

## **Newsletter: Class Action and Multidistrict Litigation Section**

**September 2015**

### **Hot Cases: Volunteers Needed!**

The Class Action Section is “on” for the week of October 12, 2015. I need a few volunteers to submit short summaries of recent “hot cases” for each day that week. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer for the cause.

### **Corporate Counsel Symposium: The Big Easy.**

The CCS is all set to take place in New Orleans on September 28-30. I hope you are planning to attend, learn, and network. The P&O Meeting will take place on October 1.

### **2015 Annual Meeting in Banff: The Class Action “Lightning Round” - A Big Success.**

We had a record turn-out for our Banff section meeting addressing Recent Developments in Class Actions. It was literally standing room only, and why not? -- with a cast of outstanding speakers, including Gray Culbreath, Frank Gassler, Thomas Segalla, Wytan Ackerman, Ryan Beckett, and Richard Gottlieb. Thanks to our panelists, and thanks to all of those who attended.

### **2016 Winter Meeting: Know the New Rules**

In December new amended federal rules take effect – amendments that will very likely impact your practice in the area of ESI discovery, including preservation and spoliation issues. The Class Action Section is teaming up with Trial Tactics to present not only the “bread and butter” of the rules changes, but also how to interpret and argue these changes in the course of your practice. We will be honored with a panel comprised of Gray Culbreath, Chris DePhillips, Ed Ruff, and Paul Kuhnel. Mark your calendar for this must-attend presentation currently set for: **Tuesday, March 1, at 8:00 a.m.** Bob Christie and Ned Currie have an awesome convention planned for the membership, and this section meeting is just one tip of several icebergs comprising an educational and fun convention. Be there or be square!

### **2016 Annual Meeting: Speakers Needed!**

The Section is in the early planning stages for the Annual 2016 meeting. The likely topic is class actions with international / cross border aspects, with a focus on the Lac-Mégantic train derailment disaster. If you are interested in participating in this program, now would be an excellent time to speak up and join. Please contact one of our vice-chairs, Chris DePhillips, Scott Maidment, Andrew Johnson, or me if you would like to participate as a panelist – or if you have ideas for the presentation.

### **Strategic Alliances:**

The Strategic Alliances Committee for the FDCC is being chaired by Walter Dukes and Gray Culbreath. They are leading an effort that is examining the feasibility of the FDCC partnering with industry groups, trade organizations, and think tanks. This topic will be on the P&O agenda next week in New Orleans. As a part of this process, Walter and Gray are seeking input for ideas and recommendations of potential partner groups that may have a large membership (but low lawyer population) and who might welcome a partnership with us. One of the primary goals of this process is to expose our members to networking opportunities. It could also give our members opportunities to demonstrate the value of their Federation membership to their firms.

If any of you have suggestions as to groups that might be interested in an alliance with the FDCC, please email Walter, Gray, or me with your recommendations.

### **Section Corporate Member Advisor:**

As a reminder, the Section is still in need of a corporate member advisor. If you are interested, please contact a vice-chair: Scott Maidment, Chris DePhillips, or Andrew Johnson.

### **FDCC Quarterly: Say Goodbye**

As you may know by now, the FDCC Quarterly is walking off into the sunset. Great journals of law never die, they just fade away – and then get reincarnated in a newer, hipper form. Shorter articles will be one major change. More will follow on this big change of publications. Please let me know if you are interested in submitting an article for the new publication.

See you in New Orleans and/or San Diego!

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