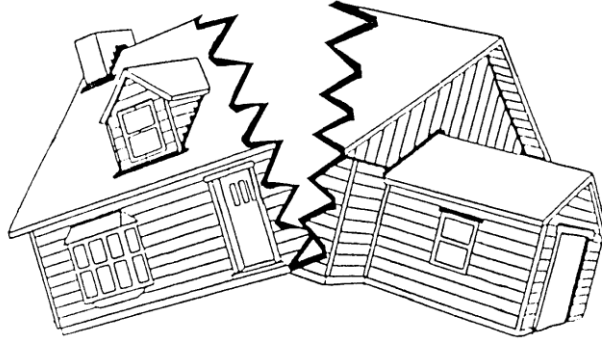


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**Construction Defect Seminar
May 17th and 18th, 2012**



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Coral Stern, AIC
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West Coast Casualty Service, Inc.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the President of West Coast Casualty, I am extremely pleased to invite you to attend the 19th Anniversary of West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar, the largest event of its kind worldwide.

Here we are in 2012 and construction defect claims and litigation have spread all across the country and with them come the constant changes in case law, legislation, new techniques, new allegations and new technologies in the prosecution, defense and coverage relating to these multi-faceted multi-party cases.

These specialized claims, first born in the Southwest now have grown in great numbers in the Northwest, the Midwest and especially the Southeast. As the world's largest event specializing in this subject, we have brought the top people in this field to our stage to address many of the current issues and where we will be going in the future as a community who specializes in this area of law.

For many, this will be their first time speaking at our event and they bring with them many new ideas, inspired and eager to speak of the challenges in this area of specialized claims and litigation. Many of our returning speakers will, once again, share their experiences and insights in the worlds largest peer-to-peer information exchange on construction defect matters.

In addition to a full complement of vendors offering the most up-to-date products and services, our attendees will get a chance to glimpse into the future by visiting our third *Science and Technology Fair* which will take place in the Exhibit Hall throughout our seminar. This is part of our continuing public/private partnerships that we will be sharing with our attendees.

We would like you to join us for this terrific educational event in which you will learn about new ideas as well as solutions to old problems. You will clearly understand how these changes may make their way into courtrooms through litigation and private actions, which will empower you to adapt to the changing landscape of construction defect claims and litigation.

We're looking forward to an educational, enjoyable and memorable seminar event and I look forward to seeing you in Anaheim on May 17th and 18th, 2012.

Very truly yours,

West Coast Casualty Service, Inc.

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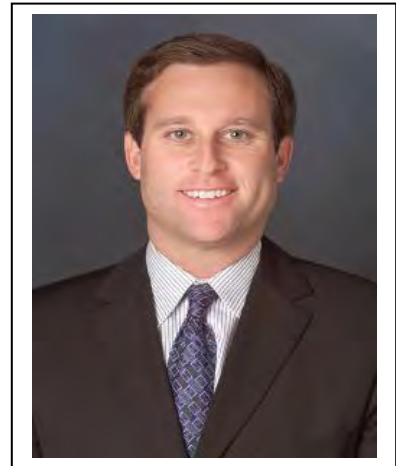
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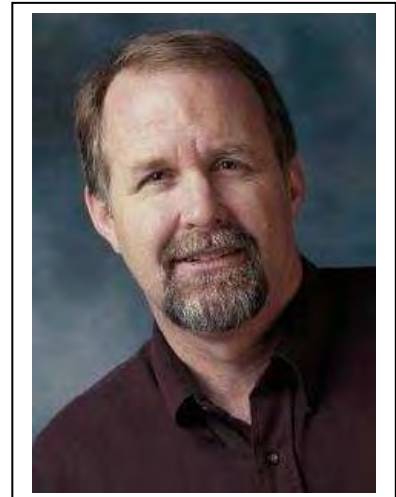
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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 16th 2012

Early Seminar Registration 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 17th 2012

Registration and Breakfast - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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8:30 AM - 8:40 AM

Welcome Remarks

8:40 AM – 9:30 AM

“Important Court Decisions Impacting Construction Defect Claims”

Tom Halliwell, Esq. and Barry Vaughan, Esq.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

“Arbitrate? Let's See You Make Me!”

*Jennifer C. Lyons, Esq., Greg Dillion, Esq., Matt Argue, Esq.,
Adrienne Cohen, Esq., John Horn, Esq. and Ronald Hartmann, Esq.,*

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Morning Break

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10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

*“Mediating the Mediation Process: What Works, What Doesn't Work
and Just Why is it So Darn Different from State to State?”*

*Peter Brown, Esq., David Lee, Esq., Hon. Michael Cherry, David Pursiano, Esq.,
Ivan Sarkissian, Esq., Rick Righi, Esq., Jack Levy, Esq. and Robin Kahn*

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

“Ollie” Awards Presentation

“Legend of an Era” Awards Presentation

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch

(Seminar Registration Will be Closed During Lunch)

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 17th 2012

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

"Why do We Need to Know Certain Things and How Decisions are Made . . . Construction Defect Claims and Insurance: A Primer on Insurance from a Claims Professional's Point of View"

Phyllis Modlin, Todd Schweitzer, Teresa Wolcott and Lee Wright

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Afternoon Break

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3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

"Social Networking Sites: Strategies, Ethical Pitfalls and Practice Pointers for Litigating and Winning Your Construction Defect Case"

Stephen Henning, Esq. and Daniel Berman, Esq.

4:15 PM - 5:15PM

"Meet Your Judges, a Candid Discussion on Construction Defect Claims and Litigation from the Bench . . . "

Hon. Nancy M. Saitta, Chief Justice, Nevada Supreme Court

Hon. M. Sue Kurita, Judge, El Paso County Court at Law Number Six, TX

Hon. Juan Ramirez, Jr., Judge, Third District Court of Appeal, Florida

Hon. Clifton Newman, Judge, South Carolina Circuit Court

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Friday May 18th 2012

7:30AM - 8:30AM
Registration and Breakfast

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Center Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

“Defending Construction Defect Failure Mechanisms – An Expert’s Perspective”

Scott Vivian,
Mitchell Resnick, Esq.,
Brian Mizell, Esq.

South Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

“Occupy Crawford”

Richard D. Seely, Esq.
Josh Keane, Esq.
and Douglas Rafner, Esq.

Center Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

The Voyage of the Yellow Brass Submarine or New Defects.com - A look at emerging defect theories in a modern world.

Adrienne Cohen, Esq., Howard Taylor,
Matthew Adler, Ken Kasdan, Esq.,
Hon. Steven Sundvold (ret)
and Tim Earl, Esq.

South Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

“Behind the Scenes: The Secret Lives of Brokers and Underwriters, What do they really do, anyway?”

Susan M. Bryan
Scott Whiteside
Erik Davis
and Alan Packer, Esq.

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Morning Break

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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday May 18th 2012

Center Ballroom

11:00AM – 12:00 PM

"Current Trends in Effectively Handling SB 800 cases"

Matthew Argue, Esq.
Charles Litt, Esq.
Joyia Greenfield, Esq.
Kathleen Carpenter, Esq.
and Phil Collias, Esq.

Center Ballroom

12:00PM – 1:00 PM

"Been There Done That ... Now What"

Jacqueline Stein, Esq.
Hon. Mark Gibbons
Ross Feinberg, Esq.
Greg Dillion, Esq.
Adrienne Cohen, Esq.
and Luke Ryan, Esq.

South Ballroom

11:00 PM – 12:00 PM

"Top Five Issues Involving Wrap Policies"

John O'Hara, Esq.
Mark Milstein, Esq.
Michael Mawson

South Ballroom

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

"Housing Boom & Bust - Is it the End of Construction Defect Litigation as We Know It?"

Wendy Wilcox, Esq.
Michael Sargent, Esq.
Bruce Wick
Ted Bumgardner
and Gary London

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Joyia Z. Greenfield, Esq.



Keith Bremer, Esq.



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Seminar Speakers



**Matthew Adler, Claims Consultant
OneBeacon Insurance Co., Glendale, CA**

Matthew Adler has been with OneBeacon over seven years and handles construction defect claims of all types, exposures and jurisdictions across the United States. He is also the vice-president of the Construction Defect Claim Managers association and a repeat speaker for the West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar. Mr. Adler's prior work history includes many years at The St. Paul/Travelers and The Zenith. In addition to the construction field, his experience includes general liability, SIU and Workers Compensation. Mr. Adler earned his bachelor degree from Pitzer College and is proud to serve as an executive board member of a local theater group, The Production Company.



