

# PROPERTY INSURANCE SECTION NEWSLETTER

Winter 2014

## SECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE:

I hope this finds everyone well and on their way to our Winter Meeting in Marco Island! In checking the forecast and looking out the window here in St. Pete, the weather will be great-which we certainly have coming to us after our last sojourn to Marco, a/k/a South Pole in 2005!

You are probably wondering what this communication is—since you have not received a Property Section Newsletter in some time. Please accept my apologies as I have done a terrible job as your chair in keeping our newsletters current and up to the standards of this section. However, there is change on the horizon. I am pleased to report that Phil Reeves of the Gallivan, White and Boyd firm in Greenville has agreed to take over this task for the next year. Phil will undoubtedly do a great job and look for our first *real* newsletter in the next couple of months. If any of you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please reach out to Phil at: [preeves@gwblawfirm.com](mailto:preeves@gwblawfirm.com). We are particularly looking for any case reports of interest as well as statutory or regulatory developments in your jurisdiction. In addition, any ideas you may have as to what you would like to see in the newsletter would be appreciated as well.

While Phil is getting up and running, in the interim I did want to call your attention to a few items:

### 2013 FDCC ANUAL MEETING

Although our annual meeting and section meeting is well behind us, I did want to thank the outstanding panel that presented at our section meeting. Neil Rabin moderated a panel discussion entitled: "What's in a Named(d) Storm? What Sandy Has Taught Us About Flood, Storm Surge and FEMA". Jim Kelly, Jr. and Jeff Weinstein gave us an excellent view both from the company perspective as well as from "the trenches" in the ongoing Super Storm Sandy litigation and claims process. Many thanks to Neil, Jim and Jeff for their invaluable time and effort.

As an aside, our paper for that presentation, has been selected for publication in the upcoming edition of the Quarterly, and will be presented on behalf of our section.

### 2014 WINTER MEETING-Marco Island, Florida

Again, hopefully all of you are starting to pack for your trek to the Sunshine State. Our section meeting is on Friday at the traditional 7:30am timeslot. Our vice chair, Rick Hammond has put together a very timely program on the recent updates to NFPA 921 and how those changes will impact fire investigators, policyholders and insurers. The panel assembled by Rick includes the current 921 Committee Chairman, a plaintiff's attorney from that committee and a member of the Technical Committee on Fire Investigation. Many thanks in advance to Rick for putting this program together with such a highly qualified panel. It has been some time since our section has visited this subject and it is long overdue.

### 2014 ANNUAL MEETING-Greenbrier, West Virginia

Start to make your plans now to attend our Annual Meeting at one of the country's premier resorts, The Greenbrier! Our section is putting together a joint meeting with the Insurance Coverage and Extra Contractual sections. Our topic will address the attorney client privilege and is entitled: "Recent Assaults on the Most Sacred Privilege of all: Does the Attorney Client Privilege Still Exist?". If any of you would like to be involved please let me know.

**FDCC HOT CASES**

Our section is up to date on this periodic task. If you haven't checked these out lately, you should. Under the guidance of our own Andy Downs, who is the current Chair of the FDCC Social Media Committee, the Hot Cases has a totally new look-on Twitter. My office has covered the last several postings for our section. But is time for some new blood. I have asked our vice chair, Neil Rambin to take over this job for the next year. Many thanks to Neil for his help!

That is all for n now, and again I hope to see you all in Marco Island!

Best,

Mike