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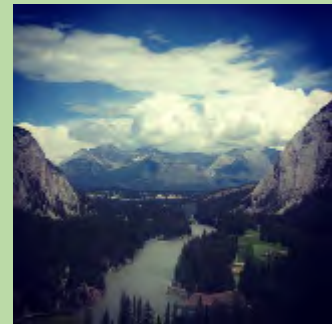
FDCC E-Newsletter *April 2015*



Picture Perfect Banff... You know you want to come. So, get your passport, get your tickets, and get ready to be wowed.

Registration is live NOW –[Click HERE to register.](#)

You may have heard spectacular things about Banff. **They are all true!** A tremendous week awaits us at our 2015 Annual Meeting. We are staying at the Fairmont Banff Springs –the “Castle in the Rockies.” We literally will be surrounded by Banff National Park, Canada’s oldest national park, filled with picturesque mountain peaks, valleys, lakes, rivers, and wildlife. Lots and lots of wildlife. Roni and I have seen elk (nibbling flowers at the hotel), bighorn sheep, mountain goats, mule deer, moose, beaver, coyote, and bear. Lots of bear.



local artists lined up to highlight the beauty all around us as seen through their eyes. We expect record attendance for children and have planned **tons of family and budget friendly activities**, including Parks Canada events just for the FDCC!

Andy Downs has put together a tremendous CLE program focused on a world that is changing in unimaginable ways at unimaginable speed and featuring nationally and internationally renowned speakers.

There is too much to describe here. The [Brochure](#) lists everything in much more detail. If you're eager to go now, wait until you see all there is to do and see. See you there.

[Vicki, Roni, Howard, Chris, and Andy](#)



FDCC/IADC Joint Law Firm Management Conference

Last Chance to Register!

The FDCC and the IADC are presenting "Turn and Face the Strange: It's Time to Focus on What Matters," this year's Joint Law Firm Management Conference. It will be May 13-15 at The Conrad in Chicago. The cost for this two day program is only \$695, and if you send two or more attendees to the conference, registration will only be \$595 for additional attendees from your firm.

Program highlights will include:

- The 7 Last Words of a Dying Firm: "That's the Way We've Always Done It"
- What to Expect When Your Clients are Expecting...Everything: Delivering Customer Service and Managing Client Expectations
- Demystifying the Billing Audit Bogeyman
- How to Compete in the World of e-Discovery and ESI Management

Register Now

[Joint Law Firm Management Conference](#)

May 13-15, 2015 - The Conrad - Chicago, IL

[Litigation Management College & Grad Program](#)

June 7-11, 2015 ~ Emory University Center, Atlanta, GA

Name the New Publication

BE A PART OF HISTORY.

Submit entries to:

mstreeper@thefederation.org by

July 1, 2015

The winning name will be announced at the FDCC Annual Meeting in Banff (*winner need not be present, but we hope you will be*). The winner will receive a \$200 Gift Certificate.

Deposition Boot Camp & Deposition Manual

Click to register for the last Boot Camp in 2015:

[June 8-9, 2015 - New Orleans](#)

The Deposition Manual, developed for the boot camps, is being sold by the FDCC for \$100.00. FDCC members, or those from firms or companies with a member, may purchase the Manual for only \$90.00. Those who purchase five or more at the same time will receive a 10% discount. [Download the order form.](#)

In The News

[Reid S. Manley](#), Burr Forman, LLP, Birmingham, AL, has been elected as a fellow of the

- LIGHT MY FIRE: It's Not ALL About Money. It's About Passion, Purpose, and Fulfillment.
- What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: A Primer on How to Use Client Metrics to Strengthen Your Practice
- Alternative Fee Arrangements: Providing Clients with Competitive Pricing Solutions
- CRM Software
- You Can't Always Get What You Want - Or Can You?
- The Key to Success is Knowing What Comes Next: Top Trends and Changes in the Law That Your Firm Should be Preparing For Now
- Actions Speak Louder Than Words: Implement Best Practices for Effective Law Firm Management - TODAY!

To view the biographies of our presenters, [click here](#). For the full program brochure, [click here](#). For more information and to register, [click here](#).

LITIGATION MANAGEMENT COLLEGE & GRADUATE PROGRAM



2015 Litigation Management College Programs

This year's **Litigation Management College** and **Graduate School** programs, which are being held from June 7 -11, 2015, will be at the Emory University Conference Center in Atlanta. Each program will immerse the students in a college-like atmosphere with a broad range of extremely relevant and challenging activities that will teach them about themselves and about being more effective in their jobs. The Graduate School offers a higher level of intense training – perfect for claim professionals (including, but not limited to those who have completed the LMC) with over 15 years of experience, claim managers, in-house counsel, etc. Both programs are social and fun as well as educational. Attendees will have the chance to network with and learn from claims professionals from dozens of other companies from different parts of the country doing different types of work.



