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FDCC E-Newsletter

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FDCC 2015 WINTER MEETING

The Ritz Carlton Amelia Island!



I am thrilled to announce that our winter meeting will now take place at the Ritz Carlton on beautiful Amelia Island in northeast Florida. It is the only five diamond resort with a five star restaurant in all of Florida. The resort sits on a pristine stretch of private beach and is surrounded by a beautiful golf course, tennis courts, and the history and charm of this favorite vacation spot on the east coast. Importantly, we will be going the same week already scheduled, so no one needs to change the dates reserved on your calendars.

We have taken this opportunity to shorten the meeting a bit, so that most members will be able to arrive Wednesday and leave Saturday, although



FDCC Deposition Boot Camp in Phoenix

The first Deposition Boot Camp, held in Phoenix, AZ on September 18-19, 2014, was a huge success. Across the board, the reviews from the students were glowing, all of whom agreed that they improved their deposition skills dramatically over the two day conference.



Comments from attendees:

"I was blown away by the quality and detail of this course. It was a great experience and has already proven to be very helpful to my developing practice."

"It was an excellent learning experience and having the opportunity to practice all the

Walter and Elaine Dukes are busy at work preparing the details of what will be a magnificent meeting. Registration will be available online by Thanksgiving. Come and be pampered by the Ritz Carlton staff and attend Mike Glascott's top quality program, headlined by Ken Feinberg, Daniel Kornstein and our always superb Trial Masters Program, featuring three judges. [Click here to go to](#)

[Ritz Carlton website.](#)



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

October Admissions:

Stephen J. Brake

Nutter McClennen & Fish, LLP, Boston, MA

Lisa E. Chonarzewski

Zurich North America, Schaumburg, IL

Richard T. Coyne

Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg, Cleveland, OH

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Western Reserve Group, Wooster, OH

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Johnson & Bell, Ltd., Chicago, IL

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Great American Insurance, Cincinnati, OH

Michael Pizetoski

Mitsui Sumitomo Marine Management, Warren, NJ

Vincent Wang

Tsar & Tsai Law Firm, Taipei, Taiwan

SAVE THE DATE

invaluable:

The Deposition Boot Camp will be offered again on:

[November 12-13, 2014 - Philadelphia](#)

[April 16-17, 2015 - Denver](#)

[June 8-9, 2015 - New Orleans](#)

Click above on your preferred location to register

Deposition Manual Is Now Available!

Want a great resource for your associates in their developing deposition practice? The Federation has it in the Deposition Manual developed for the boot camps. Authored by the experienced faculty of the FDCC's Deposition Boot Camps, the Manual thoroughly covers:

- *Lawyer and witness preparation, including 30(b)(6) depositions*
- *Effective techniques in all phases of a deposition practice*
- *Strategy, evidentiary and procedural considerations*
- *Ethical conduct and dealing with difficult lawyers and witnesses*
- *Use of depositions in all phases of a defense practice, from motions to trials*
- *The "law" of depositions*

The manual is being sold by the Federation for \$100.00, a small cost for a big investment in your associates' development. FDCC members or those from firms or companies with a member may purchase the Manual for only \$90.00. Those who purchase five or more at the same time receive a 10% discount. Contact the FDCC office,

May 13-15, 2015 - The Conrad - Chicago, IL

21st Litigation Management College & 11th Annual LMC Graduate

June 7-11, 2015 - Emory University - Atlanta, GA

Corporate Counsel Symposium

September 28-30, 2015 - New Orleans, LA

I-3 Insurance Symposium

October 21-23, 2015 - New York Athletic Club -
New York, NY

LOCAL MEETINGS

Thank you to Greg Witke and David Zizik for hosting the first FDCC Local Meetings, October 8th in Des Moines (Greg) and October 15 in Boston (David). Members, guests, and several prospective members attended the event held at a local micro-brewery. Other local gatherings taking place in 2014 will be:

October 23 ~ San Francisco

Hosted by Joyce Wang

October 28 ~ Minneapolis

Hosted by David Schooler

October 29 ~ St. Louis

Hosted by Kurt Reeg

October 30 ~ Kansas City

Hosted by Rob Adams

November 13 ~ NYC, NNJ, LI, CT

Hosted by Jeff Lorell & Beth Fitzpatrick

November 14 ~ Philadelphia

Hosted by Gale White

November 14 ~ Seattle

Hosted by Bob Christie & Joanne Blackburn

For more information, please contact Co-Chairs [Bob Christie](#) or [Leslie Packer](#). Local Meeting events have been scheduled throughout the coming year.

In the News



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