**Matthew W. Argue, Esq. Mediator & Arbitrator
AMCC, Los Angeles, CA**

Matthew W. Argue has over 20 years of experience in complex construction disputes, mediation and arbitration. Based in San Diego, he is a full-time neutral focusing on construction, insurance and real estate mediation and arbitration throughout Southern California. Mr. Argue has successfully mediated over 250 construction cases to settlement and arbitrated over 100 cases. Mr. Argue serves on the following mediation and arbitration panels: AMCC Panel of Construction Mediators; American Arbitration Association Panel of Complex Construction Mediators and Arbitrators; and California State License Board Arbitrator. Mr. Argue regularly lectures and writes on mediation and construction law issues. Most recently, he has published several articles in the American Arbitration Association's Dispute Resolution Journal entitled *Do's and Don'ts Representing Clients in Mediation* and American Inns of Court's The Bench Magazine entitled *Work and Life Balance after Two Types of Cancer*, and is a frequent speaker on construction topics including West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar in Anaheim, California, MC Consultant's Construction Defect Conference in San Diego, CA, HB Litigation Construction Forum in Marina Del Rey, California, Vendome's Construction Super Conference in San Francisco, California, and to the San Diego and Orange County bar associations. In his construction litigation practice, Mr. Argue was Partner and head of the construction litigation team with Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch LLP from 1989 to 2001. Mr. Argue represented both large developer defendants and plaintiffs in construction defect cases. In particular, he represented the 84 plaintiffs in *AAS v. Superior Court* which was appealed to the California Supreme Court and changed the recovery of damages in construction defect cases. Mr. Argue received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1989, and graduated *cum laude* from San Diego State University in 1986. Mr. Argue is licensed in a number of different jurisdictions including California, Nevada, Washington, Colorado and Texas.



**Daniel A. Berman, Esq., Founding and Managing Partner
Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP, CA, NV, AZ, CO and WA**

Representing Fortune 500 companies, major US and foreign insurers and preeminent members of the business and real estate communities, Dan is a recognized authority in the arena of commercial and business litigation. His areas of expertise include the defense and prosecution of claims involving real estate, intellectual property, commercial business disputes and construction-related issues. In addition to heading the firm's business litigation practice, Dan co-chaired the firm's successful seminar - *Defending the Mold Claim* - which was presented throughout the United States and Europe for thousands of attendees. Dan was recently named a Southern California Super Lawyer for an eighth consecutive year, and is on the boards of several domestic and international companies engaged in residential and commercial development. Dan has served as a court appointed arbitrator and mediator, sits on the National Association of Homebuilders Legal Advisory Council, and is a past Vice Chair of the DARE America Legal Board of Directors. Dan is also a member of the Young Presidents' Organization, coaches numerous youth sports teams, and serves on the Board of Managers for the Palisades-Malibu YMCA.

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Peter C. Brown, Esq., Managing Partner Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara, Las Vegas, NV

Peter C. Brown is the managing partner of the Las Vegas and Denver offices of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara. Las Vegas serves as Mr. Brown's home base, but he is constantly on the move handling complex litigation for his clients throughout the western United States. Mr. Brown has extensive experience in all aspects of civil litigation, including construction defect, personal injury and general liability. Mr. Brown has handled numerous multi-million dollar cases to verdict. Mr. Brown earned his Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from U.C. Davis and his Master of Fine Arts in Theatre from U.C. San Diego. Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Brown worked as a professional actor in the fields of television, film and theatre. Mr.

Brown worked throughout the country in numerous productions before deciding to "take his act" from the stage to the courtroom. Mr. Brown's acting background has served him in good stead both in court and as a speaker at numerous seminars on civil litigation. Mr. Brown earned his Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University School of Law. Mr. Brown is a member in good standing of the California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and Washington State Bars.



Susan Bryan, AIC, ARM, CRIS, AVP, Regional Underwriting Manager Chartis Excess Casualty, San Francisco, CA

Ms. Bryan currently acts as the Regional Underwriting Manager for excess construction liability coverage for the Western Region at Chartis Excess Casualty. This includes supervising the underwriting of both wrap-up and program coverages for a wide variety of developers, contractors and trade subcontractors involved in all types of construction. Ms. Bryan spent 13 years as an adjuster handling construction defect, complex coverage and severe exposures in the Construction Defect and Major Case Units at Aetna and Royal Insurance Companies. She also spent four years as an insurance broker, working on program

design and placement for construction risks and acting as a consulting resource throughout the country on coverage and claims issues. Ms. Bryan is routinely consulted and has testified at trial for her expertise in coverage and claims issues. She is a regular speaker at legal, construction and insurance industry conferences and seminars.



Ted Bumgardner, President Xpera Group, Solana Beach, CA

Ted Bumgardner is President of Xpera Group, a Solana Beach based construction consulting group with over 30 construction expert members in a wide variety of construction, development and real estate related disciplines. Mr. Bumgardner holds a degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and has over 33 years of experience as a general contractor and construction manager. Previously, he was Principal and license holder of Gafcon, Inc., a construction management company ranked in the top 50 CM firms nationally. As a professor at San Diego State University, he has taught a graduate level course in Construction Management as a part of the Masters in Civil Engineering

degree program. Over the past 20 years, Mr. Bumgardner has been designated in over 600 construction litigation cases as an expert in standard of care, cost of repair, delay, and property loss. He is past President of the San Diego chapter of the Forensic Expert Witness Association and has been on the National Board of Directors of that organization.

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Kathleen Carpenter, Esq. Partner Luce Forward, San Francisco, CA

Kathleen Carpenter is a Partner with Luce Forward and focuses on litigation, transactional and governmental advocacy matters. Her experience ranges from representing large publicly-held companies in high profile litigation and appellate matters to advising clients in all aspects of real estate and construction risk management, ranging from insurance, advertising and disclosures to on-line reputation management and cyber picketing. Ms. Carpenter also regularly acts as outside regional general counsel for both public and privately held companies, and has extensive expertise representing various industry trade groups in matters of regional and national significance. For over a decade, she has developed substantial experience in governmental affairs and legislative advocacy. She has also served as part of the lead negotiating team in connection with numerous tort reform efforts, and whose work has led to sweeping tort reform in the areas of real estate and construction. She has provided expert testimony on several occasions before the California State Senate. Ms. Carpenter is a frequent national and regional lecturer, writer and expert witness. She also has substantial appellate experience acting as amicus in high profile cases involving indemnity, construction, insurance, real estate, admissibility of legislative intent and interpretation of California's recently enacted "Right to Repair Law." Ms. Carpenter also counsels clients in a broad spectrum of green building risk management matters, ranging from green/energy rating system selection, implementation of green building and solar initiatives, disclosures, and green advertising compliance. She is a frequent speaker and expert witness in the areas of real estate and construction and has represented many of the nation's largest homebuilders, developers and general contractors in all phases of residential and commercial construction.



Hon. Michael A. Cherry, Justice Nevada Supreme Court, Carson City, NV

Justice Michael A. Cherry has been an attorney in Nevada since 1970 and was elected to the Supreme Court in 2006. While he has had a long career in private practice, he always seemed to have involved himself in some public service within the legal community. He began his career as a Deputy Clark County Public Defender before becoming a partner in the law firms of Manos & Cherry and later Cherry, Bailus & Kelesis. In 1981 Justice Cherry was named as Special Master of the MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litigation and in 1983 he assumed the duties of Special Master of the Las Vegas Hilton Fire Litigation. As Special Master, Judge Cherry served as liaison between plaintiffs, attorneys, defense attorneys and the court during these multi-million dollar cases. His work as Special Master gained him nationwide recognition and the procedures he established are now a part of most mass disaster litigation. Justice Cherry served as an Alternate Municipal Judge for the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson, as well as Justice of the Peace Pro Tem and Small Claims Referee for Clark County. In 1994 he became an instructor for the University of Phoenix, teaching business law and history. Then in 1997 Justice Cherry was named to lead the newly created Clark County Special Public Defender's Office to handle major homicide cases and conflict cases from the county public defenders office. He led a staff of six attorneys and served in that capacity until being elected to Department 17 of the Eighth Judicial District Court in November 1998. Justice Cherry earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1966 and a juris doctorate degree from Washington University School of Law in 1969. Justice Cherry will become Chief Justice on May 7, 2012 and he is running unopposed for a second 6 yr term on the Nevada Supreme Court.



Adrienne D. Cohen, Esq., Founder Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen, Santa Ana, CA

Adrienne D. Cohen is the founder and principal of the Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen a ten-attorney firm with offices in Santa Ana, California and San Rafael, California. Ms. Cohen received her Juris Doctorate from the USC School of Law in 1989 and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA in 1986. Ms. Cohen has represented major insurance companies and their insureds since 1989 in the areas of insurance coverage and defense. Ms. Cohen currently serves on the executive committee and as membership chairperson of the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court. She has served as an instructor in the UCI paralegal program, where she taught legal writing, ethics and insurance law. Ms. Cohen is AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer.

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Philip J. Collias, Esq. Vice President/Claims Risk Management Specialist Lockton Insurance Brokers, LLC, Los Angeles, CA

Mr. Collias manages Lockton's liability claim consultants handling general liability, professional liability, auto liability and excess liability for Lockton's construction clients. He has been with Lockton for 10 years. Responsibilities include policy structuring and review prior to placement, along with consultation on risk transfer/management, contractual review (indemnity, additional insured and insurance requirements), claims coverage, claims management and strategy, coordination with defense counsel and involvement in claim resolution. Mr. Collias is a graduate of Cogate University and The Cornell Law School. He was the former General Counsel for California Pacific Homes, where he was involved in

land acquisition, disposition, and entitlements for single family and multi-family residential homes. He worked as the Assistant General Counsel of KB Home and began his career as a real estate attorney at Cox, Castle & Nicholson, L.P.



