

Dear Section Members:

I hope you all made the trip to the Greenbrier and had a wonderful time. I am sorry I could not attend, but with a 10 year old case finally going to trial that week I was unable to be there. With a new President, Vicki Roberts, and another year until the Annual Meeting, we are already working hard on our programming for the Winter Meeting in Puerto Rico and the Annual Meeting in Banff.

I first want to thank everyone who worked hard over the past year for the section. Eldon Boisseau did an excellent job on the Newsletter and Jay Davis has headed up Hot Cases for the section. Jay's job is a thankless one but it is one that is very important to FDCC members and raises the FDCC's profile. There are many individuals, both inside and outside the FDCC, who look at the Hot Cases each day. We also put on some great section programming that was well attended at both Marco Island and at the Greenbrier. While I was not at the Greenbrier, I am told the two day blockbuster program on the Affordable Care Act (put on in conjunction with DD&B, Healthcare, Life, Health & Disability, Premises and Security and Reinsurance, Excess & Surplus lines) was an excellent program Caryn Lilling's portion on the ACA's effect on damages being extremely informative and useful.

Mary Porter is new Vice-Chair of Membership. Mary will work with the section to nominate potential FDCC members as well as working to get old FDCC members to join our section. If you have any suggestions for new FDCC members or an old member Mary can bug to join our section, please contact her. Her e-mail is mtp@evergreenmd.org. Please contact her about any new members you nominate as we want to get credit for individuals nominated by our section. Please keep in mind three things as you nominate individuals: (1) we want to increase the membership of in-house/corporate counsel; (2) we want to increase the diversity of our membership; and (3) we want to focus on states and cities that currently do not have high membership. In regard to the last category, the FDCC is under-represented in many major cities and under-represented or unrepresented in many of the larger law firms in those cities. In nominating defense counsel, please look to individuals you know in major cities and in some of the larger law firms.

Going forward, **the Corporate Counsel Symposium is set for September 17-19 in Phoenix.** You have probably received several notices and I would strongly recommend this program.

- 2) **Deposition Boot Camps** are being scheduled (4 cities have been selected throughout the USA) for young lawyers. **The first two are set Sept. 18-19 at Snell & Wilmer in Phoenix, AZ and Nov. 12-13 at White & Williams in Philadelphia, PA.** These are excellent learning opportunities for young lawyers. Thomas Oakes court reporting will supply the reporters for a "real life" experience. In 2015, boot camps are scheduled for April 1-17 at Hall & Evans in Denver, CO and for June 8-9 at Phelps Dunbar in New Orleans.
- 3) Local FDCC meetings will also be held in selected cities for the members to get additional networking opportunities. These will start in October so be looking for the meeting in your area.

- 4) **The Winter Meeting is at the Waldorf Astoria El Conquistador in Puerto Rico from Feb. 28 - March 5, 2015.** From what I have been told and seen on the website, it is an incredible place. I strongly encourage you to make plans now to attend. It will certainly be warmer than the continental U.S. If you can't come for the entire week, please block off a couple of days and make plans for a long weekend. Our section meeting program plans are already underway. We are partnering with the Civil Rights/Governmental Entities section. Using last year's U.S. Supreme Court case of *Missouri v. McNeely* as the starting point, the program will address police requests made of health care providers, from blood draws in the ER to requesting the pathologist to return the bullet taken from a body, and the legal issues faced by governmental entities and health care providers under these circumstances. I believe it will be an interesting and entertaining program.

It is also never too early to start planning past the Winter Meeting. Please put on your calendar that the FDCC's 21st Annual Litigation Management College is June 7-11, 2015. The LMC is a very special five-day learning experience for claims professionals. It immerses the students in a college-like atmosphere with a broad range of extremely relevant and challenging activities that will teach them about themselves and about being more effective in their jobs. It is social and fun as well as educational. Any claims person you encourage to attend will be extremely appreciative and will remember you forever. The Deans of the LMC would like you to forward this announcement along (modify it as you wish) to as many claims people as you can. This is an opportunity for you to offer your friends a truly unique learning experience and to showcase the great group that you belong to. If you are an in-house member, please consider including the LMC in your training allocation as you prepare your 2015 budget. Please contact David Governo, Dean of Admissions, with any questions. dgoverno@governo.com

Please also put on your calendar the Annual Meeting for 2015 in Banff, Alberta at the Fairmont Banff Springs. The meeting starts on July 25, 2015.

Thank you for your continued support of the FDCC and the Healthcare Section,

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