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FDCC E-Newsletter

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FDCC CONNECT Award - We Need Your Nominations

Our FDCC CONNECT initiative is off and running, but there is one area where we need your help. The objective of FDCC CONNECT is to encourage the referral of cases to fellow FDCC members. An informal survey recently showed that the rough estimate of the dollar amount of business that is sent from one FDCC member to another (Corporate Counsel Members hiring Defense Counsel Members, or Defense Counsel Members sending cases to each other) is measured in tens of millions of dollars in revenue per year. If you have received some of that business, we are talking to you. **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). All submissions will be kept confidential except for the



Meeting Brochure and Registration now available for the 2014 Annual Meeting at The Greenbrier

July 27-August 2, 2014

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Registration is open for this

Gallivan to chair the FDCC CONNECT Award Committee, and he will be joined on that Committee by Sarah Timberlake and Wayne Mason. They will review the nominations and determine a winner. Factors to be considered in determining the winner are the number of matters referred, the dollar value of the referrals, and, more generally (because this is not just a numbers game), which nominee best represents the spirit of FDCC CONNECT—unleashing the referral power of this extraordinary organization over time by action and words. Do not delay. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS IS JUNE 30.

Don't Forget the Upcoming Litigation Management College and Graduate Program - June 8-12, 2014

One of the crown jewels of the FDCC, and the longest running program beyond the Annual and Winter Meetings, is the Litigation Management College (LMC), which will be held this year for the 20th time. And its spin-off program—the Litigation Management College Graduate program—is in its 11th year. There is a reason that they have not just endured, but get better every year. 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. This year again, the LMC and Graduate Program will take place at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. The dates are June 8-12. Our College Deans—Scott Kreamer for the LMC and Bruce Dickinson for the Graduate Program—promise an extraordinary experience for attendees. If you would like to attend, or know someone who would, [click here for more information on the Litigation Management College](#) and [click here for the Graduate Program](#).

Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia! Come join your FDCC friends for one of the best meetings ever, in an unmatched setting. The Greenbrier is a spectacular meeting venue. Surrounded by the wondrous Allegheny Mountains, The Greenbrier combines the graciousness of the past and the comfort of today. Leslie and Tom Packer have planned numerous fun activities, including hiking, kayaking, horseback riding, a farm-to-table cooking demonstration, golf (including a separate nine-hole tournament at the historic Oakhurst course), tennis, wine tasting, bowling, croquet, a shooting tournament, tours of Lewisburg (America's coolest small town), and much more. You can also enjoy on your own the many activities The Greenbrier has to offer, such as its spa and casino. The surrounding area provides opportunities for caving, historical tours, and a distillery tour. Be sure to pack your patriotic colors for the Great American Picnic to be held Thursday night on the grand lawn. The finale to a full week of social events will be the "Almost Heaven" dinner dance on Friday night, featuring the renowned band, Big Ray and the Kool Kats. Make your hotel reservations now by calling The Greenbrier at 855-453-4858. Our room block is filling quickly! Please note that, while the meeting lasts from July 27-August 2, the CLE portion begins on July 29. —Leslie and Tom Packer,



Scott Kreamer



Bruce Dickinson

What do These Four Individuals Have in Common?



We have enormous respect for our extraordinary sister organizations—DRI, the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), and the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA). We work closely with them on collaborative projects, and our leadership meets regularly. With the admission of Mike Westin (*pictured far right*), DRI President, into the FDCC at the Marco meeting, we were bursting with pride to have EVERY sister organization president be a member of the FDCC—Molly Craig (*second from right*), President of the IADC, and David Zizik (*far left*), President of the ADTA, have been FDCC members for some time. We are fortunate to have all three of them in our ranks.