Erik Davis, Managing Director and President R-T Specialty Insurance Services, Los Angeles, CA

Erik Davis is a Managing Director and the President of the Los Angeles office of R-T Specialty Insurance Services, where he specializes in General Liability and Excess Liability construction placements. He leads a team of 70+ dedicated professionals that focus on placing the most difficult risks and exposures in the industry. He has been responsible for structuring more residential Wrap-Up programs than any other individual broker nationally. Over the years, Erik has created exclusive products and proprietary coverages for his client base which extends nationally and internationally. As the head of the Construction Practice Group for R-T Specialty, Erik has had the opportunity to work with many of the largest developers and contractors in the world and successfully built a team of underwriting talent,

third party vendors and individuals to support the complex deals that he specializes in. He has a simple business philosophy which is to work hard, and smart, and deliver a work product that exceeds the client's expectations. This coupled with his superior knowledge of casualty business and industry-best carrier relationships will allow R-T Specialty and Davis to continue to grow.



Gregory L. Dillion, Esq. Newmeyer & Dillion, LLP, Newport Beach, CA

Mr. Dillion is one of the founding partners of Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, rated Tier 1 in Construction, Insurance and Real Estate by the U.S. News Best Law Firms publication. He specializes in the representation of developers, institutional lenders, general contractors and other businesses in complex business, construction and insurance coverage disputes. Mr. Dillion has an active trial and appellate practice. He had defended multimillion dollar plaintiff claims and obtained multimillion dollar plaintiff verdicts and hundreds of millions in settlements. He is responsible for published decisions at the California Federal, Supreme Court and Appellate levels that have changed the course of California law. Mr. Dillion

received his Bachelor of Arts With Distinction in All Subjects from Cornell University where he was elected to and remains a member of the national Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and his Juris Doctorate with Honors from the University Of Texas School Of Law. Mr. Dillion is rated by Martindale-Hubbell as AV Preeminent. He consistently has been named as one of the best lawyers in America in real estate and insurance in the national Best Lawyers in America peer review publication. He also consistently has been named as one of the top 50 Orange County lawyers by the Super Lawyers California peer review publication and as one of the nation's Top Lawyers in its national Corporate Counsel Almanac. Mr. Dillion also was selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honor society. Mr. Dillion is admitted to practice in California, Colorado and Texas. He is a frequent speaker and author of numerous articles. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Building Industry Association – Orange County Chapter and the Cornell Real Estate Council.

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Timothy C. Earl, Esq., Shareholder Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel, San Diego, CA

Timothy C. Earl is a shareholder of the law firm Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel, with offices located in San Diego, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Earl's practice focuses on the representation of policyholders and insurance companies in a variety of insurance coverage disputes primarily involving property damage or bodily injury arising out of construction defect and asbestos claims, including but not limited to contractual and extra-contractual claims. He has significant experience in complex insurance coverage disputes involving wrap-up insurance policies, additional insured endorsements, and the allocation of claims amongst multiple insurers. Mr. Earl also represents developers, architects, engineers, general contractors and trade contractors in construction disputes in both residential and commercial contexts. Mr. Earl has served as a panelist for construction and insurance issues on multiple occasions for Lorman Education Service, and has served in the past as a panelist at the West Coast Casualty Seminar. Mr. Earl received his B.A. degree from the University of California, Davis in 1991 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1994. Mr. Earl has an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell.



Ross W. Feinberg, Esq., Mediator JAMS, Orange, CA

Ross W. Feinberg, Esq. specializes in disputes involving business commercial, complex construction defect, construction delay and contractual matters, bad faith insurance, homeowners association and real estate issues. Mr. Feinberg, an AV rated attorney, is the author of the text, Construction Defect Litigation (Amazon.com) which covers CD law and legislation throughout the country. He has been involved in mediations totaling over \$400 million of recoveries and is a well-known advocate of ADR who is respected by all sides and facets of the bar as well as builders and insurance companies. For more than 24 years, Mr. Feinberg has effectively represented parties in construction defect litigation and related class actions. He is widely recognized for his ability to initiate open communication with all parties leading to constructive resolutions. Mr. Feinberg is a frequent national speaker and lecturer on construction defect litigation and community association law. He has received numerous national and local awards from homeowners association organizations and the construction defect industry including being honored with West Coast Casualty's prestigious Jerrold S. Oliver award of Excellence (the "Ollie" Award) named after the former JAMS neutral. After 23 years in practice, Mr. Feinberg successfully transitioned to full time dispute resolution services with JAMS concentrating his practice in California and Nevada. He is admitted to the bar in the states of California, Nevada and Colorado. Numerous dispute resolution references are available upon request.



Hon. Mark Gibbons, Justice Supreme Court of Nevada, Carson City, NV

Justice Mark Gibbons was elected to the Nevada Supreme Court in 2002 and assumed the bench in January 2003. He served as Chief Justice in 2008. Justice Gibbons attended the University of California at Irvine and obtained his Bachelor's Degree. He continued his education at Loyola University School of Law in Los Angeles, California and received his Juris Doctor in law. Justice Gibbons was involved in the private practice of law in Las Vegas, specializing in real estate related litigation, until his election to the Clark County District Court in November 1996. Justice Gibbons served as presiding judge of the civil division of the Clark County District Court in 1998. In 2001 Justice Gibbons was unanimously elected Chief Judge of the Clark County District Court. He served as Chief Judge until he assumed his duties as a Supreme Court Justice. As a justice, he was appointed chair of the Jury Improvement Implementation Committee, planning how to enact the recommendations of the Jury Improvement Commission. He currently chairs the Information Technology Steering Committee, the Specialty Court Funding Committee and the Foreclosure Mediation Rules Committee.

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Joyia Z. Greenfield, Esq. Founding Partner Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP. Poway, CA

Ms. Greenfield is one of the founding partners of the firm Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP. She has handled numerous multi-million dollar cases on behalf of developers throughout California. Ms. Greenfield has served as an Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and as a Judge Pro Tem. In addition, she conducts seminars for the California Building Industry and has been a speaker at West Coast Casualty construction defect seminars. An English and American studies major at Dickinson College, Ms. Greenfield attended California Western School of Law, earning her J.D. in 1982. She is admitted to The California Bar and the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

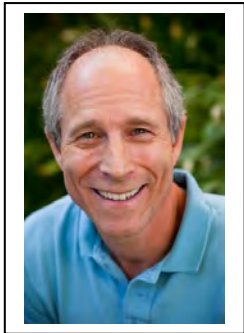
Ms. Greenfield was elected and served as Treasurer on the Board of the San Diego Defense Lawyers. She is a current member of the San Diego County Superior Court Case Management Order Committee, as well as many other professional organizations. Ms. Greenfield is an active member and volunteer for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. She enjoys fly-fishing with her husband as well as traveling with her family.



Thomas L. Halliwell, Esq. Partner Chapman, Glucksman, Dean, Roeb and Barger, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Thomas L. Halliwell is a partner at the law firm of Chapman, Glucksman, Dean, Roeb & Barger in Los Angeles, California. He has a Martindale Hubbell "AV" rating. Mr. Halliwell's practice focuses on the representation of developers and general contractors in construction defect lawsuits. He is the editor of Chapman, Glucksman, Dean, Roeb & Barger's *Recent Developments in California Construction Defect Litigation*, which reviews recent cases that impact construction defect litigation in California, Nevada, Arizona and Colorado. He has been a speaker on issues relating to construction defect, coverage, and

class action litigation at conferences sponsored by West Coast Casualty, HB Litigation Conferences, Southern California Association of Defense Counsel and Mealeys. Mr. Halliwell received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, and his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School.



Ronald A. Hartmann, Partner Hartmann & Kananen. Woodland Hills, CA

Ronald A. Hartmann is a partner with Hartmann & Kananen. Mr. Hartmann focuses his practice on litigation involving construction defects, products liability, class actions, real estate disputes, homeowner associations, insurance disputes, and overtime pay issues. Mr. Hartmann has represented several thousand homeowners in a wide variety of construction defect litigation, including class actions, mass actions, and individual actions. Prior to handling construction defect litigation, Mr. Hartmann handled a variety of litigation, including copyright infringement, wrongful termination defense, and general business litigation. Mr. Hartmann earned his Juris Doctor in 1984 from the University of Texas

(Austin) School of Law, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and Finance in 1981 from the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa). Mr. Hartmann is licensed to practice law in California, Nevada and Arizona.

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Stephen J. Henning, Esq., Founding Partner
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Stephen J. Henning is a founding partner of Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP, a firm of over 100 lawyers with offices throughout California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and Washington. In addition to representing some of the nation's top home builders, the firm is nationally recognized for its work in construction, business litigation, environmental, transportation, intellectual property, general liability and land use issues. Nationally recognized for his results in complex construction and toxic tort litigation, Steve is prolific in publishing and speaking on these issues and has chaired numerous national litigation conferences. A seasoned litigator, Steve has been selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honor society, and he is also the proud recipient of the

Jerold S. Oliver Award for his contributions to the construction defect community. Steve received both his undergraduate and law degree from the University of Nebraska, where he competed on the National Trial team. He is proud to be a founding Board member and President of the Construction Defect Community Charitable Foundation. In addition to his extensive legal practice, Steve is also a member of the Board of Directors for both the March of Dimes and Alzheimer's Association, and he serves as the President of the Board of Governors for a non-profit legal firm providing legal services to people in need.



