

## REINSURANCE, EXCESS AND SURPLUS LINES SECTION

### NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2010

The Grand Floridian awaits our arrival at next week's 2010 FDCC Winter Meeting in Orlando. Robbie and Lib Foster, Convention Chairs, have joined with President and First Lady Mike and Jenny Lucey to plan a fun-filled week of camaraderie and spectacular social and recreational events. Program Chair Vicki Roberts has orchestrated a superb week of CLE programming, featuring, inter alia, David Meister, Trial Masters 2010, Bud Krogh (of Watergate fame), and much, much more. We hope you are joining us in Florida and we look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Reinsurance Section - Orlando Events**

The Reinsurance Section is sponsoring a joint section program **Friday morning, March 5, 2010, from 8:00 to 9:35 a.m.** The topic is "Current Bad Faith Issues in Key States." We will team with Construction Litigation, Extra-Contractual Liability, Insurance Coverage and the Insurance Industry Sections. The program will feature leaders in the insurance coverage bar discussing critical and troubling coverage, extra-contractual and bad faith issues and their treatment in certain key states:

- Moderator: **Thomas F. Segalla**, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Buffalo, NY
- Panelists:

**Joanne T. Blackburn**, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Malance Peterson & Daheim LLP, Seattle, Washington

**James L. Crandall**, Crandall Wade & Lowe, Irvine, California

**Susan Harwood**, Boehm Brown Fischer Harwood Kelly & Scheihing PA, Orlando, Florida

**Douglas G. Houser**, Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, Portland, Oregon

**Alex A. Jivan**, Farmers Insurance, Westlake Village, California

**Mary T. Porter**, Selective Insurance Company of America, Branchville, New Jersey

We will conduct a brief **business meeting** of the Reinsurance, Excess and Surplus Lines Section at the conclusion of the program.

**Upcoming - 2010 Annual Meeting, July 24 – July 31, Munich, Germany**

The Federation goes international this summer when the 2010 Annual Meeting is held at The Arabella Sheraton Grand Hotel in Munich, Germany.

The Annual Meeting theme is “The Ultimate Federation Experience.” Convention Chairs Mills and Carol Anne Gallivan and Program Chair Deb Kuchler are promising to make this unique experience one of the best meetings in our 70-year history. Hotel reservations can be made now by logging onto the FDCC website and clicking on the 2010 Summer Meeting link.

Our Section will be very active in Munich. The **plenary** session will feature a joint program put on by our section and the Insurance Industry, Property Insurance and Technology & E-Commerce Sections. The program will deal with the cultural clash in international litigation. Section Vice Chair Meloney Perry has participated in the planning of this program. Panelists will include inside and outside counsel from “both sides of the pond.”

The Reinsurance Section will also put on a **joint section meeting** in Munich. We thank Section Vice Chair Meloney Perry for assistance in planning that program as well. The program title is “Reinsurance Markets in a Global Economy.” We will team with the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Insurance Coverage Sections.

### **Upcoming – Corporate Counsel Symposium (September 21-23)**

The 7th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium is scheduled for September 21-23, 2010 at the Hyatt Park Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. The Symposium is intended for corporate counsel who manage litigation. FDCC outside counsel members are urged and permitted to attend with a client. The topic this year is “Protecting the Company in a Changing Economy: Best Practices for In-House Counsel Who Manage Corporate Risk and Litigation.”

### **Hot Cases**

Our Section did its part in editing the Federation’s Hot Cases website feature for the week of October 19, 2009. Thanks to the fantastic contributions of senior litigation associate Sara Finan Melly of Armstrong Teasdale LLP, we were able to discharge our Section’s responsibilities and contribute some interesting and significant case descriptions. We will have Hot Cases duties again the week of April 19, 2010. **Please** contact the Chair if you or one of your associates might have a couple of extra hours to donate to assist us with this assignment.

### **The Homestead – 2009 Annual Meeting Recap**

According to reliable reports from a variety of sources, the 2009 Annual Meeting at The Homestead July 26-August 2, 2009 was a tremendous success. We congratulate Convention Chairs Steve and Lee Farrar and Program Chairs Steve and Jean Pate on this great conference that your Section Chair was forced to miss after suffering a certain “water ski related” knee injury the day before scheduled departure.

Our Section sponsored a joint CLE program with the Insurance Coverage, Extra-Contractual Liability and Insurance Industry Sections entitled “Risky Business – An Update on Bad Faith and Insurance Coverage Litigation.” Congratulations to our outstanding speakers, Carlos Del

Carpio, Meloney C. Perry, Kate Browne and Tom Segalla. Special thanks go to Tony Zarillo, who stepped in at the last moment as moderator for this standing-room-only program.

**Recent Successes, Honors and Awards**

We would like to hear about your recent victories, honors and awards. Please communicate these to the Section Chair or a Vice Chair so we can mention your success in an upcoming Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you in Orlando.

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Ex Officio	Michael F. Aylward