

**HEALTHCARE PRACTICE SECTION
THE FEDERATION OF CORPORATE & DEFENSE COUNSEL
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REGISTER NOW for the FDCC Winter 2012 meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona, March 3 – 12, 2012. The Biltmore, located in Sonoran Desert, is surrounded by mountains and offers fantastic scenery. There is no better opportunity for CLE, fun, relaxation, great food (and drinks) and time with your FDCC friends. Bring your golf clubs, swim suits, hiking boots, tennis racket, running shoes, as well as credit cards for those great shopping trips. Opportunities for good times abound.

Temperatures for the meeting are expected to be low 50's to mid 70's. Rainfall is virtually non existent and Phoenix averages more than 310 sunny days per year.

Planned activities start on Sunday March 4, 2012 with a guided hike to Squaw Peak, a guided bike trip along Arizona's rolling desert terrain and, of course, a cocktail reception to end the day. Monday you can enjoy a walking food and cultural tour with "A Taste of Old Town Scottsdale" walking tour, or enjoy an easy 2 mile hike into the McDowell Sonoran Preserve on the Saguaro Loop Nature Walk. Don't worry, you will be back in time for the "Take me out to the" Cocktail Reception on the lovely Biltmore property. The week continues with tours of the Desert Botanical Gardens, tennis tournaments, bridge, more biking and hiking, jewelry shows, rafting, golf, guided tours of Frank Lloyd Wright's home and studio, driving adventures, barbecue demonstrations and oh yes, more food and drink each night.

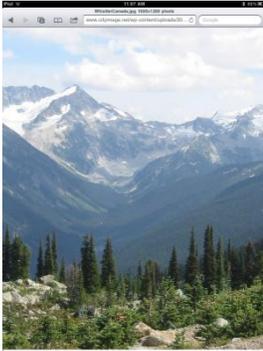
CLE on your mind? You won't find better programs than our Winter meeting planned by Program Chair Don Myles. Join us Tuesday for the Trial Masters Program "What Jurors Think About Damages". Learn more about marketing your practice through social media and gather important tips on trademark, copyright and patent law. Professionalism and technology will take center stage on Wednesday's plenary program, so join us to discuss "Winning through Civility" and "Technology for Lawyers – Best iPad Apps". The list goes on and on with programs on topics like immigration and negotiation. Roger Crawford joins us on Thursday to discuss inspiring others to discover possibilities hidden in plain sight. Our keynote speaker, George Will, today's most widely read columnist, will join us on Friday, March 9 to talk about politics and baseball.

Our Health Care Practice Section meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8 at 7:45 a.m. This will be a business meeting and all section members and others who may be interested are encouraged to attend. We will discuss ways to make our Section more relevant to our practice including an open forum to allow for the exchange of ideas, commentary, questions, challenging legal issues, etc. We will also have a brief presentation on the Patient Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") during which we will highlight some potential challenges created by implementation of this Act. Join us for our Healthcare Practice Section meeting. In addition, we want to gather input from all section members on topics of interest and future program requests.



Be ready to volunteer (yourself or others) to speak, prepare a paper, or simply to encourage other FDCC members to join our section.

Make plans now to join President and First Lady, Mike and Jan Neil, Convention Chair Deb Varner and Program Chair Don Myles for this fantastic meeting.



SUMMER 2012 ANNUAL MEETING IN WHISTLER, CANADA

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Whistler Canada (July 28 – August 4, 2012). Your Healthcare Practice Section will be presenting a plenary session on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act a/k/a “Obama Care”. If you are interested in speaking on this topic and/or providing a paper on the Act and its potential impact on our firms, our clients, and the potential legal issues that might be spawned, please contact Dan McCune (dmccune@kennedychilds.com) or Mike Jones (Jonesm@HallEvans.com).

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

FDCC Litigation Management College and Graduate Program - June 10 - 14, 2012, Emory University Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia. A great opportunity for you to touch base with your insurance clients and remind them of this excellent training opportunity for claim professionals. Check the FDCC website for more information.

HOT CASES

Make sure your fellow section members stay on top of significant cases. As a “hot case” comes across your desk, please forward information to Senith Tipton (stipton@wilkinstipton.com), our Section’s Hot Cases guru.

SECTION PRESENTATIONS

Make a note of ideas for future section presentations. This can be a topic you want to learn more about or a topic you want to speak on. As you have ideas, let your section chair and vice-chairs know. We want our programs to deal with issues you want to hear, so we need your input.

PUBLICATIONS

Each section has an obligation to have at least one article published annually in The Quarterly. Take that summary judgment brief or paper you presented and turn it into a scholarly article for The Quarterly – and be sure to let Marty Streeper know you are submitting it on behalf of the Healthcare Practice Section.

LET YOUR COLLEAGUES KNOW YOU ARE AN FDCC MEMBER

Remember, you were selected, after careful consideration, to be a member of FDCC. Let your colleagues and clients know of this accomplishment by putting the FDCC logo on your website.

MEMBERSHIP

It is important to the health of our organization that we bring in new members. Our Section has an obligation to nominate at least two candidates for membership each year. If you propose a new member, please let Dan McCune know so we can get credit for our Section. We all know top notch trial defense lawyers and corporate and industry leaders. Please consider nominating one or more of them for FDCC membership.

SUGGESTIONS

We want to hear from members of the Healthcare Practice Section. Please feel free to contact your Section Chair or Vice Chairs with any suggestions for our Section.

See you in Phoenix

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