Hon. Rex Heeseman, Judge
Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA

Judge Rex Heeseman has been on the Superior Court since 2005, currently presiding over an "unlimited" civil litigation department in downtown Los Angeles. After graduating from Stanford Law School, he was an Assistant United States Attorney. Commencing in 1974, he practiced as a business litigator at private law firms and acted as an arbitrator and an expert witness, principally with reference to insurance matters. He co-authors The Rutter Group's "California Practice Guide: *Insurance Litigation*." As an Adjunct Professor, he currently teaches courses on "California Business Torts" and on "Insurance Law" at Loyola Law School. He frequently writes and lectures on those topics. He has served on the State of California's Judicial Council and on the Ninth Circuit's Advisory Committee.



John Horn, Esq., Managing Director
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John Horn is the Managing Director for the Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation Center (AMCC), a full service ADR provider that focuses exclusively on the Construction, Real Estate and Insurance markets. Mr. Horn has spent nearly two decades in the ADR business, and is currently responsible for day to day activities, business development, corporate strategic planning, panel recruitment and customer support at AMCC. Vigilant on keeping abreast of case law and legislative developments affecting the ADR field, he has taught Dispute Resolution as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School for the past eleven years.

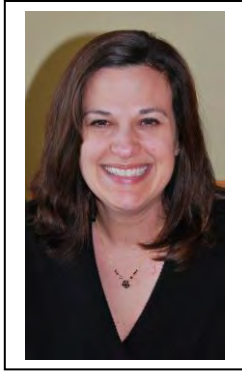
A frequent commentator and lecturer on various ADR subjects, he has been quoted and/or profiled in such publications as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times* and *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Mr. Horn received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School, his Master's of Business Administration from the University of Southern California and his undergraduate degree from the University of California—Berkeley. He is the current President of the California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC), is the immediate Past-president of the Loyola Law School Alumni Board, and sits on the ADR Committee of the State Bar of California.

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Robin Kahn, Major Case Specialist, Construction Department Travelers Insurance Company, Thousand Oaks, CA

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Kenneth S. Kasdan, Esq., Senior Litigation Partner Kasdan, Simonds, Weber & Vaughan, LLP, Irvine, CA

Kenneth S. Kasdan, Esq., is the senior litigation partner of Kasdan Simonds Weber & Vaughan LLP in Irvine, California, where he specializes in Construction Defect litigation, representing condominium associations, single-family homes and homeowners associations. Mr. Kasdan is recognized as one of the nation's top legal experts on construction defects, and under his guidance, Kasdan Simonds has become one of California's leading Construction Defect law firms, with offices in Southern California in Irvine, Northern California in Walnut Creek, and in Phoenix, Arizona. The firm has recovered over \$570 million for its

clients in construction defect litigation. Mr. Kasdan is admitted to practice in California and Arizona. He is an active member of several professional and trade organizations, including the American Bar Association (Member: Business Law Section; Committee on Commercial Financial Services; Subcommittee on Interest and Usury, Credit Rights Litigation Section); State Bar Association of California, Orange County Bar Association (Member: Business Litigation Section), and the Mariposa County Bar Association. Mr. Kasdan sits as Judge Pro Tem, Orange County Superior Court, is a member of the Orange County Superior Court Judicial Arbitration Panel, as well as a member of the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association and the Construction Industry Forum. Mr. Kasdan is a published writer and speaker. Ken is on the Board for the CDCCF (Construction Defect Community Charitable Foundation).



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Josh I. Keane is a partner at the firm of Blau & Associates, P.C. Mr. Keane graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and a Minor in Law & Society from the University of Southern California in 1993 and a Juris Doctorate from Whittier School of Law in 1997. Mr. Keane has extensive experience in insurance coverage and insurance defense matters involving both developers and subcontractors. Mr. Keane's practice also includes the areas of real estate, construction, trust management, homeowners association matters, corporate compliance, toxic torts, entertainment, intellectual property and general business

litigation. Mr. Keane is licensed to practice in the federal and state courts throughout California as well as state courts throughout Arizona. Mr. Keane has earned recognition from his peers as a "Rising Star" attorney as showcased in Los Angeles Magazine for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Mr. Keane has also presented seminars to various business professionals, insurance companies, contractors and third party administrators on topics such as corporate compliance and risk reduction, mold/toxic tort litigation, construction defect actions, insurance coverage and homeowner association matters. Mr. Keane is a member of the State Bars of California and Arizona.



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**Hon. M. Sue Kurita, Presiding Judge
El Paso County Court at Law Number Six, El Paso , TX**

Judge M. Sue Kurita is the presiding judge of El Paso County Court at Law Number Six since its creation in 1998. County Court at Law Number Six has general jurisdiction of civil cases, as well as being the court designated to hear the Eminent Domain cases filed in El Paso County. Judge Kurita presides over many cases involving construction defect litigation issues. Additionally, Judge Kurita is an adjunct professor for Park University and Excelsior College teaching primarily military members stationed at Fort Bliss and the United States Sergeants Major Academy. In September 2010, Judge Kurita was appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to serve on the State Commission for Judicial Conduct. She was a speaker at the 2011 National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. Judge Kurita is active in community and professional organizations. Judge Kurita has served on the Loretto Academy

School Board; the Diocese of El Paso Board of Education; the Make a Wish Foundation; the El Paso Holocaust Museum; the State Bar of Texas, Judicial Section and the National Association of Women Judges. She was the vice-president of the National Association for Women Judges and also served as the NAWJ Chair for the New Judges Program. Judge Kurita was an official U.S. delegate to the Latin America Seminar on the 1980 Hague Convention Child Abduction Treaty. Judge Kurita is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso (BA), Webster University (MA), and of Texas Tech University School of Law (JD). Additionally, Judge Kurita received the Commandant's award when she completed the Modern Greek Language Course at the Defense Language Institute. Judge Kurita is one of the 100 women featured in JoAnne Gordon's recently published book "100 Happy Women at Work". Judge Kurita has received the City of El Paso Conquistador Award; and was named a Woman Trailblazer by the El Paso Bar Association.



**David S. Lee, Esq.
Lee, Hernandez, Landrum, Garofalo & Blake, PC, NV, AZ and FL**

Mr. Lee is the founding member and managing shareholder of the Nevada, Arizona and Florida firm of Lee, Hernandez, Landrum, Garofalo & Blake, a Professional Corporation. Mr. Lee graduated with honors from the University of Southern California before attending the Pepperdine University School of Law. Mr. Lee is a member of the Federal and State Bars of California and Nevada, and has appeared before the Nevada Supreme Court on multiple occasions. Mr. Lee opened the predecessor office to Lee, Hernandez, Landrum, Garofalo & Blake in 1996. Mr. Lee has focused his practice in California, Nevada, Arizona and Florida

on the representation of "target" defendant contractors (*master developers, subdivision developers and general contractors*) in construction related claims. Mr. Lee has been a featured speaker at County, State and National Seminars on construction defect. Mr. Lee has also served as one of the Bar's representatives (on behalf of developers and general contractors) on multiple committees aimed at improving pre-trial and trial procedure for construction defect cases in the State of Nevada. In 2008, Mr. Lee began mediating and arbitrating various civil cases, including construction defect and coverage cases. Mr. Lee is available to mediate cases through JAMS



**Jack Levy, Esq.
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Jack Levy manages the firm's Oregon and Washington Construction and Development Group. The group defends developers, trades and design professionals in construction claims and represents insurers on coverage issues related to construction claims. The recipient of Farmers' Trial Gladiator Award, Jack has been at the forefront of the construction defect trial work in Oregon. He tried the first multi-party, multi-building construction defect case to go to verdict and the first condo-conversion jury trial to a defense verdict. Jack is the author of the Oregon Referee program for Construction Defect Disputes in Multnomah County and has presented on a variety of insurance and construction coverage issues for CE and CLE credit. Jack is also the editor of Smith Freed & Eberhard's Construction Defect Law Summary.



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Charles M. Litt received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law after graduating with high honors from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a member of the Nevada and California State Bars and serves as managing partner of the firm. Mr. Litt is a member of the Nevada Justice Association and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Citizens for Justice political action committee. Mr. Litt is a leading educator in the field of construction defect litigation having served as an instructor for Nevada State Bar, the Nevada Division of Real Estate, the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Mealey's law

conferences, and the Brookings Institute. Charles Litt focuses his practice on construction defect litigation and has successfully litigated more than one hundred construction defect cases in Nevada and California. Mr. Litt has been recognized as a Mountain States Rising Star in the field of construction litigation, and has received the highest rating (AV) by Martindale-Hubbell's national law directory indicating very high to preeminent legal ability and very high ethical standards.



Gary London, President
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Gary London is President of London Group Realty Advisors, providing market analyses, economic and financial analysis, strategies and capital access to investors, lenders and developers. Mr. London is well known as counsel to many of the nation's successful real estate players and entities holding real property assets. He has been utilized as an expert witness on numerous real estate cases over his 30 year career. Mr. London is Adjunct Professor at Arizona State University and an Instructor at the University of San Diego. He received his formal education at the University of California, Berkeley (AB) and at San Diego State University (MCP). www.londongroup.com



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Ms. Lyons is a partner at Newmeyer & Dillion LLP. She specializes in the representation of developers, general contractors, and retail and service companies in complex business, contract, and construction disputes. This includes serving as Regional Litigation Counsel for a Fortune 100 company. Ms. Lyons has an active trial practice, and to hone her skills she recently participated in the Orange County District Attorney's Trial Attorney Partnership ("TAP") Program. She practices in both federal and state courts and has argued before the Second and Fourth Appellate Districts of California, including one published decision

resulting therefrom. Ms. Lyons obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a specialization in Business Administration. She obtained her Juris Doctorate from University of Southern California, serving as Editor on the Moot Court Honors Program Executive Board. Ms. Lyons is an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, the Orange County Bar Association Construction Law and Business Law sections, and Commercial Real Estate Women ("CREW"). She is a trustee of the November 10th Association and has lent her time as a judge for the Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Competition.



