchampions.hyatt.com

SEE YOU IN INDIAN WELLS!!

MEMBER PROFILES

When was the last time you checked out the ADR page at www.thefederation.org. Is your member profile up to date? Please take a look if you have not sent Susan Coone (scoone@thefederation.org) your updated member profile. Each quarter a different member of the ADR Section is featured on our web page.

WEBSITE CONTENT

The new FDCC website editor is David M. Fuqua, and he is reaching out to all sections to help provide fresh content for the website. He is looking for information about trial victories, summary judgments, and other items of interest that we can publish on the website. We have a regular feature on the site called "In the News" that is intended to highlight the accomplishments of all FDCC members.

ADR SECTION ARTICLE

Our featured article this quarter is:

**“Is Domestic Arbitration Broken?”
What Domestic Arbitration Can Learn From The Lessons of International Arbitration**

In recent years, a lively debate has ensued about whether domestic arbitration is “broken” in the United States. Many corporate counsel hold the view that arbitration no longer offers sufficient benefits over litigation. They primarily cite the failure of arbitrators to control the process so that lengthy hearings, discovery and the time to render a reasoned decision create a process that has all the flaws and none of the benefits of litigation. Attorneys blame their clients for wanting them to prolong the process and arm twist the opponent and the arbitrators for failing to make tough decisions that presumably would control the other side. Studies show consistently that the total cost and length to decision in U.S. arbitration comes close to litigation....

If you captivated by the excerpt and would like to read more, you can find a link to the entire article [\[HERE\]](#).

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 24 - 31, 2011	ANNUAL Meeting 2011 Colonial Williamsburg Resort Williamsburg, Virginia
March 3 - 10, 2012	WINTER Meeting 2012 Waldorf Astoria Arizona Biltmore Phoenix, Arizona
July 28 - August 4, 2012	ANNUAL Meeting 2012 The Fairmont Chateau Whistler Whistler, British Columbia

FINALLY...

Hope to see you all in February and best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!