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President's Thoughts



A Thanksgiving thought: As I sit here writing this article, it occurs to me that Marty had to remind me twice that it was due. It was on my calendar, and we had discussed it before, but other matters pressed harder. This brought to memory advice I have received

from many people who have been exemplary in their service to the FDCC; namely, treat the FDCC as one of your best clients. In other words, calendar tasks, make time for them,



FDCC DEPOSITION BOOT CAMPS

Led by an experienced faculty, young lawyers will have the unique opportunity to get "basic training" and advanced instruction for all aspects of taking and defending depositions when they attend one of the Federation's two day Deposition Boot Camps. This year's programs will be:

April 4-5, 2016
 Sedgwick LLP
 San Francisco, CA

professionally and personally.

In order to get involved, you have to assume some role and do that role well. Because the Federation is presently my most consuming “client,” I daily look in the mirror and ask myself if I am giving it the attention I promised. I imagine that many of our members do this because the extraordinary efforts of so many are humbling to watch. There, that’s what I am thankful for at this time of year.

Following on my previous column, I wanted to introduce you to another leader in the Federation. If you have not had the chance to pick Michael Scott’s brain on how to develop relationships with corporate counsel, take time to do so. Michael is that rare bird in the Federation; he was admitted as a defense counsel member, but moved to corporate counsel status a few years ago. Michael has been instrumental in strengthening our development of corporate counsel and has served in multiple positions on the Corporate Counsel Committee, including chairing the committee, as well as conducting our very successful Corporate Counsel Symposium. He is now a Senior Director on the Board and he and his amazing wife Lee are going to be our convention chairs in Charleston for the Winter Meeting in 2017. We can’t wait for them to bring their boundless Texas hospitality to this great city.

We just got back from the final site visit to the Hotel del Coronado and I have to tell you the Winter Meeting will be spectacular. The Del is a majestic, historic property in a beautiful place. Bob and Erin Christie and Ned Currie have gone all out to make certain that it will be a very memorable meeting. I encourage you to make your hotel reservations and register as soon as possible. We all know that once the holidays hit us, we tend to get distracted and this is something you can get off your plate now.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!



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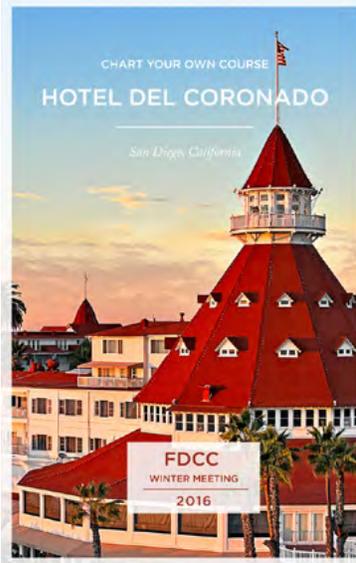
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Atlanta, GA

We do all sorts of things to keep our clients happy and coming back. Here is one that you might have missed: introduce them to the LMC and explain how their



We are 100 days from the February 28 start of the FDCC Winter Convention at The Hotel Del Coronado in beautiful San Diego. Erin and I just completed our final site visit with the Farrars and Streepers, getting everything ready for your arrival. The weather was lovely for our short stay and we have arranged to have the same weather for our convention. Meeting

registration is open and hotel reservations should be made now. Go to our convention website ([click here](#)). You will find everything you need; hot links to online registration and hotel reservations, the ability to view and download the electronic brochure, and details of our meeting and activities (including what wines we have selected for our events!).

As we settle into the holiday season and the storms that follow, remember how wonderful it is to get away for a week of warmth, fellowship, adventure, and stimulating legal programming in the dead of winter. We will have all of that waiting for you in San Diego. The Del is an incredible property for our meeting and San Diego is a fabulous winter destination. We came away from our visit with a real appreciation for how comfortable, charming, and relaxing this Grand Dame historic hotel is, with its committed staff and management delivering professional service in true California style. And Coronado Island, which surrounds our hotel, is quaint and approachable. The beach out front is one of the best in the state. Erin walked the 1.3-mile length of Orange Avenue from Coronado Beach in front of The Del to Centennial Park on the bay side of the island. Check out the photos she took on her 90-minute stroll of all the fabulous shops and restaurants ([click here](#)).