Mike Mawson, Assistant Vice President, Construction Defect and Professional Liability Claim Services
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Mike Mawson is an Assistant Vice President in Construction Defect and Professional Liability Claim Services at Zurich North America. He manages construction defect teams in Sacramento and Woodland Hills. In addition, he manages the construction defect claims in the HBP program. He re-joined Zurich in October 2004 and possesses over 18 years of property and casualty claim experience. Prior to joining Zurich, he worked for Travelers,

AIG and Aetna serving in multiple managerial and technical capacities. He received his B.S. in Finance from San Diego State University in 1991 and continued his post graduate studies at San Diego State University and California State University Sacramento.

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Mr. Milstein is currently the Managing Partner of Milstein and Adelman LLP., a statewide firm specializing in the handling of complex construction defect cases, class actions and other types of multi-party complex cases including wrongful death, inverse condemnation, insurance bad faith and general fraud litigation. Mr. Milstein attended the University of San Diego School of Law from which he obtained his law degree in 1991. He was one of the principal drafters of SB 800 and has been involved extensively in other legislative

activities, particularly in the area of construction defects, for the past several years. He has been a Board Member of Consumer Attorneys of California and the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.



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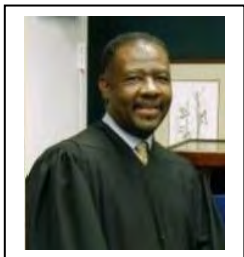
Brian S. Mizell is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP, where he focuses his practice on insurance fraud, construction defect and employment law. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Mizell was Managing Partner of the Inland Empire office of a prominent defense firm for 17 years. He was nominated for Defense Counsel of the Year by The Southern California Chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units in 2006 and 2009. Mr. Mizell has taken more than 1500 examinations under oath and drafted more than 1000 coverage opinions. Mr. Mizell received

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Phyllis Modlin, Construction Defect Claims Supervisor
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Phyllis Modlin is a Construction Defect Claims Supervisor with Markel in Walnut Creek, California where she manages construction defect claims on a nationwide basis. Ms. Modlin received her B.A. degree from University of California at Santa Barbara and her J.D. degree from University of California, Hastings College of the Law. For the past 20 years, she has developed extensive experience in handling and managing construction claims under both Commercial General Liability and Wrap policies with a focus on coverage, risk transfer, liability and litigation management.



Hon. Clifton Newman, Judge
South Carolina Circuit Court, Kingstree, SC

Judge Clifton Newman was elected to the South Carolina Circuit Court by the South Carolina General Assembly in May 2000. Judge Newman received his Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio and his Bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University. Prior to being elected as a Circuit Court Judge, Judge Newman was involved in the private practice of law in both Ohio and South Carolina. He also served as a South Carolina prosecutor for 17 years. During 2009, Judge Newman served as the

presiding judge over the Multi-Week Trial Docket for South Carolina, a specialized docket of complex construction and other multi-week cases. He is currently one of three Business Court judges in the State of South Carolina. He is a member of the South Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession; a member of his state's Commission on Judicial Conduct; a member of the South Carolina Circuit Court Advisory Committee; Vice Chair of the Common Pleas Docket Management Task Force; a Board Member of the American College of Business Court Judges; and a member and law student mentor of the John Belton O'neal Inn of Court. Judge Newman also serves as a Business Court Representative to the Business Law Section of the ABA.

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Mr. O'Hara is a litigation partner in the Newport Beach headquarters of Newmeyer & Dillion LLP. He has a varied civil litigation practice involving construction, insurance, real estate and class action claims. Mr. O'Hara's construction practice focuses on the representation of residential real estate developers in complex, multi-party construction defect matters and counseling of these clients in risk management, insurance and alternative dispute resolution. In the insurance arena, he represents corporate and individual policyholders in disputes with insurers and is adept in insurance bad faith litigation. Mr. O'Hara has also been involved in a wide range of other civil business litigation throughout

his career, including breach of contract claims, partnership disputes, fraud claims, franchise litigation, lender liability and unfair business practice claims. Mr. O'Hara received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Irvine and his Juris Doctor from Catholic University. He is admitted to practice law in California, Nevada, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Supreme Court and the Federal courts in California and Nevada. Mr. O'Hara writes and lectures frequently on litigation, construction defect and insurance matters.



Alan Packer, Esq. Partner
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Alan Packer is a partner in Newmeyer & Dillion LLP's expanding Walnut Creek office. He has practiced law in California for over 20 years, most of it representing parties involved in real estate, home building, commercial construction, and insurance matters. Mr. Packer represents homebuilders, property owners, and business clients on a broad range of legal matters, including risk management, insurance matters, wrap consultation and documentation, efforts to counter solicitation of homeowners, subcontract documentation, as well as complex litigation matters including construction defect and product defect claims,

cost recovery actions, additional insured litigation with insurers, and creative dispute resolution. He also handles mechanic's lien, stop notice, real estate, and payment and performance bond issues in residential and commercial contexts. Mr. Packer is an occasional lecturer at seminars and in-house training sessions for clients on issues relating to mechanic's liens, construction litigation, insurance issues, and related matters.



David T. Pursiano, Esq.
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University of San Diego School of Law in 1982. He was admitted to practice law in the State of California in 1983 and in Nevada in 1995. Mr. Pursiano graduated from the University of Oregon in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science. From 1977 to 1979, he served as legislative assistant to Congressman Otis G. Pike. Mr. Pursiano is a member of the Nevada Justice Association (NJA) and has previously served on its Board of Governors. With fellow NJA members, he was actively involved in drafting the Nevada legislation pertaining to construction defects known as "Chapter 40". Pursiano Barry Lavelle Bruce Hassin LLP has offices in San Diego, Las Vegas and Orlando.

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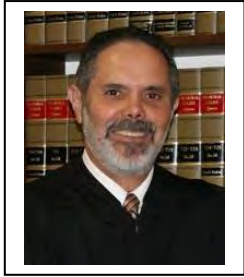
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Douglas S. Rafner, Esq.
Law Office of Douglas S. Rafner, San Diego, CA

Douglas Rafner has been a civil litigator since 1992. During that time he has participated in hundreds of cases ranging from complex construction defect matters to simpler two party disputes. Over the past 20 years, he has represented homeowners, homeowners associations, developers, and subcontractors, as well as directly representing the interests of a major insurance company. He has hands--on experience with all facets and types of complex construction defect issues. Mr. Rafner began his mediation firm two years ago, and uses his varied litigation experience, along with his extensive formal mediation training to provide a unique perspective in assisting with the resolution of claims.



Hon. Juan Ramirez, Jr. Judge
Third District Court of Appeal, Miami, FL

Judge Juan Ramirez, Jr. is a Judge of the Third District Court of Appeal in Miami, Florida. He previously served as the Chief Judge from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. He has served as a district court judge since January 2, 2000. He previously served as a circuit court judge (1990-99) and as a county court judge (1988-90). He is the author of a three-volume treatise entitled "Florida Civil Procedure," originally published by Michie / Lexis Publishing in 1997 and a three-volume set entitled "Florida Evidence Manual" published in 2000, also by Lexis. He writes yearly updates for both treatises. He has also written for a number of Florida Bar publications and a casebook on Florida Civil Procedure, published by Carolina Academic Press. Judge Ramirez has taught numerous law school courses as an adjunct professor at Florida International University, the University of Miami School of Law, St. Thomas University School of Law and Nova Southeastern University School of Law, subjects including Florida civil procedure, medical malpractice, criminal procedure, evidence and family law. He currently teaches Florida Civil Procedure at both the FIU College of Law and the UM School of Law, and he is teaching Law, Science and Technology at the FIU College of Law. He lectures every year at the East Region Construction Defect and Construction Law Conference, as well as the American Conference Institute's National Forum on Construction Litigation, Lawline, the ACI Forum, and the Circuit Court Boot Camp Miami – 2012. Judge Ramirez has also served in other numerous bar activities, including on Florida Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, as well as the Appellate Rules and the Family Law Rules Committees. Judge Ramirez earned a B.A and an M.A. degree from Vanderbilt University, followed by two years at the University of Florida, where he worked on a Ph.D. in Latin American History. He graduated with honors in 1975 from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

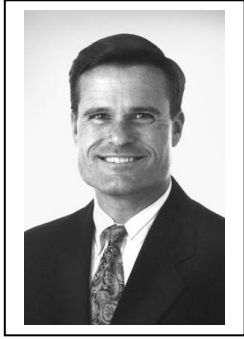


Mitchell Resnick, Esq. Partner
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Mitchell Resnick is a shareholder/partner with Burch & Cracchiolo, and the senior member of the law firm's construction litigation group which includes regulatory/administrative, injury, defect, delay, contract, coverage and environmental matters in Arizona, Nevada, and California. He has been previously named as one of the top Arizona construction attorneys by the Southwest Super Lawyers Magazine, and has been a featured speaker at different seminars around the country. Mitch handles many complex multi-party cases involving single-family residences, large multi-family communities of townhomes, apartments, and condominiums, and commercial retail, office, and hotel projects. His clients include homebuilders, general contractors, and subcontractors. He also has experience in business tort, insurance coverage, product liability, bodily injury, environmental, contract, and general liability litigation. Mitch is licensed to practice law in Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Jersey, and New York. In 1994 Mitch graduated from Pace University School of Law with cum laud distinction.

