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Did you miss Paradise? A Look Back at the 2014 Winter Meeting at Marco Island



A good time was had by all at our Winter Meeting, March 2nd to the 8th in beautiful southwest Florida. Thanks to Elizabeth and Jeff Lorell, our Convention Chairs, for their tireless planning and excellent execution. Gathering at the Marco Island Marriott, we enjoyed spectacular weather, beautiful sunsets and fun-filled events. We had a record turnout of defense and corporate counsel/guests, all of whom wanted to enjoy fellowship, terrific CLE, and escape the cold weather and winter blues. No one was

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Come Home ... To America's Resort

**FDCC Annual Meeting
July 27-August 2, 2014**

As you make your summer plans, please remember to include the Annual Meeting at

survivor. Her inspiring words—“two people tried to hurt me, but thousands have helped me”—truly resonated with our members as she received a standing ovation. Throughout the week, everyone learned a lot from the exceptional program put together by Howard Merten, our Program Chair. We were inspired and entertained by the keynote speaker, Judge Andrew Napolitano. Attendees also enjoyed activities on and near the resort. Fellowship abounded at the President’s Reception, which was held under the stars, and our fellowship dinners, which allowed section members to network with friends before heading to the Fire and Ice Nightcap Dessert Party. We enjoyed music and dancing at the Paradise Party and the Miami Vice theme party. [Click here](#) to see hundreds of photos taken during the meeting.

Make FDCC CONNECT Work for You

Unleash the networking and referral power of the FDCC. First of all, CONNECT with the use of the FDCC roster app for IOS and Android systems. Download it now and update your profile to join relevant substantive law sections that will identify you when one searches for “practice areas.” Second, we are selective in who joins the FDCC, and as a result, our membership represents the best and brightest of defense lawyers in the US and beyond. We urge you to tap into the exceptional network when you are looking for an attorney to do your work. You know what you will get—an attorney vetted and approved by an Admissions Committee after an investigation that includes input from plaintiffs’ attorneys and judges. You can trust your fellow members. So, use them. Finally, we will give an FDCC CONNECT award at the Annual Meeting to the person who best represents the spirit of that initiative. Nominate Defense Counsel, Corporate, or Insurance Industry members who refer matters to fellow members. Provide names and details. We know there are many referrals within the FDCC family—there are many members who get a substantial amount of the work they do from FDCC colleagues—and we want to capture the stories and recognize the CONNECTing champions. Send your nomination to [Marty Streeper](#).

Sulphur Springs, west Virginia, July 27-August 2. Convention Chairs Leslie and Tom Packer have planned what is sure to be an extraordinary convention. Known as America’s Resort, The Greenbrier has been offering Southern hospitality to its guests for more than 235 years. Snuggled comfortably in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains, the resort offers a true combination of tradition, glamour, and elegance. The Greenbrier offers ample activities onsite, including tours of the historic Bunker, a former evacuation site for the United States government in the event of an emergency. Of course, there is also world-class golf, sporting clays, falconry, carriage rides, fishing, nature walks, and everything one would expect at a classic resort. Not only can you and your family enjoy everything that The Greenbrier has to offer, but the resort is also located 10 minutes from Lewisburg, which has been voted “America’s coolest small town.” You will not want to miss the restaurants, galleries, shops, and historic sights that Lewisburg offers. You will also not want to miss our fantastic program, planned by Program Chair Michael Scott, entitled, “Thrive! Driving Success Through People, Culture, and Relationships.” The program will feature best-selling authors Jon Gordon, author of *The Energy Bus*, and our keynote speaker Robert Edsel, author of *The Monuments Men*. Now a

Give Back

The FDCC Foundation is alive and well. Its bi-annual Silent Auction was held earlier this month at our Marco Island meeting and raised in excess of \$25,000. While at the Marco Island meeting, a miracle occurred: the golf tournament had to be cancelled due to thunderstorms in the area, and many of the golfers donated (without prompting) their refunds to the Foundation. This “miracle” provided in excess of \$5,000 for future Foundation projects. Over 165 FDCC members are now Foundation Fellows, and it is hoped that more will make the initial \$1,000 financial commitment. Thanks to all who participate as Federation Fellows, Sustaining Fellows, Endowing Fellows, and Philanthropic Fellows. The money is put to good use and benefits all of us. Among the many FDCC Foundation-supported projects are: (1) partnership with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, in which the Foundation is supporting the improvement of civics education for our young people; (2) support of the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence, which brings together state court judges once a year for an intensive seminar focusing on the defense perspective regarding the hottest legal issues of the day; (3) financial support for speakers at FDCC meetings; (4) funds the “Lunch and Learn” Webinar program, which has benefited countless FDCC members by providing timely seminars free of charge; and (5) support of the 21st Century Practice of Law program, which will inform our members how to prepare for the changes to come in our profession over the next several years.