Ned Currie's programming is insightful and forward-looking. There are 15 section meetings to choose from over three days, three days of plenary sessions, a fascinating closing speaker, a presentation by 17 of our Past Presidents ("Wisdom in a Bottle: I wish I had known then what I know

company will be even more successful with improved

training. The LMC's time-tested educational program is designed to deliver immediate benefits to the attendees and their companies. You will look good for recommending this great program and those you invite, particularly those who participate, will appreciate your interest in their success. We can make this easy for you by providing a form letter to promote the LMC and Graduate Programs.

If you have a client or colleague who would benefit from this *Best in Class* program, or for more information, contact David Governo, Dean of Admissions, at 617-737-9047 or dgoverno@governo.com

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Alan Bryan, Associate General Counsel with *Wal-Mart Stores* in Bentonville, Arkansas, was recently named one of the "Top Ten 30-Somethings" among all in-house counsel in the United States by The Association of Corporate Counsel. The Association of Corporate Counsel is a professional association serving the

[YouTube preview of him.](#)

So reserve your room now and complete the online registration form. Happy Thanksgiving to you all. We look forward to seeing you in 100 days!

Sincerely,

Bob and Erin Christie
Convention Chairs

Connect and Learn Webinar Series Returns!

Don't miss the return of one of our most popular benefits for our members: the Connect and Learn Webinar Series.

These webinars represent a double bonus. First, you get to watch and listen to the webinars and thereby gain new insight and knowledge into highly topical issues and presentations. Equally important, you can invite other attorneys or claims professionals in your office to attend the webinars as well. By doing so, you will be helping to provide excellent and free continuing legal education to your colleagues. There is no better way to show others in your organization the tremendous benefits derived from your continuing membership in the Federation.

This year, the first two webinars of the season are devoted to the Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The amendments go into effect on December 1, 2015. Several key Rules are being altered so you will want to learn as much as you can, as quickly as you can, about these changes.

The amendments are substantial and for this reason, we will devote two full webinars to this topic. The first webinar will be held in December and the second one in January. So go to the Federation website and [sign up now for the first free webinar on December 15, 2015](#). Members Christopher P. DePhillips, Esq., Terence M. Ridley, Esq., and Beth Bauer, Esq. will dig down into the details of the rules changes and provide a lively discussion on how

legal departments of corporations, associations and other private-sector organizations around the world. It represents more than 35,000 in-house counsel employed by over 10,000 organizations in over 85 countries around the world.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015

soon.

"Tis' the Season"



Thanksgiving: *the act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgment of benefits or favors*. Experts say that feelings of gratitude enhance your health and wellbeing. What better way to express your gratitude than by giving to a cause greater than yourself? In his book, *The Road to Character*, David Brooks observes that when “[g]ratitude fills the soul . . . the desire to serve and give back” follows.

I hope that you are grateful for your family, the country we are blessed to be a part of, and a profession that challenges and rewards us. If this gratitude fills your soul, perhaps the desire to give back finds its fulfillment in the Foundation. There are many ways and reasons to give back through the Foundation. Such as:

- **Donating to the Diversity Scholarship in Honor of Your Spouse or Significant Other.** This fund will be awarded in the memory of Barb Currie and given on behalf of all those non-FDCC members who contribute so much of their time to the Federation.
- **Becoming a Foundation Fellow or Increasing Your Fellowship Level.** The generosity of Foundation Fellows enables the Foundation to raise the level of the FDCC’s educational programs by bringing in top notch speakers in the fields of law, science, medicine, sports, and leadership.
- **Honoring an Achievement or Recognizing a Milestone.** Celebrate your child making honor roll or being named captain of a sports team. Noting a birthday, anniversary, retirement, birth of a grandchild, election to office, or a myriad of other accomplishments. What better way to mark such an event then by contributing to the Foundation in recognition of such?
- **Checking off the Automatic Donation Box on Your Dues Renewal.**

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Atlanta, Georgia

December 15, 2015
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FDCC Winter Meeting
Hotel Del Coronado
San Diego, California

Apr. 4 - 5, 2016
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Sedgwick LLP
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June 5 - 9, 2016
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Emory Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia

June 13 - 14, 2016
Deposition Boot Camp
Nutter, McClennen
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Boston, Massachusetts

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FDCC Annual Meeting
Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu
La Malbaie, Quebec



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San Diego
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I hope that in this season of giving thanks and counting your blessings you are moved to contribute to the FDCC Foundation. If you wish to make a contribution, please go to the Foundation page on the [FDCC website](#) and click on "Contributions to the Foundation" to make a donation designated for and in honor of one of the reasons you are grateful.

Thanks,

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