



# E-Newsletter

News from and about your fellow members and friends.

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## Meet the Staff

*Get to know your staff!  
In the spirit of the holidays,  
we would like to share*



## From the President

Dear Federation Members,

October was a very busy and an exciting month for the FDCC!

Our "ALL IN" membership initiative is off to a great start! New members are the life blood of any volunteer organization and in the case of the FDCC, finding members who are "Over and Above" is the key to our greatness. Under Elizabeth Lorrell and Howard Merten's deft leadership we have received the names of over 100 potential new members. If you wish to get more involved in the "ALL IN" initiative, please contact Elizabeth or Howard. If you have the name of a potential new member who you believe is "Over and Above", then please submit it to Debbie Boehm, our Membership Coordinator, [dboehm@thefederation.org](mailto:dboehm@thefederation.org).

In mid-October I attended the DRI Board and Annual Meeting in Boston along with Steve Farrar and Scott Kreamer. Our cocktail reception on Thursday night was a huge success.

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## DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar Highlights

The annual DRI asbestos conference was held November 9-11, 2016, in New Orleans. About 1,025 attorneys, insurance and industry representatives attended client and coordinating counsel meetings on November 9 before the launch of the conference. Then over 60 speakers presented on the latest legal and legislative efforts, medicine, science, legal theories, and plaintiff and defense tactics for the next two (2) days.

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our favorite things!

**FAVORITE  
THANKSGIVING  
PIE**



**Kimberly  
LaBounty,  
Executive Director**

"My favorite is Pecan Pie!"

**Regina Legoo,  
Meeting Planner**

"My family and I are not really pie eaters so every Thanksgiving I bake cheesecake handed down from my great grandmother - it is the bomb!"

**Debbie Boehm,  
Membership Services  
Coordinator**

"My favorite pie is pumpkin pie. My sister and daughter make the best pumpkin pie. It's my great grandmother's recipe that has been in the family for a very long time."

**Jacqueline Peiffer,  
Communications  
Coordinator**

"It's not a pie most associate with Thanksgiving, but in my family it would not be the holidays without my grandmother's lemon meringue! I love the sour and sweet combination!"

**Liz Tinley, Continuing  
Education Coordinator**

"My favorite Thanksgiving dessert is pumpkin cheesecake. I love to make it because it is also my daughter's favorite."

**Sarah White, Accountant**  
Pecan pie is my favorite!

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**Stay Connected**



**Did you receive your Charleston mailer last week?**

Inside were previews of the great tours, social events and programs we have in store - several have been customized just for our FDCC members. In addition to what you would expect, like historical tours and carriage rides, you'll get to experience behind-the-scenes access to Drayton Hall, an exclusive shopping tour around King Street and special excursion on to the H.L. Hunley. The social events will be all you hope for in locations like the William Aiken House and Lowndes Grove. To see more of what was in the mailer, [click here!](#)

**Registration Opening SOON!**



**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

The Belmont Charleston Place  
205 Meeting Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Relax in the genteel charm of the Belmont Charleston Place, a Forbes Four-Star and AAA Four Diamond hotel located in the very heart of the downtown historic district and within walking distance of many major attractions and great restaurants.

Call The Belmont Charleston Place Hotel at 800-831-3490 or go to [www.belmond.com/charleston-place](http://www.belmond.com/charleston-place) for reservations. Be sure to reference the FDCC to receive the special group rate.

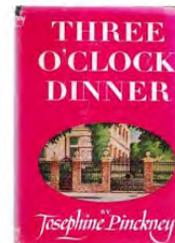
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**Charleston's Program  
Book Club Selection**

**Three O'Clock Dinner**

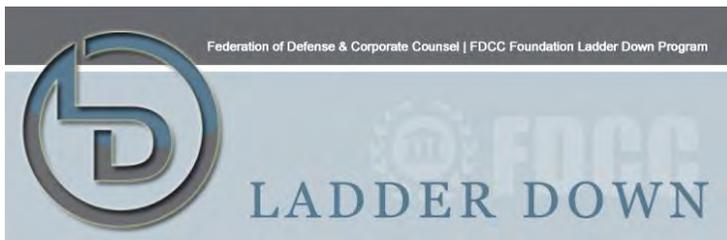
*by Josephine Pinckney*

Dinner at three o'clock on Sunday is the custom in Charleston and the aristocratic Redcliffs do not deviate. But their long-held traditions of genteel society are challenged over white damask and crystal in this searing comedy of manners about an ill-fated marriage on the eve of World War II. First published in 1945, the novel took off "with atomic speed," winning the Southern Author's Award and earning author Josephine Pinckney international fame. Novelist, poet, civic leader and co-founder of the Poetry Society of South Carolina, Pinckney's writing is often compared to Jane Austen and Edith Wharton.



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## Currently Accepting Applications!

We are excited to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the 2017 FDCC Ladder Down Program! Ladder Down is the preeminent professional development program for women lawyers. Our goal is to empower women lawyers in three critical areas: leadership, business development, and mentoring. Participants commit to a one-year program in which they will discover their strengths, hone their self-advancement skills, and make important career connections through monthly large-group sessions and accountability meetings. The program is open to women from all practice areas and experience levels - it is not limited to FDCC members. Ladder Down has transformed the lives of more than 100 graduates in Arizona and we are committed to continuing this positive change in our legal community!

This unique training will now be available to other women across the country thanks to the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel and the FDCC Foundation. Beginning in January 2017, FDCC Ladder Down will run in both Phoenix and San Francisco. FDCC members Joyce Wang, Linda Moroney, and Michele Miller will run the San Francisco program. Alison Christian and Beth Fitch, along with a team of Ladder Down graduates, will continue to run the Phoenix program. We look forward to including other cities over the next several years. For more information about the 2017 programs, please visit the [FDCC website](#).

To apply to the Phoenix program, [click here](#).

To apply to the San Francisco program, [click here](#).

Space is limited and we will only accept applications until December 16th. Participants will be notified of their acceptance before the end of the year. If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime at 602-792-1706 or email me at [atachristian@cdslawfirm.com](mailto:atachristian@cdslawfirm.com).

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## Federation Triumphs



[Brad Box](#), Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell, PLC, Jackson, TN, recently had the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals affirm the dismissal of *Javon Marshall v. ESPN, et. al.* The plaintiffs' brought a nationwide putative class action under Tennessee law, the Sherman Act and the Lanham Act alleging that college football and basketball players have a property interest in their names and images as they appear in television broadcasts of games, and that those broadcasts are illegal unless licensed by every player on each team. The action was filed against various athletic conferences and television networks. After dismissal by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, the plaintiffs appealed to the 6th Circuit. The 6th Circuit affirmed holding that the plaintiffs had no legal right under Tennessee statutory law as the Tennessee Personal Rights Protection Act expressly permits the use of any player's name or likeness in connection with any "sports broadcast," and that there is no such recognized right under Tennessee common law. The panel further held that the plaintiffs had no cause of action under the Sherman Act or Lanham Act.



[Gregory S. Young](#), of the Hinkle Law Firm LLC in Wichita, KS recently won a defense verdict in the case of *Klingzell v. Macy and Smith*. The plaintiff alleged both defendants were negligent in failing to properly identify and protect the recurrent laryngeal nerve during surgery and, as a result, the plaintiff suffered bilateral permanent paralysis of the nerve. The plaintiff further alleged that Dr. Macy failed to timely diagnose the condition post-operatively which precluded the opportunity to perform surgery to repair injury to the nerve. After only 35 minutes of deliberations the jury found no fault as to both defendant physicians. Mark R. Maloney of the firm tried the case with Greg.

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