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Mr. Ryan focuses his practice on construction defect litigation. He has experience on both the plaintiffs' and insurance defense sides. He has also handled general civil litigation, products liability, and real estate litigation matters. Mr. Ryan has represented thousands of California homeowners since 1993 and has recovered millions of dollars for them. Mr. Ryan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Nebraska and a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law. While attending law school, he was a member of the University of San Diego Law Review and a tutor in the academic support program. He received American Jurisprudence Awards in Contracts and Conflicts of Law. A prolific author, he has been published in the *California Regulatory Law Review* and

California Litigation Magazine. In the case of *Lu v. Superior Court* (1997) 55 Cal. App. 4th 1264, Mr. Ryan was instrumental in advocating the Grand Lincoln Village Homeowner Association's position to the Court of Appeal about the importance of having a comprehensive Case Management Order (CMO) in complex construction defect cases. Before his legal career, Mr. Ryan completed ten and one-half years of Naval Service as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy as a Special Warfare Officer, S.E.A.L. Professional Associations: San Diego County Bar Association, *Los Angeles County Bar Association*, *State Bar of California* (1993), *State Bar of Arizona* (2004), *State Bar of Nevada* (2005).



Richard Righi, Esq. Founding Member
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Richard Righi is a founding member of the Righi Law Group. The firm provides a full range of transactional and litigation services to builders, developers, contractors, businesses, individuals and the insurance industry. Mr. Righi is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell as a trial lawyer and litigator and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Rick has tried over 50 cases to verdict in courts throughout the State of Arizona. Mr. Righi often represents the interests of clients at the request of national insurance carriers and understands how to effectively manage third-party litigation. He also has experience

pursuing primary and additional insurance coverage for his clients, equitable contribution on behalf of insurance carriers, and litigating insurance bad faith issues that arise from complex litigation including defect and toxic tort litigation. Mr. Righi is a mediator and arbitrator. He serves as a Judge Pro Tempore of the Maricopa County Superior Court. Rick has developed a reputation as a problem solver by focusing on protocol designed to cost effectively advance cases and achieve early resolution. Rick is the current Past- President of the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel (AADC), the Arizona affiliate of the DRI. Rick was recently named a Southwest Super Lawyer. Rick is a member of the DRI, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), and the Council on Litigation Management (CLM). He is a former Board Member of the Maricopa County Bar Association Construction Law Section. Mr. Righi lectures locally and nationally on topics relating to construction and tort litigation.



Hon. Nancy M. Saitta, Chief Justice
Nevada Supreme Court, Carson City, NV

Justice Saitta currently sits on the Nevada Supreme Court after a very successful career in the Eighth Judicial District Court where she was the chairman of the Complex Litigation Division of the Court. Prior to her judicial appointment, she was a Senior Deputy Attorney General where she served as the Children=s Advocate for the State of Nevada. Judge Saitta began her legal career in 1984 in Detroit, Michigan. She taught at Wayne State University in the Criminal Justice Department and at the American Institute for Paralegal Studies. Justice Saitta has also been an arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange Arbitration Panel.

Justice Saitta retains membership in several local national children=s advocacy organizations and was appointed by the governor to the Nevada State Juvenile Justice Commission in 1996. She developed the Complex Litigation Division of the Eighth Judicial District Court, which was recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) as Program of the Year (2003). Her other awards and honors include: the AFor the Children@ award presented by the Office of the Attorney General in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Nevada=s children and the District Attorney Outstanding Service Award, and the Child Advocate of the year (2001). Justice Saitta earned her Bachelor of Science Degree, Magna Cum Laude in 1983 from Wayne State University where she completed her Juris Doctor in 1986. Justice Saitta was named one of the top 500 judges in the US by Lawdragon.

Seminar Speakers



Michael D. Sargent, Esq. Partner Graves & King, Riverside, CA

Michael D. Sargent is a partner working in Riverside office of Graves & King. He primarily works with contractors, businesses and public entities on a wide range of legal issues. Mike is a member of the California Bar. Mr. Sargent has successfully tried and arbitrated several cases and mediated hundreds more. As a member of the California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors, (CALPASC), Mike has volunteered his time to review contracts for its members and has provided workshops for the membership to help them implement construction litigation strategies. Mike is a frequent speaker at the annual West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar where he has provided instruction to attorneys and insurance representatives on litigation aspects of construction disputes and new building practices. He is also a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel. Mike was honored by his peers and recognized in the Los Angeles Magazine as a 2010 and 2011 Southern California Rising Star and has an “excellent” rating by the independent internet based attorney rating service Avvo. Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Sargent worked for several years in the construction industry. His work included the installation of electrical, fire sprinkler and suppression systems. He also learned much about the construction industry from his father, a retired contractor.



Ivan Sarkissian, Esq. Shareholder and Co-Founder McConaugh & Sarkissian, P.C., Englewood, CO

Ivan Sarkissian, Shareholder and co-founder of McConaugh & Sarkissian, P.C., was admitted to practice law in Colorado in 1997 and is admitted to practice in all Colorado state courts, United States District Court for the District of Colorado and the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Sarkissian received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1993 and attended the Tulane University School of Law obtaining his Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude, in 1997. While in law school, Mr. Sarkissian was an associate editor of the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law. Mr. Sarkissian is a trial attorney whose practice is focused on the defense of business entities and individuals in a wide array of cases including construction defect claims on behalf of developers, general contractors and subcontractors, mold claims, product liability defense, wrongful death and personal injury claims, as well as litigating insurance coverage issues and “bad faith” claims. Mr. Sarkissian has participated in more than a dozen jury and bench trials and obtained successful results. As lead counsel, Mr. Sarkissian has been instrumental in early disposition of cases through motions and effective settlement negotiations saving clients significant legal expenses. Mr. Sarkissian is the author of several articles and has given seminars on construction defect and mold litigation. Mr. Sarkissian is a member of the Denver, Arapahoe, and Colorado Bar Associations, the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association and the Defense Research Institute.



Todd Schweitzer, Assistant Vice President, Director of Major Case for Construction & Defect Claim Services, Zurich North America, San Diego, CA

Todd Schweitzer is an Assistant Vice President of Major Case for Construction Defect and Professional Liability Claim Services at Zurich North America. He joined Zurich in July 2008 and possesses over 24 years of property and casualty claim experience. Prior to joining Zurich, he worked for Travelers for nineteen years serving in multiple managerial and technical capacities including manager of the Construction Defect (CD) Major Case Unit, CD MCU Director, Litigation Manager, CD Unit Manager and National Account Supervisor. He received his B.A. in Finance with a minor in Accounting from Western Connecticut State University and the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation in 1995.

At the 2009 WCC Seminar, he received the Larry Syhre Commitment to Service Award. He is a current member of the Construction Defect Claim Managers Association and previously served as a board member as Vice President and Treasurer.

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Richard Seely is an attorney with 17 years of experience representing general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals throughout California. As defense and general counsel for companies with operations in San Diego, Los Angeles and the Bay Area, Mr. Seely remained active in courts throughout the state. Mr. Seely's diverse practice also includes being general counsel for various corporations and L.L.Cs, and he has experience in all aspects of construction disputes, having represented the interests of homeowners, engineers, contractors and material suppliers in actions unrelated to construction defect. He is a proud alumni of U.C. Riverside (1990) and Loyola Law School (1993). While at Loyola, Mr. Seely interned for the L.A. District Attorney, handling several preliminary hearings. He

has also tried cases in multiple superior courts, and has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. Mr. Seely was a member of the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court and several Bar Associations. His ability to be direct and forward are the traits that are most praised by his clients and colleagues.



Jacqueline Stein, Esq. Partner Fredrickson, Mazeika & Grant, San Diego, CA

A Preeminent AV® rated trial attorney, well-known throughout California for her expertise in construction claims and related liability insurance issues. Jackie has represented a wide array of clients in complex construction defect litigation matters for over 30 years. She serves as panel counsel for several major insurance carriers and third party administrators, and also is directly retained by many major trades and design professionals to represent their interests. Jackie, a native New Yorker, attended law school at the University of Georgia after graduating magna cum laude at State University of New York, Albany. She started her legal

career as a U.S. Navy JAG Corps officer where she gained trial experience as both prosecutor and defense counsel. After the Navy, Jackie commenced her work in the construction arena defending general contractors for ten years, after which she became Construction Defect Coordinator for TIG insurance, defending subcontractors and design professionals as well as supervising litigation and training/managing staff attorneys and support staff. She returned to private practice in 2000, and in 2003 Jackie became a partner at FMG where she continues to build her burgeoning law practice, specializing in representing a wide array of subcontractors and design professionals in complex litigation matters



Hon. Stephen J. Sundvold (Ret.), Mediator and Arbitrator JAMS, Orange, CA

Hon. Stephen J. Sundvold (Ret.), a mediator and arbitrator with JAMS in Orange County, served on a wide variety of case assignments during his distinguished 20-year tenure on the Orange County Superior Court, including on the Court's High Impact Trial (HIT) team and more than eight years on the Court's Complex Civil Panel where he handled hundreds of complex matters involving construction defect, class action, eminent domain, and complex business litigation matters. While on the Superior Court, Judge Sundvold served as a mediator or participated in settlement conferences almost every day. He has earned a

reputation for being fair, hard-working, and skilled at managing a heavy caseload of complex matters and settling the difficult claims. Judge Sundvold, who practiced as a U.S. Department of Justice prosecutor and the chief attorney for an insurance company before taking the bench, graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of San Diego School of Law.



