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Congratulations on a Successful Litigation Management College



Krenmer



Dickinson



Traub



Alford



Kiernan



Dalrymple



Elkovitch



Roberts

The LMC turned 20 this year, and it has never been better. With a total of 67 combined students from 25 different companies, the LMC and the LMC Grad Programs, again held at the beautiful Emory University Convention Center and Hotel in Atlanta, were a rousing success. The faculty consisted of more than a dozen corporate and industry representatives who shared their wisdom with the students. New additions to the Faculty included Marty Latz, who spoke about negotiation, and



**Kevin Driskill
(1957-2014)**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our friend and FDCC colleague, Kevin Driskill, after a brave battle with lymphoma. Born in Norman, Oklahoma, Kevin went to University of Oklahoma where he received his B.A. and J.D. degrees. Kevin eventually opened his own Oklahoma City law firm, the Driskill Law Firm, in 1991,

treated the students to its version of “Shark Tank” - asking each to present their case to a panel of senior Claims Managers from, five different companies. Using a complex fact pattern, students representing different parties presented the issues, the complexities of coverage, and the exposure, and sought settlement authority for a mediation later conducted before professional mediators. The reviews across the board were excellent, with the students asking for a "PhD program" so they could return for more. Congrats to the various “Deans” who made this possible—Scott Kreamer, Bruce Dickinson, Rich Traub, Helen Alford, Mike Kiernan, Kelly Dalmass, April Elkovitch, and Todd Roberts.

2014 Annual Meeting at The Greenbrier



You do NOT want to miss the Annual Meeting at the famous Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV from July 27 to August 2 (the CLE begins on July 29). Registration is open for this fabulous meeting, put together by your convention chairs, Leslie and Tom Packer. Come join your FDCC friends for one of the best meetings ever, in an unmatched setting. The Greenbrier is a spectacular meeting venue. Michael Scott has planned an entertaining, informative, and thought-provoking CLE program. To access the Annual Meeting brochure and registration form, [Click here](#)

Tom Cordell Moves up to President-Elect of Lawyers for Civil Justice

defense work. He was an extraordinary trial lawyer. Kevin was admitted to the FDCC in 2005 and, with his wife Catherine, regularly attended FDCC meetings. He was also very active in DRI, where he served on the board. Our thoughts and prayers are with Catherine and his sons, John and David. [Click here to read Kevin's obituary.](#)

Spotlight on FDCC Exhibitors



Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP is an accounting and consulting firm based in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to the traditional suite of accounting services, HA&W offers accounting-based consulting including (1) Dispute Resolution Services – providing forensic accounting and litigation support in all legal matters, with the goal of exceeding clients' expectations, including experience testifying in Federal and State Courts; (2) Information Assurance Services – designing the right controls to protect and secure critical data; (3) M&A Due Diligence – ensuring that Quality of Earnings and other representations meet buyers' or sellers' expectations; and (4) Business Valuation – providing a credible valuation for Intellectual Property, Intangible Assets, and other areas where the market is not easily observable. HA&W



Justice (LCJ). LCJ is a national coalition of defense trial lawyer organizations, law firms, and corporations that promotes excellence and fairness in the civil justice system to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of civil cases. Tom was President of the FDCC from 2010-11 and will become LCJ President next year. The FDCC and LCJ are affiliated organizations, and FDCC officers, Tim Pratt, Vicki Roberts, and Steve Farrar are members of the LCJ board. LCJ is actively supporting the changes in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as is the FDCC. Congratulations, Tom.

Federation Stories—Ever Try Conducting?



We FDCC members are an eclectic lot with abilities many and diverse. Usually when special notice is given to a member, it is because of a marvelous verdict or appellate result, a prestigious award, or elevation to an elected or appointed office. Well...Joe Martan's story is a little different. Joe is an FDCC member and is with Property Loss Research Bureau. On April 5, 2014, Joe was one of four guest conductors (and the only American) to conduct at the special commemorative concert held in the Czech Republic by the Koletova Hornicka Hudba (the "Koletas' Miner's Band) to celebrate their 150th anniversary. The band is the oldest municipal concert band in the Czech Republic. Joe also conducted at the same band's annual Spring Festival (which this year was a celebration of the Festival's 50th anniversary). [Click here](#) to read more about Joe's love of music and his guest conductorship as it appeared in the Chicago Daily Bar Bulletin.

Have an interesting, personal Federation story you want to share that does not involve the office or the courtroom? Just send a note to [Marty Streeper](#).

HA&W was voted as the best forensic accounting firm by Daily Report, an official legal organ of Fulton County, through an email survey of attorneys licensed in Georgia for 2012 and 2013. HA&W was the first firm to earn the Gold Seal of Trust from the International Society of Business Analysts. [Click here for the link to the HA&W website](#)

In the News

[Sandra L. Corbett](#), *Field Law*, recently received one of the highest honors available to a Commonwealth lawyer, being appointed as the Queen's Counsel.



FDCC Triumphs

[Larry Hepler](#) and [Beth Bauer](#), *HeplerBroom, LLC* obtained a reversal of class certification in a case filed by Roxana, IL residents alleging groundwater contamination caused by current and former owners of an oil refinery located in Roxana diminished their property values.



for the FDCC Connect Award



The FDCC CONNECT award is intended to honor FDCC members who best exemplify the spirit of FDCC CONNECT—using our unparalleled referral network to send business from one Defense Counsel member to another, or from Corporate Counsel members to Defense Counsel members. It will be awarded at The Greenbrier meeting. If you have received some business from a fellow member, NOMINATE THE PERSON WHO SENT YOU THE BUSINESS AS AN FDCC CONNECT AWARD WINNER. Whether it is one matter or many, please submit a nomination. You can do so in one of two ways. One, you can go to our website and click on “FDCC CONNECT.” You will then see a link to “Nominate an FDCC CONNECT Award Winner.” Or two, you can send an email directly to [Marty Streeper](#). Provide the name of the nominee(s), some detail on the matter(s) that was(were) referred, and the rough value of the matter(s). The deadline is June 30. We have several nominations but would appreciate getting more.

FDCC Ad as it Appeared in the June 2014 issue of ACC Docket

Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP has been a member of the Federation since 1999.



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Calendar of Events

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[Corporate Counsel Symposium](#)

[2015 Winter Meeting-Puerto Rico](#)

[2015 Annual Meeting-Banff](#)

Upcoming FDCC Corporate Counsel Symposium

Mark your calendars! The 11th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium will be held on September 17–19, 2014 at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona. This two-day program will feature “Humorist at Law,” Sean Carter, and former MLB Umpire and current ESPN Analyst, Jim McKean. In-



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house attorneys and other speakers will address today's

not topics, including "Data Breaches, Privacy Concerns, and Cyber Liability: Is Your Company at Risk?" and "Conflict Minerals: Is Your Company in Compliance with the Raw Materials Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act?" The FDCC has confirmed a special reduced rate of \$179 per night for CCS attendees. The Arizona Biltmore has also agreed to waive the resort fee (normally \$28 per room per night) and provide CCS attendees with free Internet access, unlimited local and 800 calls, access to the Spa & Fitness Center, transportation on the Biltmore Fashion Park shuttle, and unlimited use of the putting courses! [Click here for more information on the upcoming CCS and to review the program brochure.](#)



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