The Power of FDCC Membership - Helping Those You Know, and Those You Don't

We all know what it feels like to be an FDCC member—being included in a prestigious club of fellow accomplished colleagues and part of a great international

Spotlight on FDCC Exhibitors



The Federation appreciates the 29 years of loyal support from Crystal & Company. Ken Gamble, and son Greg, have been faithful participants at the FDCC Winter and Annual Meetings each year as well as at our Law Firm Management Conference, Corporate Counsel Symposium, and I-3. [Crystal & Company](#) is one of the world's leading strategic risk and insurance advisors, serving the full range of clients' risk management, insurance brokerage, and employee benefits consulting needs. A national firm serving a global clientele, Crystal & Company is headquartered in New York, with 10 offices across the United States. Crystal & Company is a founding member of Brokerslink, a global alliance of leading independent insurance brokerages. The firm is comprised of more than 400 talented individuals distinguished by their technical expertise and industry-specific knowledge, united by their common passion for serving their clients. Established in 1933, the company has sustained its independence through 80 years and three generations of Crystal family ownership and management.

was sent by FDCC member Kyle Wallor of the Lamson, Dugan firm in Omaha, Nebraska.

"I know you all have fantastic experiences like the one I am about to describe, but I would like to tell you of an amazing FDCC experience I had recently. This story reinforces the measure of camaraderie within FDCC, and between attorneys as a whole. This morning, I learned my brother Bryce Wallor's Men's Golf Team at the University of Central Florida in Orlando would be playing in the NCAA Regional in San Antonio, Texas next week. Bryce asked me if I knew anyone in San Antonio, Texas who could make it possible for his team to play a round at Cordillera Ranch in the San Antonio area. This is no small task. I told my brother I knew no one in San Antonio. After visiting with my Partner and FDCC Member Dan Chesire, and learning he did not know anyone in San Antonio, he suggested I contact San Antonio FDCC Members listed in our roster. I sent out an e-mail at approximately 2:30 CST on May 5. JK Leonard, an FDCC Member with the Naman Howell firm in San Antonio, put me in touch with one of his Partners, David Ortega. At 4:30 CST that same day, David put me in touch with a contact who was able to get the team on the course. I have never met either one of these gentlemen, and they both went out their way to respond to a request from a stranger. However, I have once again experienced what makes this such a great organization."



JK Leonard



Kyle Wallor

Another Reason to Attend The Greenbrier Annual Meeting - An Unbelievable CLE Program

The Greenbrier CLE program, entitled, "Thrive! Driving Success Through People Culture and Relationships," will

[Jennifer E. Johnsen](#) recently authored an article for [UpStateBizSC.com](#)



FDCC Triumphs

[Kile T. Turner](#) recently got a defense verdict for the Moose Lodge International and Cullman Moose Lodge No. 1861, in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.



Member Profile

[Kurt M. Rozelsky](#) is Chair of the Transportation Law Section of the FDCC and has been a member of the Federation since 2005.



Jon Gordon, the dynamic and engaging author of the best seller THE ENERGY BUS; senior corporate and industry leaders prepared to reveal the secrets of their in-house world; managing partners of some of the Federation's most successful firms who want to share what they've learned the hard way; and the report of a blue-ribbon committee assembled by President Tim Pratt to explore the 21st Century Practice of Law. Our section programming showcases some of our very best talent and more than a few new faces. Every section is bringing something special to the table. And, true to our theme, many of the topics will offer guidance of great value to both your firm and your clients in the years to come. Of course, everyone knows the Annual Meeting is a family affair, so we have sought and found a very special keynote speaker. Author and art historian Robert Edsel will share with us the story of MONUMENTS MEN: ALLIED HEROES, NAZI THIEVES, and the GREATEST TREASURE HUNT IN HISTORY. This is the book that forms the basis of the popular movie of the same title, which featured a star studded cast directed by George Clooney. We know that you and your family will remember this keynote address for years as Robert Edsel shares the heroic story of the Monuments Men and their selfless quest to save the world's greatest art and cultural treasures for the benefit of civilization.

—Michael Scott, Greenbrier Program Chair

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; former MLB Umpire and current ESPN Analyst, Jim McKean; and Ed Hochuli, an FDCC member and NFL referee. 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 Company in Compliance with the Raw Materials Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act?” The FDCC has confirmed a special

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[2015 Annual Meeting-Banff](#)

(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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