Financial Services Lawyers. Membership in

the College recognizes experience and preeminence in the field of consumer financial services law and repeated and substantial contributions to the promotion of learning and scholarship in this area of the law. Congratulations, Reid!

Upcoming Local Meetings



April 16, 2015

Denver, CO

Hosted by *Amy Miletich*

April 29, 2015

Phoenix, AZ

Hosted by *Lori Berke*

Mini Regional Meeting



Some FDCC members had a mini-super regional meeting of sorts in Philadelphia a few weeks ago. The attached is a photo taken of Federation members, a sponsor, friends, and a spouse at Villa de Roma. Members were faculty and attendees at a recent conference in Philadelphia held on March 16-17. Pictured are (bottom left going clockwise): *Tom Oakes, Ned Currie, Matt*

handling the most difficult challenges claims professionals face. For Defense Counsel, please forward this information to your claims colleagues, whether they are in-house, with an insurer, or with a TPA. Anyone who does attend will be totally thankful that you got him or her involved.

For more information and to register for the LMC, [click here](#) ~
For the Graduate Program, [click here](#).

AMICUS UPDATE

THE FDCC AMICUS AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE RECENTLY JOINS IN THREE BRIEFS FILED IN THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT.

The FDCC, through Amicus and Public Policy Committee, recently joined with the IADC in filing three briefs in the California Supreme Court. Two of the briefs were filed in cases involving take-home asbestos exposures. These briefs urged the California Supreme Court to reject recognizing any duty extending from employers to non-employee plaintiffs. The two cases are *Kesner v. S.C. (Pneumo Abex LLC)* (Cal. 2014) 175 Cal. Rptr. 3d 810 and *Haver v. BNSF R. Co.* (Cal. 2014) 175 Cal. Rptr. 3d 810. In *Haver*, the employee's wife was allegedly exposed to asbestos from her husband and his clothing. In *Kesner*, the plaintiff was allegedly exposed to asbestos fibers as a child when he visited his uncle's home.

Copies of the amici briefs filed in *Kesner* and *Haver* are attached here: [Kesner](#) and [Haver](#)

The FDCC also joined in a brief filed in the California Supreme Court in *Ramos v. Brenntag Specialties* (Cal. 2014) 174 Cal. Rptr. 3d 81. The plaintiff, Ramos, developed interstitial pulmonary fibrosis and sued several companies including Alcoa that supplied the raw materials used in an industrial foundry that made metal parts. The amici urged the Court to adopt the sophisticated purchaser doctrine as an exception to a supplier's general duty to warn. Application of the sophisticated purchaser doctrine would preclude liability. The amici urged the court to extend the sophisticated user doctrine to sophisticated purchasers and hold the where a product is sold to a sophisticated or knowledgeable purchaser, the manufacturer or supplier has no duty to warn the ultimate product users (the employees) of any hazards posed by the product because the purchaser either has or can be expected to have independent knowledge of the hazards and has its own independent duty to warn the employees of those hazards.

McMyne, Larry Levine, Deborah Levine, Lewis Collins, Paul White, Lauren Curtis, Jay Harris, and Steve Pate. Over 1/3 of the entire faculty consisted of Federation members - pretty impressive for a national conference.

New Members

(Since last newsletter)

Linda J. Botek, *Travelers Indemnity Corp.*, Hunt Valley, MD

Christopher T.

Cafaro, *Montfort, Healy, McGuire & Salley, LLP*, Garden City, NY

Marie E. Chafe, *Cornell & Gollub*, Boston, MA

J. Anderson Davis, *Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis, LLP*, Rome, GA

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Patrick L. Sealey, *Heidman Law Firm, LLP*, Sioux City, IA

Vicki M. Smith, *Bodyfelt Mount, LLP*, Portland, OR

William M. Toles, *Fee, Smith, Sharp & Vitallo*, Dallas, TX

Margaret Fonshell Ward, *Ward & Herzog, LLC*, Baltimore, MD

Save the Date

Corporate Counsel Symposium

September 28-30, 2015 - The Ritz, New Orleans, LA

Insurance Industry Symposium

October 21-23, 2015 - New York Athletic Club - New York, NY

Ramos

The FDCC Amicus and Public Policy Committee will continue to look for appropriate cases in which to participate as amicus. FDCC members with a case they would like to discuss with the Committee may contact Stacy Broman, Chair of the Amicus and Public Policy Committee, or any of the Committee members.

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