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Welcome New & Current ADR Members

As the incoming Chair of the ADR Section, I want to first express congratulations and thanks to past Chair Helen Alford for her outstanding leadership and excellent work over the past 2 years. Helen's done a great job improving and expanding our Section, and I hope with your help we can make it even bigger and better.

To all new (and current) ADR Section members, please feel free to call or e-mail me any time with your ideas for programs, publications or this newsletter. ADR is becoming one of the fastest growing area of our law practices, and sharing your mediation and arbitration experiences will help all of us stay current and be more effective advocates. Also, please let me or any Vice Chair know if you want to participate by speaking, authoring a paper, or volunteering to cover Hot Cases assignments, etc.

Report From Banff

Although I could not attend Banff, Helen reports our Section meeting was fantastic -- about 70 people in attendance. We joined with the Corporate and Construction Sections for a robust discussion of current topics. Dan Kohane, Vicki Roberts and Marcus Brown were on our panel and Anthony Lanzone was the moderator. Helen received very good remarks from people attending the meeting about the panel discussion.

The plenary program also was exceptional and the food was great. As always, the fun and fellowship with FDCC members and families was outstanding.

You can check out papers from our section meeting online at the FDCC website. <http://www.thefederation.org>

What's Next?

If you are a home office claims officer or in-house counsel, please make plans to attend the fifth PLRB/FDCC "Critical Issues for Senior Insurance Executives and In-House Counsel" seminar on September 15, 2008 at the Embassy Suites O'Hare Hotel – Rosemont in Rosemont, IL. As in previous years, the seminar will present hot-button and upcoming insurance coverage topics. The sessions will bring together nationally recognized high-level coverage attorneys with senior claims executives. The full day of fast-moving discussions will include property sessions on litigation holds, bad faith, business interruption, and class actions in the first party context. The liability sessions include future global climate change claims, privacy claims in the computer age, claims arising from the housing crisis, and

other topics claims professionals face every day. Whether your focus is on liability or property, if you are a senior executive, you will not want to miss this seminar.

Upcoming Meetings

In 2009 we'll enjoy two of the best meeting locations in FDCC history – and no passports are required (at least for us U.S. folks)! Our Winter Meeting will be held at the Four-Diamond Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa February 21 – 28, 2009, and our 2009 Annual Meeting at the famous Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, July 26 – August 2, 2009.

Hawaii



Please make your room reservations now for Hawaii and plan to attend, since a large part of our plenary sessions are ADR related. The convention theme is “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Courthouse”, and the Program Chair is our own ADR Vice-Chair Mills Gallivan. Thursday will be a special session on advanced mediation skills for trial lawyers.

Please note that Hawaii is a Saturday to Saturday meeting, so plan to spend the whole week. This will be a one suitcase meeting – no tuxes and no ties.

Note also that The Federation Foundation will present Larry Pozner and his program, Cross-Examination: Science and Technique a special Federation Forum on Thursday, February 26th and Friday, February 27th from 8 to 9:30 am. Since this is the time normally reserved for Section meetings, the Foundation Forum will be in lieu of our normal ADR Section meeting. However, the ADR Section will have a short business / breakfast meeting in the FDCC breakfast room at 7:00 am on Thursday, Feb. 26. Please RSVP to me so we'll know how many tables to set up.

The beauty of Kauai makes it a natural setting for major motion pictures. You can take a guided tour by bus or limousine to the scene of many movies including Raiders of the Lost Ark & Jurassic Park. Another “must-see” is the Napali Coast – where striking sheer cliffs drop straight down thousands of feet to the ocean.

Other activities will include a Robert Trent Jones 18-Hole Golf Course, Catamaran sailing, snorkeling / scuba, Sport fishing, helicopter & ATV tours, hiking trails from beginner to adventurous, Waimea Canyon, the “Grand Canyon of the Pacific”, and boat cruises up the Wailua River – the only navigable river in Hawaii.

The Greenbrier



If, like me, you've never been to the Greenbrier, next summer is your chance! Convention Chair Steve Farrar promises a great program and lots of fun. The Greenbrier has a rich history - you can visit the long-secret U.S. Relocation Facility (built during the Cold War to house the U.S. government in case of a nuclear attack). It also offers over 50 recreational activities including three championship golf courses, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a 40,000-square-foot spa, mountain biking, trail rides, driving lessons in a Range Rover, croquet, tennis, and shopping.

ADR Volunteers and Opportunities

Many thanks to Anthony Lanzone for preparing a CLE paper for our Section, which was sent to the Quarterly for consideration as an article. If accepted, it will meet the ADR Section's obligation to submit an article for this year.

Be sure to check out the next FDCC Quarterly for Anthony's informative article about the benefits of mediation.

We're always looking for speakers and topics, so if you have any ideas, or want to be a speaker, please let me know.

Other Upcoming Events & Projects

9/24-26/2008 - Corporate Counsel Symposium:

The Federation will present its annual Corporate Counsel Symposium on September 24-26, 2008. The 2008 CCS will be held in Dallas, Texas – at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas, just a few miles from the Dallas-Forth Worth Airport. The CCS is directed to in-house counsel who manage litigation. The program will focus on advanced litigation management issues and techniques, and features former United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

From the corporate and insurance industries, we are pleased to present speakers from American Suzuki Motor Corporation, DuPont, Wal-Mart, GlaxoSmithKline, Ford Motor Company, Medtronic, Federal Signal, Boston Scientific, Dryvit, Federal Express,

Con-Agra, Commercial Metals, Nanotherapeutics, Textron, Alcon Laboratories, Idearc Me-dia, Cooper Tire and Rubber, and Infinity Insurance Company.

Professionals from Tsongas Litigation Consulting, The Feinberg Group, Beason and Ellis Conflict Resolution Center, and the Latz Negotiations will share their insights with the group. And, we are privileged to provide an update on civil justice reform by Barry Bauman, the Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Justice.

The CCS brochure is available online. The registration fee for the CCS is \$650. It's not too late to invite your corporate clients!

6/14-18/2009 Litigation Management College

Finally, the Fifteenth Annual Litigation Management College and the Sixth Annual Litigation Management College Graduate Program will be held at the Emory University Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia, June 14-18, 2009. If you have any questions or wish to reserve spots for the programs, please contact Richard Traub, Dean, Litigation Management College, (732) 985-1000, Ext. 711, rtraub@tels.com.

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 and if you have not sent Susan Coone (scoone@thefederation.org) your updated member profile. Each week a different member of the ADR Section is featured on our web page. People get tired of looking at the same faces so send in your updated profile to Susan ASAP.

And Finally

Your ADR Section Chair and Vice Chairs thank each of you for your participation and interest in the ADR Section.



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