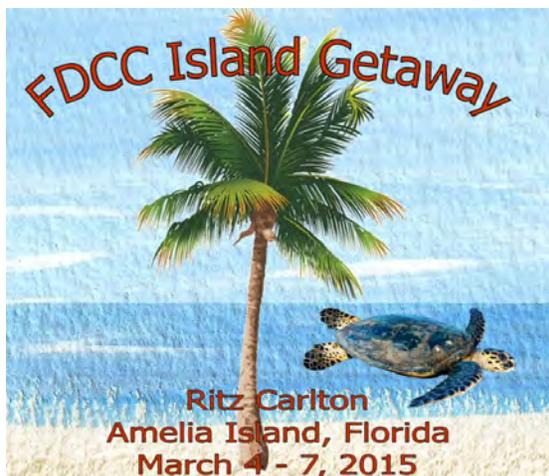




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There will be a registration brochure posted on the FDCC website by Thanksgiving that will allow you to register online. Keep in mind that there will not be a printed brochure due to our recent change of location, so register online early when it becomes available. Amelia Island is easily accessed from the Jacksonville Airport just twenty-five (25) miles away and a short drive from the hotel. For those of you who plan to drive, Amelia Island is only a seven (7) hour drive from Mobile, Alabama and a six (6) hour drive from Charlotte, North Carolina. Jacksonville Airport is serviced by all major airlines. Finally, there is train service into Jacksonville which, incidentally, is also the location of CSX headquarters.

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Please consider sending one of your associates to an upcoming boot camp in 2015. They will be held in Denver on April 16-17 and New Orleans on June 8-9. Our first two camps in Phoenix and Philadelphia were sold out. We owe **Sheila Carmody** of *Snell & Wilmer* and **Gale White** of *White & Williams* our deepest gratitude for opening up their firms to our faculty and students and making the boot camps such stellar



Winter CLE Program

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Deposition Manual

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Historical Tidbit

Member **Gene Allen** recalls that his first Federation meeting in 1980 was cancelled two weeks out due to a hotel strike. The Annual Meeting was scheduled to be held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. However, the Fairmont's employees went on strike. Fearing harassment of Federation members and possible violence, the Federation leadership ultimately decided to cancel the meeting. **Doug Houser** (who later became FDCC President in 1990-1991) was the program chair for the meeting. **Houser** regrets the meeting had to be cancelled,

- [Denver - hosted by Hall & Evans, LLC](#)
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- **Corporate Counsel Symposium**
September 28-30, 2015 - New Orleans, LA
- **Insurance Insurance Symposium**
October 21-23, 2015 - New York Athletic Club - New York, NY

LOCAL MEETING PROJECT



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Upcoming meetings:

January 2015 ~ Los Angeles

Hosted by John Peer

February 2015 ~ Miami

Hosted by Ray Abadin & Lauren Curtis



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