Mills Gallivan Declares Candidacy for FDCC Secretary-Treasurer



Under the FDCC bylaws, any member wishing to be considered for Secretary-Treasurer by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting must declare his or her candidacy at or before the Winter Meeting.

Mills Gallivan, of Gallivan White & Boyd in Greenville, SC—long-time member of the FDCC and Senior Director on our Board—was the only member to declare his candidacy for Secretary-Treasurer. Please note that the

story of how the Nazis looted the art and artifacts of Europe, and the great treasure hunt to recover and return them. You will want to bring your family to share in the recounting of this fascinating story. Keep in mind there are many transportation options to get you to The Greenbrier, including direct flights from several major cities, as well as Amtrak service directly to the resort. The temperatures in late July and early August average a high of 82 and a low of 58, with moderate humidity. So, please join us this summer for what is sure to be one of the most memorable FDCC Annual Meetings.

In the News

[Cooper C. Thurber](#) named President of the Alabama Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)



FDCC Triumphs

[Stephen C. Pasarow](#) received a defense verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court at the Van Nuys Courthouse

Greenbrier, but also new Directors and Senior Directors. If you are interested in being considered for a Director or Senior Director position, contact [Marty Streeper](#) for additional information.

FDCC Mourns Death of Friend and Colleague, Bob Franklin



The FDCC was saddened by the untimely death of one of its more active and respected members, Bob Franklin, while he was on a vacation in the Caribbean Islands. Bob was a nationally-respected trucking law expert. He chaired the FDCC Transportation Substantive Law Section. Bob was, to the core, a lawyer of accomplishment, integrity, and esteem, but also, and most importantly, an extraordinary family man. His wife of 33 years, Cindy, and his three sons, Bobby, Gregory, and Danny, are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of loss. Bob will be missed by all, and his impact on the Federation and trucking law will be felt long into the future. [Click here](#) for a tribute to Bob prepared by some of his FDCC friends.

Helen Mahoney Receives Special Achievement Award



At the Marco Winter Meeting, President Tim Pratt gave an FDCC Special Achievement Award to Helen Mahoney for her over 25 years of service running the CLE check-in desk for our various programs. Helen is the wife of long-time FDCC member Richard Mahoney, who got Helen involved in running the desk back when he chaired the CLE Committee. Helen is a fixture and has worked tirelessly to ensure that all attendees get the appropriate CLE credit for attending our programs. She does it with wit, charm, and a little insistence that your initials get in the right column. Helen represents the true spirit of loving service to the FDCC. Thank you, Helen.



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“Up close and personal” with [John A. Bennett](#)



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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-house attorneys and other speakers will address today’s hot topics, including “Data Breaches, Privacy Concerns, and Cyber Liability: Is Your Company at Risk?” and “Conflict Minerals: Is Your



This month, we will launch the Visual Presentation Library page in the Member Only section of our website. This project is the brain child of FDCC member Bob Christie. It is an exciting

new project where the best visual and video materials from our members have been collected and cataloged for you to easily browse, download, and put into use with your modifications. We need to be visual in our presentation of information, whether in a program or to a jury or judge. We also need to expand our collection from this starting point, giving our members access to the best and most creative materials from this exceptional group of lawyers. So give the VPL a try. You can access it through [this link](#) after logging in as a member. Give us your feedback, as well as your new materials so our catalog can grow. This is a living project at its infancy. Let's make it the best library of visual presentation materials in existence for the legal profession.

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!

2014 LMC and LMC Graduate Programs

The 20th Annual Litigation Management College and 11th Annual Litigation Management College Graduate programs will take place from June 8 – 12, 2014 at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. These intensive four-day experiences have earned reputations as the premier advanced training programs for claims professionals, third party administrators, and self-insured corporate litigation managers working in the insurance industry or in litigation matters. Both programs will feature faculty composed of pre-eminent defense trial attorneys, top industry claim executives, jury consultants, and negotiation experts.

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