Howard Taylor, Vice President, Claims Munich Re, San Francisco, CA

Howard Taylor is a Vice President in the claims division of Munich Re, in the San Francisco Office. He has worked in the insurance industry for over 25 years, primarily in the claims department. He has held leadership roles at several carriers including CNA and Royal & Sun Alliance. Howard has attended over 500 mediations and settlement conferences, and is the construction defect specialist for Munich Re America.

Seminar Speakers



Barry Vaughan, Esq.
Kasdan, Simonds, Weber & Vaughan, LLP, Irvine, CA

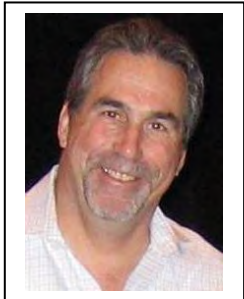
Barry Vaughan is a partner in the law firm of Kasdan, Simonds, Riley & Vaughan LLP and practices out of its home office in Irvine, California. A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, Mr. Vaughan has been practicing law in various state and federal courts in Colorado and California since 1981. He has a broad background in a wide variety of various kinds of civil litigation, ranging from western water rights through civil RICO to motion picture finance and Superfund, to name a few. In the construction defect arena, he has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in southern California for well over a decade and is a familiar face in both the Superior Courts and Courts of Appeal in construction defect cases.



Scott Vivian, Principal
PCMI, Corona, CA

For over 40 years Mr. Vivian has worked in the construction industry. Starting out in 1969 as an apprentice in the Carpenter's Union in Redondo Beach, California later to being recognized as Inc500's 169th fastest growing company in 1995 and 150th in 1996. He was recognized in Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Program in 1998 and recognized in Risk & Insurance Magazine in 2008 as Risk Innovator of the year. Mr. Vivian brings to the industry valuable experience in business, contracting, insurance and litigation. Mr. Vivian is currently licensed as a General Contractor in California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico.

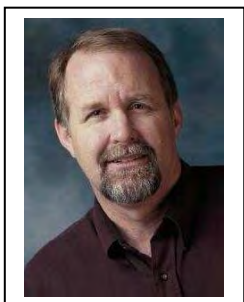
He holds certifications under the International Code Council (ICC) as a Certified Building Inspector with an additional Residential Certification and with the American Architectural Manufacturing Association (AAMA) as a Certified Fenestration Professional



Scott R. Whiteside, Executive Vice President
Gallagher Construction Services, San Francisco, CA

Scott R. Whiteside is Executive Vice President of Gallagher Construction Services in San Francisco. Gallagher Construction Services, a subsidiary of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., is dedicated to serving the insurance, surety and risk management needs of the construction and real estate industries throughout the United States. Mr. Whiteside specializes in designing both Owner Controlled and Contractor Controlled Insurance Programs for public and private projects. He manages Gallagher's National Wrap-up practice group and currently manages some of the largest Contractor Controlled Insurance Programs in the country. In addition to wrap-ups, Whiteside specializes in providing risk management services for general

contractors, subcontractors, developers, and architects and engineers. He has also provided expert testimony in construction insurance claims involving large property losses and complex liability issues. Whiteside began his insurance career in 1973 as an adjuster for a national insurance company. In 1982, he was appointed Technical Services Manager for the San Francisco office of Willis Corroon. He was a founding partner in 1992 of Lamberson Koster & Company, a San Francisco based construction broker, which was acquired by Gallagher in 1996.



Bruce Wick, Director of Risk Management
CALPASC, Redlands, CA

With over 25 years of risk management experience, Bruce Wick is an industry leader and educator on issues critical to the construction industry. His expertise in the areas of workers' compensation, Cal/OSHA, construction defect, general liability and workplace safety make him a frequently sought presenter throughout California. His most recent seminars cover topics such as SB 800, Cal/OSHA and safety programs as well as claims handling for general liability and workers' compensation. Mr. Wick currently serves as Director of Risk Management for the California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors (CALPASC), an association of 500 specialty contractors and suppliers for the construction

industry in California. Additionally, he sits on several Cal/OSHA advisory committees and has been instrumental in the area of improved protection against falls on construction sites.

Seminar Speakers



Wendy L. Wilcox, Esq.
Skane Wilcox LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Wendy L. Wilcox earned her B.A. (1993) in Sociology, with honors, from the University of California, Los Angeles. Wendy focuses her attention in the areas of products, premises and professional liability, construction defect and insurance coverage litigation. She has written numerous articles concerning insurance coverage, construction defect, litigation, arbitration, expert witnesses, and has presented this material at seminars. Wendy has also represented several defendants in published California Appellate and Supreme Court decisions. Wendy is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Professional Liability Underwriters

Society and Defense Research Institute. She is admitted in all courts in California, both state and federal. Wendy is also admitted to practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.



Teresa D. Wolcott, 2nd Vice President, Construction Claims Business Unit, Travelers Insurance Company, San Diego, CA

Teresa ("Terry") Wolcott is the National Product Manager for Construction Defect Claims within the Construction Claim Organization of Travelers Insurance. Terry has served in multiple technical claim and managerial positions throughout her 33 year tenure with The Travelers. She was promoted to National Manager of CD claims in 2004. Terry graduated from California State University, Chico with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in International Relations. She is currently a member of the CDCMA. Terry was the 2010 recipient of the Jerrold S. Oliver Award of Excellence.



**Lee Wright, Assistant Vice President/ Senior Claim Consultant
XL Specialty Insurance, Los Angeles, CA**

Lee Wright is an Assistant Vice President and Senior Claim Consultant for XL Specialty Insurance as well as being the National Co-Chair for the Construction Committee of the Council on Litigation Management and the immediate past President of the Construction Defect Claim Manager Association. He founded and manages the Construction Defect Claims & Coverage Group on Linked In which currently has more than fifteen hundred members from around the world. He has more than twenty years of experience focusing on large, complex litigation files involving products, transportation and construction risks and has overseen national claims programs for self-insureds and foreign insurers. He has acted as a Regional Training Coordinator for a major insurer, is an approved CE instructor in several states and conducts seminars and classes on insurance coverage and risk transfer issues. Lee has a B.S. in Liberal Studies from Middle Tennessee State University as well as having earned the Certified Litigation Management Professional, Associate in Management, Master Certified Special Arbitrator and Construction Risk and Insurance Specialist designations.



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In the unlikely event a speaker or panel is unable to present at this year's seminar, Brian Kahn has agreed to be West Coast Casualty's "Pinch Hitter" and will replace any speaker or panel with his topic and article "Indemnity and Anti-Indemnity Trends in the Western Region". As an added bonus, his material will be added into our seminar handout.

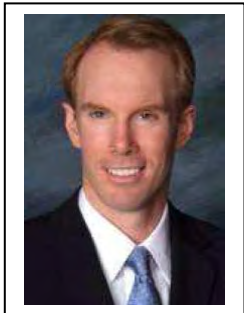


Brian Kahn, Esq.
Chapman, Glucksman, Dean, Roeb and Barger, LLP , Los Angeles, CA

Mr. Kahn was born in Los Angeles, California. In 1992, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern California. Mr. Kahn was also active in politics, working on various capacities for the U.S. Senate, Governor's office and the White House. Mr. Kahn then earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1995. Prior to joining Chapman, Glucksman, Dean, Roeb & Barger, Mr. Kahn practiced with various law firms, where he gained experience with complex litigation, Construction Litigation, insurance bad faith, toxic tort, business litigation and providing general business advice. Mr. Kahn continues to handle complex construction litigation and business matters. Mr. Kahn has spoken at other seminars on construction defect related topics. In addition to speaking engagements He was the research editor for West's Business Reorganization in Bankruptcy textbook. He has also been a regularly contributing staff writer for multiple audio / video and home theater magazines. When not practicing law or writing, Mr. Kahn enjoys spending time with his family and does community work through Kiwanis and sitting on the board of directors of a non-profit educational group.

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Sean Allen prepared a timely presentation on the issue of condominium conversion and has agreed to provide West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar for 2012 with a copy of his article entitled "The Curious Case of the Condo Conversion – The Ins and Outs of Condominium Conversion Cases in California" which will also be included in our seminar handout.



Sean D. Allen, Esq. Partner
Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP, Poway, CA

Mr. Allen represents commercial and residential general contractors and developers. Before joining Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, he represented homeowner associations and individual homeowners in constructions defect cases and Plaintiffs in personal injury and insurance breach of contract actions. Mr. Allen is a 1996 graduate from San Diego State University, cum laude, with degrees in History and Political Science. He graduated cum laude from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 2000. He is admitted to practice in all Nevada state courts and the United States Southern District of California.

