Class Action and Multi-District Litigation Section Newsletter
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Members of the Class Action and Multi-District Litigation Section:

Soon we will all have traveled across the pond and be in Munich for the 2010 Annual Meeting. A lot of hard work has gone into preparing a terrific CLE program and social events. I hope to see you in Munich. URGENT REQUEST – WE NEED SOMEONE FOR HOT CASES NEXT WEEK.

Recap of the 2010 Mid-Year meeting at Disney World

For those of you who were at The Grand Floridian, you learned that we could in fact work hard and play harder.   Robbie and Lib Foster put together a tremendous convention of activities and social events and Vickie Roberts' CLE program was fantastic. Our section CLE program featured three great programs. Special thanks to Andy Downs, Terence Ridley and Dan Gerber for their presentations. Their papers are up on the website if you want to review them.

The 2010 Annual Meeting
Westin Grand Arabella Park
July 24- 31, 2010

In less than 2 months we will all be in Munich for the Federation's first meeting on the continent of Europe. Convention Chairs Mills and Carol Anne Gallivan have put together a phenomenal program with numerous opportunities for you and your family to enjoy Munich and the Bavarian countryside. Our official activities begin on Saturday, July 24th. "Early CLE" begins on Monday; Tuesday is Fellowship Day, with a selection of full day tours being offered; the President's Reception is Wednesday night at the famous Ratskeller; the Theme Party on Thursday night will be at the BMW Museum and we will wind up Friday with the Bavarian Bowtie Banquet.

Program Chair Deb Kuchler is planning an outstanding CLE program.   We will be joining Premises Products Toxic Tort Environmental Law and Transportation section for a presentation on catastrophic disasters on Monday morning.

Future Events

Corporate Counsel Symposium
Hyatt at The Bellevue Philadelphia, PA
September 21-23, 2010

The Seventh Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium will be held in Philadelphia at The Hyatt Bellevue. This year's CCS which is directed to in-house counsel in managed litigation, is entitled "Protecting the Company in a Changing Economy: Best Practices for In-house Counsel who Manage Corporate Risk and Litigation." This cutting edge day-and-a-half symposium is targeted to help in-house counsel address new challenges, new exposures and new assaults facing corporate defendants. This year's program will include:

- Benchmarking for the Corporate Law Department in the Changing Economy
- Best Practices to Help In-House Counsel Work with the Business Sector to Reduce and Eliminate Risk to the Company
- New developments in the changing employment law arena
- Selecting the right outside counsel for the Company in the new economic climate
- Pretrial tactics and tools useful to in-house counsel in managing litigation
- Governmental updates – Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

CCS provides you with a rare opportunity to spend time with clients and meet other corporate counsel to and from around the country. Register you and your client by August 13, 2010 and pay only $600.00. The registration fee goes up to $650.00 after August 13, 2010 so register early.

DRI Annual Meeting
San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina
October 20-24, 2010

The FDCC Reception at the DRI Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Future Meetings Winter 2011 Indian Wells, CA
Saturday, February 26-Saturday, March 5, 2011

We already have several volunteers for the 2011 program at Indian Wells. However, we are always looking for lots of ideas and lots of contributions. This meeting, which will kick off FDCC's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, will provide a phenomenal convention thanks to Mike and Linda Nelson as well as a superb CLE program put on by Bruce Celebrezze.

2011 Annual Meeting Williamsburg, VA
Sunday, July 24-Sunday, July 31, 2012

We are looking for volunteers for the Williamsburg Program in Summer, 2012. Please let me know if you are interested.

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Current Projects
Hot Cases – Our hot case week is June 21st.

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We need a volunteer and it is not hard to do. This is something for those of you who actually have summer associates to use to keep them busy.

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FDCC Quarterly Article

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We need an article for The Quarterly.

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Website

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Just a quick reminder about the recent upgrades to the website designed to showcase you and your achievements. The Federation Triumphs is designed to let all of the visitors to our website know of successes Federation members have achieved in the courtroom, including victories on significant motions and appeals. This section will include your picture along with a short description of your great result you and your firm achieved. "In the News" allows members to publicize their talent and achievements far beyond the courthouse including receipt of bar awards, civic awards, promotions, etc. This will include your picture along with a brief description of the achievement. Send your submissions to Scott Kreamer at kreamer@bscr-law.com.

Another technological innovation of the Federation is that we are now on Facebook and Linked-In. If you do not know what Facebook is, find a teenager or a college student and ask them. You can join the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Group on Facebook and Linked-In and network with other members. If you have a Facebook page, you can join the FDCC group and see what all your Federation friends are doing. Sign up today so you do not miss two of the fastest growing and best known sites on the Internet.

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Future Meetings

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- Winter 2012 Saturday March 3 – Saturday March 10, 2012
  Waldorf Astoria Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ

- Annual Meeting 2012 Saturday, July 28 – Saturday August 4, 2012
  The Fairmont Chateau, Whistler British Columbia

- Winter 2013 Saturday, March 2 – Saturday March 9, 2013
  The Westin LaCantera Resort, San Antonio, TX

- Annual 2013 Sunday, July 28 – Sunday, August 4, 2013
  The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

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