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President's Thoughts



Happy Holidays – how many times do we say that at this time of the year? Countless, perhaps? As I write it, I am thinking about my Federation family and how much each of you means to Lee and me. We truly do hope that you can take

time to enjoy your family and friends and reflect on the past year.

We just concluded our fifth Deposition Boot Camp in Atlanta and it was, as prior programs, a huge success. The Chairs, Ned Currie and Frank Ramos, and their faculty wooed the students and received rave reviews. As an associate from my firm who attended said:

The Deposition Boot Camp in Atlanta was fantastic. The instructors were all exceptional, and the feedback I received from them after doing my mock depositions was invaluable. As a young associate, I learned a lot from this experience and will be implementing the advice and tips into my own practice. I would recommend this Boot Camp to attorneys who want to understand the increasing



2015 DEPOSITION BOOT CAMP - ATLANTA

Thank you to **Evelyn Fletcher Davis** and her firm, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young*, for hosting the December Boot Camp in Atlanta. The program was sold out and once again received rave reviews. The next Deposition Boot Camps will be:

April 4-5, 2016
Sedgwick LLP
San Francisco, CA

Faculty

Victor R. Anderson, III
Andrew B. "Andy" Johnson
Joyce C. Wang

Reading that review, you would almost think I paid her to write it, but she correctly praises the faculty which consisted of Ned, Frank, Heidi Goebel, Evelyn Davis, Peggy Ward, Joe Babington, & J. R. Murphy. Thanks to all of these great lawyers who took time to teach the next generation. Special thanks also to Evelyn and Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young for hosting the event. Look for the next Boot Camp in San Francisco in early April, 2016.

Enjoy the holidays and Happy New Year!



FDCC 2016 ANNUAL MEETING Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu – Charlevoix, Quebec

Although snow has not yet fallen in Buffalo [subject to change at any time], the Holiday Season is here. It is not too early to think about the opportunity to immerse yourself in the French-Canadian culture of Charlevoix, Quebec. The Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu will provide luxurious accommodations at remarkably affordable prices in a setting of unparalleled natural beauty. Our annual meeting will have something for everyone in a locale where land and sea converge on the cliffs of the St. Lawrence.

Join President Steve Farrar and First Lady Lee as they welcome you to this exquisite resort. Our meeting will be held July 23 - 30, 2016. The President's Reception will be held under the stars on the terraced lawn that provides a splendid view to gaze upon ships which, quite literally, pass in the night before us. Thrill your palate on dine-around night as you choose from an incredible array of dining opportunities that includes fine French cuisine, and the more bawdy experience of "Bootleggers." You will also marvel at the illusion and athleticism at Fed Circus, and we will end our week dancing to the divine music of "1945." Start making plans now to join us at this unique destination.

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June 13-14, 2016
*Nutter, McClennen
& Fish LLP*
Boston, MA

Faculty

Elizabeth F. Lorell
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HOTEL DEL CORONADO – AN UPDATE



We are just 90 days out from our winter convention at The Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego. These lovely women are getting ready for our Wednesday night theme party: Speak Easy at The Del. We have hired our jazz band that features a 1920s repertoire. So everything is in place except for you. Register now and book your room. Go to fdccwinter2016.com for links to do both. Check out the program, download the brochure, and join us in San Diego!

Mary Alice Collins has announced her selection for the Book Club, [Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the](#)

merveilleux et sur saison de vacances. [We hope you and your families have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.]

Convention Chairs,
Mike and Tricia Glascott

FDCC INSIGHTS

A Journal for Civil Defense and Corporate Counsel

By now, you should have seen the First Edition of the FDCC's new publication, *FDCC Insights*. *FDCC Insights* was created to provide topical and newsworthy articles on substantive legal issues, including practical tips for use in the everyday practice of law. After reviewing the First Edition, we hope you agree that we have met our goal.

One of the benefits of *FDCC Insights* is that it can be forwarded by members to any client or other attorneys without the need for editing. Accordingly, the publication should present a great marketing opportunity for FDCC Members.

I will note that *FDCC Insights* will only survive if our members submit content. I have always thought that one of the greatest benefits of FDCC membership is being associated with a group of such extraordinary attorneys. There is no better way to display the talent of our members than for those members to submit top quality articles that can then be published in the *FDCC Insights* for the legal community to see.

After you have reviewed the First Edition of FDCC Insights, the Publication Committee welcomes any comments or suggestions on ways to improve the publication for future editions. Should you have any comments, please direct those to me at rmanley@burr.com

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!

narrative as deceptively smooth as the calm water along the Irish coast, author Erik Larson delivers a riveting account of one of WWI's most tragic events. The sinking of the Lusitania in May of 1915 stunned the world when an unanticipated sequence of events put the luxury passenger liner in the path of Captain Walther Schwieger. The torpedo fired from his U-boat blew a hole the size of a house beneath the ship's waterline, claiming the lives of 1,195 passengers and crew. Larson crafts a complete story of the historical event with suspense, riveting detail, and description of the lethal technology of early submarine warfare. Larson is the author of *In The Garden of Beasts*, *The Devil In The White City*, and *Thunderstruck*. He is a resident of Seattle."

The Mike Neil Tour has sold out. The sailing event is booking up fast. Our meetings begin Monday, February 29th, so arrive to for our Welcome Reception on Sunday, February 28th. Head home on Friday, March 4th. Happy Holidays to all of our friends.

