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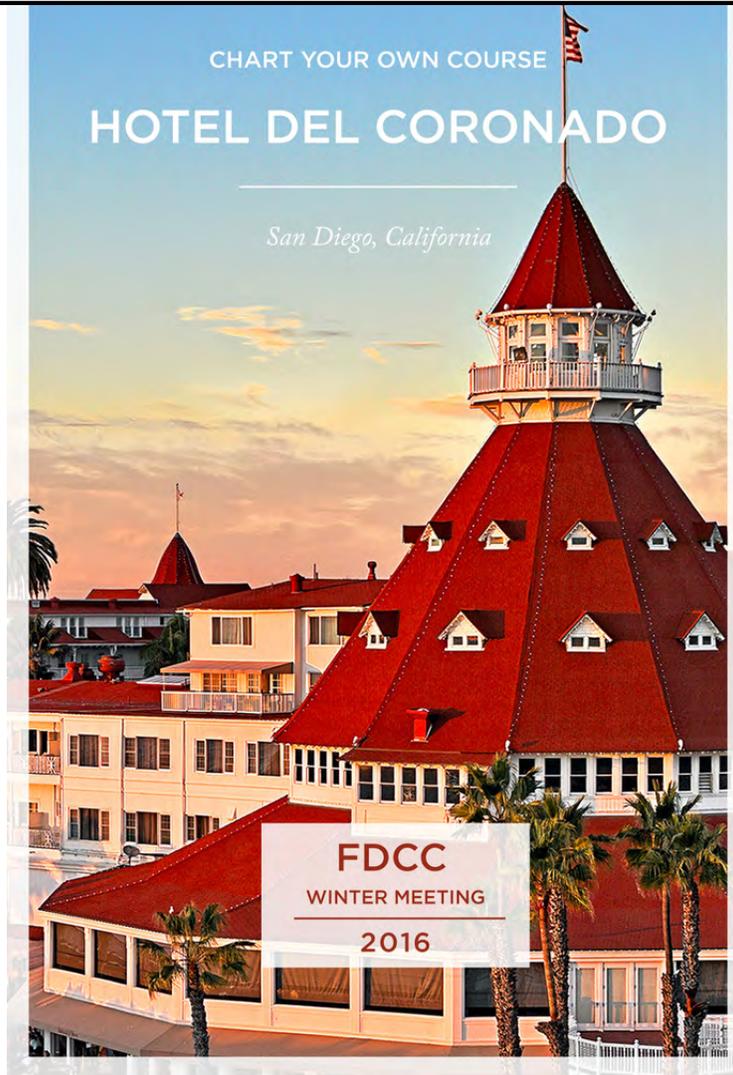
Please join us at a cocktail reception, hosted by the Federation and in conjunction with the DRI Annual Meeting. Be sure to bring a prospective FDCC member as a guest.

**Thursday, October 8, 2015
5:00 to 6:30 pm**

**Maryland A, Lobby Level
Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC**

[RSVP to Marty Streeper](#)

[Register for the DRI Annual Meeting](#)



"REGISTER: to enter or record on an official list or directory"

All Federation members are called to enter or record on the Federation's official list of attendees for the 2016 Winter Meeting to be held on Coronado Island, California. Chart your own course as you encounter waves of change leading to oceans of opportunity in law practice and life. Enjoy plenary programs ranging from ethics in the movies, biotechnology interfacing with people, show and tell by Trial Masters, to being a fly on the wall in the war room and judges' chambers in the trial of a catastrophic airline disaster in which fifty people died. Hear past Federation Presidents share snippets of hard-earned wisdom and be inspired by a panel on determination, balance, integrity, hope, and fear. Hear the prosecutor tell the spellbinding story of the Aurora movie theatre shootings and resulting conviction of the shooter, followed by the lawyer defending the civil case brought



**INSURANCE
INDUSTRY
INSTITUTE**

**October 21-23, 2015
New York Athletic Club
New York City**

The 2015 I-3 will once again be held in New York City at the New York Athletic Club, October 21 -23. The Institute will bring together senior insurance industry leaders, regulators, and insiders – from companies such as Swiss Re, Markel, Hanover, Hamilton Re, Arch, AIG, and Starr Marine – to offer their expertise and insights concerning “top burner” issues tailored to senior level insurance company representatives and their outside counsel. Make plans now to join us for this timely conference and spread the word to your colleagues and clients.

Remember, Defense Counsel members (or members of their firms) must bring a “date” so line up a client now. For more information on the conference and making hotel reservations at the New York Athletic Club, [download the brochure](#). To register, [click here](#).

