



Letter from the President

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It is hard to believe that we already have nearly half of the year under our belts. PLDF has had a very successful and productive start to 2019, and we are excited for what is in store for the remainder of the year.

You definitely do not want to miss our signature event—the 2019 Annual Meeting, which will be held **September 25th-27th at the W Chicago – Lakeshore**. We will kick things off on Wednesday afternoon with the Young Professionals Reception and Welcome Reception (for all members), where you can mix and mingle with other members. Afterwards, there will be the opportunity to join group dinners throughout the city. Thursday and Friday will include our educational programming with panels of attorneys and claims professionals discussing relevant and trending topics in the industry. We have always had great programming, but this year’s line-up is *really* impressive. Thursday’s educational programming will be followed by our exciting excursions with options to join the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise or the Chicago Crime Tour.

If not already, you will soon be receiving a brochure with Annual Meeting details. You can register through PLDF’s website. We have a small block of rooms at the W Chicago – Lakeshore that will fill up quickly. Speaking from experience, you do not want to wait too long to book a room. I also encourage you to consider one of our sponsorship opportunities, which provide valuable industry exposure for firms and companies at varying price points.

For those looking to increase their involvement in PLDF, we have begun soliciting applications for leadership positions. We are seeking applicants for spots on the Board of Directors, as well as committee vice chairs. These are very rewarding roles that allow you to help shape the future of PLDF. We currently have an amazing group of leaders, whose commitment and contributions will lead to continued growth and success for the organization.

Speaking of, our membership continues to grow. Most of the growth can be traced to direct recommendations by our existing members. Please continue to spread the word about PLDF to co-workers, colleagues, and any other acquaintances who may be interested in this great organization. Our website, PLDF.org, is good resource for information and provides a link for joining. If you have not done so, make sure to follow PLDF on LinkedIn and share/comment on PLDF-related posts. Please also take a few minutes to invite others to follow PLDF using the “Invite Members” button on our LinkedIn page.

We are always looking for ways to improve the organization and increase member benefits. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer. Make sure to book that trip to Chicago in September!

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