

Property Insurance Section Newsletter

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2010 Winter Meeting

Although it did not offer the hoped for warmth from the winter cold that some members expected, the program and events were excellent and the Property Section Meeting was well attended and superb. The substantive program was so good that we ran out of time to discuss many Section and FDCC business items-- which are addressed below.

Kudos to Rick Hammond, Doug Berry, and Dennis Fitzpatrick for their excellent presentation: "Stayin Alive-Property Insurers As Deep Pocket Targets in Uncertain Economic Times". While the presentations (and Rick's U Tube video) were great, the papers were equally as good. I will see that they are linked to our Section Web page for those of you who didn't attend.



July 24-31, 2010

FDCC Annual Meeting-Westin Grand, Munich, Germany

We are set for the Munich Meeting and have a spot on the plenary program on Wednesday, July 28, with a dynamite panel - "Would you Mind Explaining This? The Cultural Clash in International Litigation-What Transatlantic Clients Expect from Their Lawyers". The panel will include attorneys from London & Zurich, and representatives from ACE and Allianz. While Thomas Friedman has tried to convince us that in this global economy "the world is flat", litigation counsel, local counsel and insurer litigants on both sides of the Atlantic will discuss management of client expectations in very different litigation worlds. Litigation differences include the proliferation of aggregation litigation (class actions) in the US, EU/US discovery differences, including conflicts with EU privacy regulations regarding storage of personal data, the costs of US litigation, and the differences in litigation and mediation cultures. The program is jointly sponsored by the Property Insurance Section, Reinsurance and Excess Insurance Section, Insurance Industry Section, and Technology and E-Commerce Sections.

If you have not made plans for Munich yet - hurry. Airfares will not go down, and even before the Orlando meeting, Munich hotel reservations were going like hot cakes. The day trips, and evening events look terrific, and this is a unique opportunity!

FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2011 Meeting Convention Chairs have decided to "look forward and look backward" as themes for the FDCC's 75th Anniversary



Winter 2011 - Indian Wells

We have already secured a space on the plenary program for the 2011 program in Indian Wells which will focus on insurance and environment including LEED endorsements. Joyce Wang is our Section's Program Chair for the Meeting. Additionally our Section Meeting is already "in the works" with new member Barclay Nicholson planning a presentation on Energy Code enforcement under law and ordinance endorsements. We are planning to arrange a tour of the Palm Springs wind farm, one of the largest wind farms in the US and the only one that gives tours. The wind farm tour may become a conference field trip.



2011 Annual Meeting - Williamsburg

We also already have a volunteer for the Williamsburg program in Summer 2011. The theme of the Williamsburg Convention is looking backward and Jess Millikan of Bullivant Houser has volunteered to plan a program on code upgrades with a focus on repair and restoration of Historic Buildings.

Current Projects

Hot Cases - Our Hot Case week was April 12 and Paul White of Tressler's CA office. Thanks. Tom Brown's Firm and Mike Bagley's firm have committed to the next two weeks. We are covered for HOT CASES until the fall of 2011!

FDCC Quarterly - Thanks to Andy Downs and Doug Berry we have met our obligation to author an FDCC Quarterly Article. Their article "Managing the Case of a Lifetime: How to Survive and Prosper Without Imperiling Your Sanity, Personal and Client Relationships, and the Self-Insured Retention on Your E&O Policy" is finished and ready to go to press.

PLRB Webinars - The PLRB has advised us they are moving to Webinar's to replace the Critical Issues live program. This is in part due to the economy, PLRB's expansion of its own Large Loss and Regional Conference Programs, and its desire to use Webinars more in the future. They have approached our Section about sponsoring and providing the speaker's for at least 3 programs in 2010. The concept is single issue one hour programs. Mike Kiernan and I have been working with the FDCC P & O Committee and Visibility Committee, Chaired by Mike Nelson, to implement this program. We are anticipating Board Approval and a June launch with Rick Hammond's Program on Insurance Coverage Issues Arising Out of the Mortgage Crises.

As you can see, the Section is very busy. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to speak, write, govern, and plan these exciting programs.

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