**BOOT CAMP IS
COMING SOON**

The next FDCC Boot Camp will take place in Atlanta on December 7 and 8. Evelyn Fletcher Davis will be hosting

door of law practice in the future as you are enthralled by Keynote Speaker Michael Rogers, “The Practical Futurist,” who will tell us not only what the practice of law will be like in the future, but what concrete steps we can take now to confront and adapt to those changes. Enjoy the backdrop of the beautiful Pacific Ocean, network with your colleagues, learn from the best of the Federation, and depart ready to take on the waves of change coming to our profession. [Click here to learn more.](#)

FDCC 2016 ANNUAL MEETING FAIRMONT LE MANOIR RICHELIEU CHARLEVOIX, QUEBEC



The French Canadian region of Charlevoix is the site of our 2016 Annual Meeting which will be held from July 23-30. This region is blessed with the contrast of mountains and sea lying side by side. Le Manoir Richelieu blends the rich elegance of a premier resort with the breathtaking country side which surrounds it as it sits atop a cliff overlooking the majestic St. Lawrence River. The “Castle on the Cliff” is 85 miles east of Quebec City and every room of this luxury resort has been remodeled in a manner which provides unbridled comfort.

The Fairmont has amazing views, a challenging golf course, and even an Astronomical Observatory. The Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Riviere-Malbaie National Park offers hiking, biking, kayaks, and canoes, but it is also a quiet oasis to take in the splendor of surrounding mountains. See

walking distance include the Marriott Marquis and the Hyatt. Registration will be available soon on the FDCC website, www.thefederation.org

Two other Boot Camps in 2016 will be held in San Francisco, hosted by Bruce Celebrezze at Sedgwick, on April 4 and 5, and in Boston on June 13 – 14, hosted by Andy McElaney at Nutter, McClennen & Fish.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Ramon A. Abadin, *Sedgwick LLP*, Miami, FL, is the new president of the Florida Bar. You may remember Ramon from the 2015 Winter at Amelia Island meeting where he spoke during the plenary meeting, giving a welcome & legal overview of changing relations with Cuba. You can read a fascinating biography of Ramon in the [Journal of the Florida Bar](#).

Congratulations, Ramon!

NEW MEMBERS

(Since last newsletter)

Carla J. Hartley
Dillingham & Murphy, LLP,
San Francisco, CA

Paul L. Knobbe
Goldberg Segalla, St. Louis,

In an Olympic year with a Presidential election, Brett Preston has prepared a program featuring Nancy Hogshead-Makar, a three-time Olympic gold medalist, attorney, and tireless advocate for young female athletes, as well as Dr. Larry Sabato, political pundit and highly accurate predictor of state and national elections.

This family friendly meeting has something for everyone. Je vous souhaitez a tous pouvez nous rejoindre a cette belle station balneaire. [We hope you all can join us at this beautiful resort.] [Save the Date](#).

Convention Chairs,
Mike and Tricia Glascott

BARB CURRIE DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP



The Foundation is honored to announce that it is initiating a scholarship for diverse law students entering their second year of law school. This \$5,000 per year scholarship will go to a deserving student and will enable him or her to obtain financial assistance in their law school endeavor and, at the same time, provide the recipient an opportunity to clerk for an FDCC law firm in a geographic area where they wish to practice. It will, therefore, serve two primary purposes. This scholarship will have the added benefit of introducing diverse law students to the exceptional law firms of FDCC members.

I am also privileged to announce that this scholarship will be awarded in memory of Barb Currie, and given on behalf of all of those non-FDCC members who contribute so much of their time in support of the Federation. The official name of the scholarship will be the "FDCC Foundation Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship." Upon being informed of the Scholarship being named in honor of his wife, FDCC

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Orleans, LA*

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*Knight Insurance Group, Los
Angeles, CA*

Robert Spajic
*Gordon & Polsker, LLC,
Portland, OR*

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*Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer
LLP, Dallas, TX*

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*Lederer Weston Craig PLC,
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*National Beef Packing
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unique bright sunshine to those who loved, knew, or even encountered her howsoever briefly." Ned continues by saying that "this scholarship will provide hope and assistance to a deserving diverse law student seeking the light of that particular knowledge to which we as members of the Federation have devoted our professional lives."

The Foundation has begun to accumulate donations to fund this scholarship and I would ask you to respectfully consider joining me and your fellow FDCC members who have contributed to this Foundation scholarship in Barb's name. If you wish to join us in contributing to this worthwhile endeavor, please send your tax deductible check to the Foundation (indicating that it is for this scholarship) or [simply click this link](#).

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