Bob & Erin Christie,
Convention Chairs

**Last Chance for a
Feel-good
Tax Deduction!**





The Federation Foundation needs your tax-deductible donations for the 2016 silent auction to be held at the San Diego meeting. Please support the work of the Foundation and forward information regarding your tax-deductible donations to [Stacy Broman](#) or [Victor Anderson](#).

Examples of some of the exciting items already donated include:

- **4 nights at Scrub Island Resort, Scrub Island, British Virgin Islands** in a one bedroom suite with breakfast for two daily - *donated by Joe Collier of Mainsail Lodging & Development.*
- **1 week in 2 bedroom townhouse (sleeps 8) on Mount Hood, Welches, Oregon** on the 8th hole of golf course with skiing, ping pong, pool, and hot tub - *donated by Ron Clark of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC.*
- **1 week stay in a 3 bedroom, 3 bath cabin in McCall, Idaho** on a date to be agreed upon with the purchaser and host. The cabin is on the 11th fairway of Jug Mountain Golf Course and is located in the beautiful Idaho valley. Available activities include fishing, hiking, boating, golf in summer, and downhill and cross country skiing in the winter - *donated by Richard Hall.*
- **1 week in a beach house on Anna Maria Island, Manatee County, Florida** - *donated by Lewis Collins of Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP.*
- **3 night stay for one at The Old Kirby Place fishing lodge in Montana** during 2016 season - *donated by Bruce Alverson, The Old Kirby Place.*
- **4 tickets to a Tampa Bay Lightning game** of your choice for 2016-2017 season - *donated by Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP.*
- **One week stay at Colin and Clare Croly's lovely home "The Bluff"** between July 5 and 19, 2016.

toasting the new year, will you consider making a contribution to the FDCC Foundation? It's as easy as [click and donate!](#)

The Foundation does so much to make your FDCC membership valuable. It enhances membership: by providing the money to bring top notch speakers to our meetings, through financial support for webinars that deliver superior education (right to your computer), and by awarding scholarships to diverse law students. Have you or your clients attended the Litigation Management College, the Insurance Industry Institute, or the Corporate Counsel Symposium? Did you know that Foundation seed money made these programs possible? How is that for value?

Why not take a moment and join your fellow Federation members in support of the programs and initiatives of the Foundation? Thanks and have a blessed holiday season.

Lewis Collins
President, FDCC Foundation

NEW MEMBERS

(Since last newsletter)

Steven Allen
QBE North America
Kennesaw, GA

Pelin Baysal
Gün + Partners
Zincirlikuyu, İstanbul

Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

Family and Friends

FDCC Fellowship is the strong bond of friendship that we develop when attending FDCC meetings and while working on FDCC projects. For many of us, this extends far beyond professional relationships, and has developed into life-long friendships. To further strengthen our fellowship, we are adding this new column to the eNewsletter which will be bylined, *Family and Friends*. We will use it to report on significant life events occurring with our FDCC friends and their families.

The FDCC officers agree that it is important to have a place to communicate information regarding significant life events of FDCC members and their immediate families. Also, we want a more prompt way to notify our members when a member or someone in his/her family has passed away. As you will see later in this column, we have recently lost several members.

This is your chance to be a “reporter,” so please pass along news worthy information. If you are aware of an FDCC member receiving an award or other significant accolade, please let us know. Also, if a member is ill and that person would like for other members to know, we will certainly report that information as well. We hope that you will enjoy keeping up with each other through this column.

Please note that the following members recently passed away.

- **Theodore “Ted” A. Kolb**, May 26, 1923 – March 2, 2015. Ted was a long-time resident of San Francisco, California and was Of Counsel at Hanson Bridgett, LLP. Ted became a member of the Federation in 1957.
- **William “Bill” O. Dillingham, II**, January 9, 1951 – August 3, 2015. Bill resided in San Francisco, California where he co-founded the San Francisco

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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**Feb. 28 - Mar. 4, 2016****FDCC Winter Meeting**Hotel Del Coronado
San Diego, California**Apr. 4 - 5, 2016****Deposition Boot Camp**Sedgwick LLP
San Francisco, California**June 5 - 9, 2016****Litigation Management
College & Graduate
Program**Emory Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia**June 13 - 14, 2016****Deposition Boot Camp**Nutter, McClennen
& Fish LLP
Boston, Massachusetts**July 23 - 30, 2016****FDCC Annual Meeting**Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu
La Malbaie, Quebec

- **Jack Conrad Cherry**, July 8, 1932 – August 7, 2015. Jack lived in Las Vegas, Nevada. In October of 1995, he joined Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen & Sanders firm as Of Counsel until retiring in May of this year. Jack joined the FDCC in 1981.
- **David “Brocky” A. Brockinton, Jr.**, October 23, 1918 – November 1, 2015. Brocky was a life-long resident of Charleston, South Carolina and became a member of the FDCC in 1948. He practiced law at Brockinton Family Law Firm since 1945.
- **Theodore “Ted” O. Struk**, 1932 – November 6, 2015. Ted resided in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and practiced with the firm of Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote. Ted became a member of the Federation in 1974.
- **Scott Conley**, November 7, 1923 – December 6, 2015. Scott was one of the founding partners of the firm that eventually became Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold. Scott served as President of the FDCC from 1986-1987.

Each of these members of our Federation family will be greatly missed. Please submit your contributions to this column to [Marty Streeper](#).

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