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FDCC E-Newsletter

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Let us Know about Your Triumphs, and About You

Click the links in the right column to learn about **Jim Chapman's** gubernatorial appointment in Virginia, **Eric Riegner's** big defense verdict and an "up close and personal" profile of **Marisa Trasatti**. Please let [Susan Coone](#) know of any significant events in your professional life, or submit a profile on yourself. Let us know what you have accomplished and more about who you are. We are interested.

It's Not Too Late—Sign Up for the Next FDCC Lunch & Learn Webinar

Mark your calendars and register for the upcoming Lunch & Learn Webinar on February 18, 2014 at 1:30 pm eastern. The topic is "Protecting Intellectual Property & Trade Secrets in the US & Beyond." Even if your practice doesn't involve these areas, in fact especially if it doesn't, this is an important webinar for you. You will learn about some of the greatest challenges facing your clients and companies. A key challenge for American businesses is



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**Come Join the Fun and Learn a Lot—
FDCC Winter Meeting at Marco Island Marriott**

Great things are awaiting you at the Marco Island Marriott,

encroachment. A panel of FDCC speakers will address these important topics, with a focus on both domestic and foreign topics. Panelists include **Joe A. Garza, Esq.**, *Vice President & Associate General Counsel*, Dex Media, Inc., Dallas, TX; **Sidney J. Hardy, Esq.**, *McCranie Sistrunk Anzelmo Hardy McDaniel & Welch LLC*, New Orleans, LA; **Jose I. Rojas, Esq.**, *Rojas Law Firm, LLP*, Miami, FL; **Michael D. O'Connell, Esq.**, *O'Connell, Attmore & Morris, LLC.*, Hartford, CT. Come join the discussion. Learn the lingo. You will not be disappointed. [Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

Don't Forget to Pay your FDCC Dues

All of you should have received your dues notice for the current year. Many have paid, but a few of you either have misplaced the invoice or are finding your accounting departments uncooperative. Please check and, if you have not paid, make your dues payment. We prefer not to have to follow-up with phone calls.

The FDCC Foundation is Working for You

For those of you who may not know, the FDCC Foundation is a separate charitable entity. Its mission is to advance the interests of the civil defense bar and the individuals and companies it serves, as well as to promote and enhance the stature of the civil justice system and the rule of law. To learn about some of the many things the Foundation does, please [click here](#) to see the 2013 Foundation report prepared by president Bill Roedder. Pay particular attention to the segment where people can contribute and support the Foundation. With the infusion of new funds, the Foundation can continue to support critical speakers and FDCC initiatives.

Blog, Blog and Blog Again

March 2-8, 2014. Elizabeth and Jeff Lorell have put together a memorable meeting at a fabulous venue where the sun shines brightly, the beaches are expansive and good times will roll. [Click here](#) to review the Winter Meeting brochure, where you can also see the details of the cutting edge program crafted by our chair, Howard Merten. We will feature the acclaimed Trial Masters Program, discuss lessons learned from an original trial master—Clarence Darrow, dig deeply into the crises confronting law schools and law firms, and hear from clients on what the future holds. Don't hesitate. Come down and enjoy the learning, networking and fellowship. [Click here to register for the meeting.](#)

In the News

[Jim Chapman's gubernatorial appointment in Virginia](#)



FDCC Triumphs

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But, rather than just read, please participate.

1. Login as a member www.thefederation.org
2. Click on Member Services menu
3. Click on "Submit a Blog" tab
4. Enter blog content, title, & categories, then click on add entry.

Sharing ideas is one of the many values that FDCC membership delivers. Everyone has something to share. Let's make our FDCC blog even more impactful by being a part of it.

Let Your Voice be Heard on the Proposed FRCP Changes

Time is running out to submit your comments to the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, the group proposing important changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure. Review previous notes to membership on these changes and go to the FDCC [website](#) or the Lawyers for Civil Justice [website](#) for more information. The deadline for submitting comments is February 15, 2014. It is important to hear from attorneys in the litigation trenches, as well as corporate/insurance counsel who manage those attorneys.

Be on the Lookout for the Best and Brightest Potential FDCC Members

We are selective in who we bring into the FDCC membership. But we always have room for more. Think about exceptional defense counsel or clients you believe worthy of being nominated for membership for consideration by our admissions committee. Review the qualifications for membership in our bylaws, which are on our [website](#). Although we are looking for all "above and beyond" potential members, we want to focus on adding to our number of young and diverse members. Over the last six months, we have made great inroads into these segments, as well as into our corporate counsel membership ranks. But we should not rest on our laurels.

Member Profile

"Up close and personal" with Marisa Trasatti



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If you have a name of a potential member, send it to
Mary Nell O'Dowd. She will take it from there.

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