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2015 ANNUAL MEETING



Life is full of tough choices -- fashion choices, the Beatles or the Stones, RomCom or Action flick, whether to admit that you are less right than you usually are...

Some choices are really, really easy – like whether to stay at home and work *or* go to some exciting and exotic location filled with friends, networking opportunities, parties, outdoor adventures, spectacular natural vistas, and wild animals. Our Annual Meeting in picture perfect Banff is just around the corner



"Picture Perfect" BANFF

Our Banff meeting gold charm pays homage to the majestic grizzly. Have your ordered yours?

FDCC Connect Award



We are looking for nominations for the 2015 FDCC Connect Award to be given out at the Annual Meeting to the member who best exemplifies these referrals [\[Click here to submit a nomination\]](#) or send an



- **Register for Banff right now.** Don't wait. Activities are filling up (some are full already, sorry). (You can't buy hats like Steve's anywhere but in Banff, in person. Really.)
- **Sign up for the Fairmont President's Club** if you are not already a member. It is free, and so is the WiFi at the Banff Springs *if* you are a member. <https://www.fairmont.com/fpc/enroll/>
- **Organize your cell coverage in Banff.** Talk to you IT people or mobile provider. That way, if you see someone wearing a funny hat, you can take a photo and immediately post it to the social media outlet of your choice.
- **Don't forget to order your charm.** If the bear hats sell out, you will want a memento of this meeting.
- **Check your passports.** Make sure that they don't expire before January 24, 2015. If they do, you need to renew them. (Steve Goldman may let you borrow his hat for the little photo if you ask really nicely.)
- **Decide whether you are taking a side trip to Jasper or Glacier National Park.** One is north, one is south. Both are amazing.
- **Start thinking about restaurant reservations, hikes you will take, mountains you will climb (or gondolas you will ride), whether you will be getting up at sunrise to go wildlife viewing, whether you are going fishing or golfing (or both)...**

Alright, you get the idea. The choice to go is a no-brainer. The choices are endless once you get there. We are all getting really excited about this meeting and can't wait to see you all there.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT HOTEL ROOMS – Our room block is filled and the hotel is sold out for several of our meeting nights. If you have a room reservation and are

In the News - Amicus Brief



The Federation's Amicus Committee recently submitted a

brief to the Supreme Court of the United States in support of Koro AR, S.A., an Argentine company sued in North Carolina for breach of contract by a company in that state, seeking a writ of certiorari to determine an issue of personal jurisdiction. The only evidence supporting personal jurisdiction in the trial court was a hearsay statement by an employee of the plaintiff company. The Federation, in a brief written chiefly by **Stephen D. Feldman, Ellis & Winters LLP**, Raleigh, NC, argued for a uniform standard to determine when personal jurisdiction should exist. To view the brief, [click here](#).

More News



Congratulations to **David A. Bertschi, BOS Law**, Ottawa, Ontario, for being elected the President of the Canadian Defence Lawyers, Canada's largest Civil Trial Lawyers defence organization.

Upcoming Local Meetings

register so we can finalize our planning and make the meeting even better for you and your family. **Equally importantly, if you have a room and are not coming or do not need all the rooms you reserved, please cancel your reservation through Marty – NOT THE HOTEL.** Fellow members who want to come to the meeting are waiting for a room to open up.

To register:  For passport and travel information: 

FDCC ELECTIONS ARE HERE

The Nominating Committee will meet in Banff on Thursday, July 30th to make its recommendations for a vote by the general membership at our annual business meeting the next day. As you know, all members are welcome to appear before the Nominating Committee to support one or more candidates.

[Please click here to view the candidates running for election.](#)



If you are coming to Banff and would like to speak to the Nominating Committee, [click here to reserve your appointment.](#) Your cell phone number must be provided. Be sure it has been activated for use in Canada. If you are not planning to attend the Annual Meeting, but would like to make your opinions about candidates known to the Nominating Committee, please forward a letter to [President Vicki Roberts](#). All deliberations and communication will be confidential of course.

CORPORATE COUNSEL SYMPOSIUM



It's now time to register to join your FDCC colleagues at the Ritz Carlton in New Orleans on September 28-30, 2015 for the 12th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium to take a look inside the "The In-House Lawyer's Toolkit." This interactive and dual track cutting-edge program is designed to equip those who direct corporate litigation and legal departments with practical tools to help protect the company in these most trying times. Join us as we hear our featured speaker, Fox News' Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, and some of the nation's most experienced corporate counsel, consultants, and outside counsel. Join us to network with the best and the brightest in-house and outside counsel, participate in the interactive Corporate Counsel



June 23, 2015

Seattle, WA

Host: Bob Christie & Joanne Blackburn

July 16, 2015

Chicago, IL

Hosts: Jim Foster & Rick Hammond

Boot Camp - New Orleans



The last Boot Camp until the Fall. **Boot Camp Faculty:** Sid Hardy, Frank Ramos, Walter Dukes, Ned, Currie, Jane North, Jody Guillot, Barrett Corneille (*missing: Bob Christie*)

New Members

(Since last newsletter)

David B. Carr, Gonzalez Saggio and Harlan LLP, Milwaukee, WI

Daniel P. Devers, Cerner Corporation, N. Kansas City, MO

Charles E. English, English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP, Bowling Green, KY

A. Neil Hartzell, LeClair Ryan, Boston, MA

Clay S. Hunter, Paterson, MacDougall LLP, Toronto, ON

Valerie Kellner, Rawle &

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INSURANCE INDUSTRY INSTITUTE



Make your plans now to attend the FDCC's October 21-23 Insurance Industry Institute (I-3) at the New York Athletic Club. To ensure that the FDCC's I-3 program retains its well-deserved reputation as the premier networking and educational event for senior level insurance representatives, we have once again assembled a stellar array of senior insurance industry leaders, regulators, and insiders who will share their expertise and insights regarding "top burner" issues and trends of importance to industry leaders.

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Successful Local Meetings

Atlanta, June 4, 2015**Hosted by Dart Meadows and Evelyn Davis****New Orleans, June 8, 2015****Hosted by Deb Kuchler and Jody Guillot**

Richard S. Ramert, *Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby, LLP*, Warren, NJ

Mark A. Solheim, *Larson King LLP*, St. Paul, MN

Gerald R. Toner, *O'Bryan, Brown & Toner*, Louisville, KY

Bradley A. Wright, *Roetzel & Andress*, Akron, OH

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