Special Added Bonus ***"Salute to Past Speakers Presentation"***

West Coast Casualty and the Speakers and Topics Committee will pay special tribute and recognition to all those past speakers who have contributed to the success of West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar series throughout this year's event !

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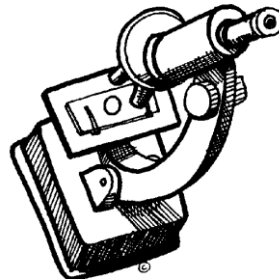
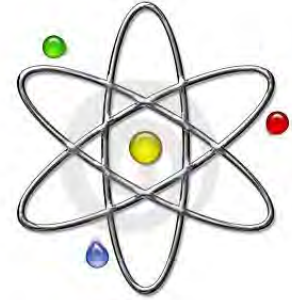


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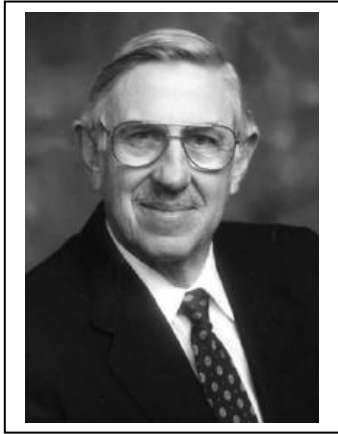
Science and Technology Fair

A part of the Exhibit Hall will be dedicated to our third Science and Technology Fair strictly dedicated to the improvement of technologies for the investigation of construction defect claims and litigation



West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar Science and Technology Fair for 2012 is dedicated to the work or studies that implement a process, application, theory, device, procedure, model, system or technology which benefits the construction and/or construction defect community as a whole and is not commonly available today. The ultimate goal of the fair is to stimulate interest in science and technology while simultaneously promoting the development of technological problem solving and decision making as they relate to resolving ongoing construction and post construction defect related issues while reducing cost for all those involved in these claims and litigation. Projects that fall into this category will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall throughout West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar. This project is an ongoing partnership between West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar series and members of the community with the ability to deliver new technologies leading to the improvement of the way these complicated multi-party cases are resolved.

Information on participation in our 2012 Science and Technology Fair can be obtained from David Stern, Chairperson, *West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar for 2012* davestern@westcoastcasualty.com or tel. 818 735 3595 extension 112



The Jerrold S. Oliver Award of Excellence

Hon. Jerrold S. Oliver (1934 - 1996)

Each year, West Coast Casualty’s Annual Construction Defect Seminar recognizes an individual who is outstanding or has contributed to the betterment of the construction defect community. This person is recognized at the seminar and receives a plaque citing his or her achievement. This award has been named after the late Judge Jerrold S. Oliver who was truly a “ founding father ” in the alternate resolution process in construction defect claims and litigation. His loyalty and commitment to this community were beyond mere words. The award, affectionately referred to as the “Ollie” is presented each year at our seminar to someone who has invoked the same spirit of commitment, loyalty and trust for the betterment of the entire construction defect community. This year, we asked 6,000 members of the construction defect community to nominate someone whom they believed to be deserving of this award and the top nominees are:



Joyia Z. Greenfield, Esq.
Lorber, Greenfield
& Polito, LLP.



Keith Bremer, Esq.
Bremer Whyte, Brown
and O’Meara



Hon. John Cannon (Ret)
JAMS



Jim Roberts, Esq.
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Please take a moment of your busy day to help us select who is deserving of this year’s “Ollie”

I would like to vote for: _____

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**You can vote regardless of whether or not you are coming to the seminar
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Along with the recognition of the award is a donation in the winner’s name to Habitat for Humanity

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The Legend of an Era Award



“Legend” - *One that inspires or achieves legendary fame based upon ones own achievement(s) which promises to be enduring.*

“Era” - *A fixed point of time from which a series of years is reckoned and an order of things prevail.*

The Legend of an Era Award is the newest in the series of awards created to recognize those in the construction defect community who inspire, contribute, advocate and influence others for the benefit and betterment of this community, making it a better place. Candidates for this award will be chosen by those who sit on West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar's Speakers and Topics Committee for that year's event.

Along with the recognition of the Legend of an Era award is a donation in the winner's name to the 2012 designated charity of West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar, the Construction Defect Community Charitable Foundation.



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The Second Annual Construction Defect Community Charitable Foundation Golf Tournament

Friday May 18, 2012

The Strawberry Farm Golf Course, Irvine, California



Photo courtesy of Strawberry Farm Golf Course, Irvine, California

The Construction Defect Community Charitable Foundation (“CDCCF”) has been established by the members of the construction defect community to provide financial assistance for active members of the construction defect community who have uninsured expenses because of a disability, sickness, and/or the death of a community member or their immediate family member. At a time when our economy continues to struggle, health insurance costs continue to rise and future healthcare benefits remain an uncertainty, the timing of the establishment of this foundation for the members of this community could not come at a better time. Over the past year, contributions continue to come in to the CDCCF and benefits have been paid out to active members of this community further establishing the need for this foundation by this community.

This event will be about having a great day out with all the members that make up this community, while helping a worthwhile cause for the members of this community.

The Strawberry Farms Golf Course will serve as the host location for this first class golf outing. Lunch, dinner, great prizes and a silent auction will round out the day’s events.

Teams will be formed for individuals who want to play and this will be a four-person scramble format.

In order to make this a truly great event, we are looking for a large number of businesses and individuals to support this event through sponsorships.

Volunteers are needed to serve on a Golf Tournament Committee as well as to assist on the day of the tournament with registration, pass out of give-aways, organizing the golfers, etc.

Sponsorships are a vital part of this tournament. Without the generosity of sponsors we would not be able to provide the level of assistance that we hope to achieve. Sponsorship options are available in the following categories: food and beverage, transportation, contests, team prizes, hole and golf cart, photography, as well as welcome and specialty gifts.

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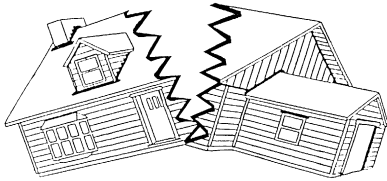


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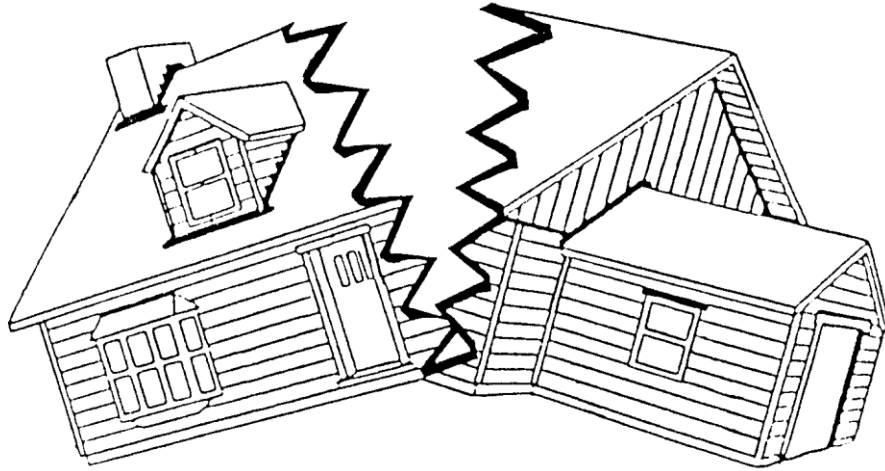
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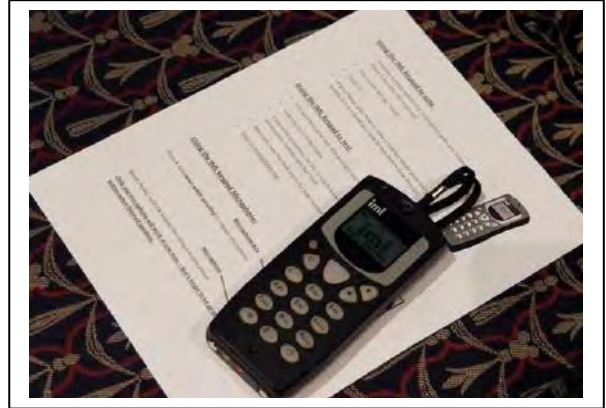
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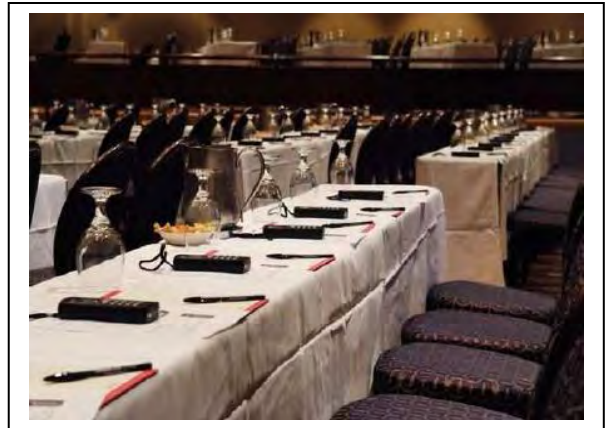
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An Important Special Announcement for those seeking CPE credits From the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA)

For those seeking CPE credits from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), please note the following:

It remains our goal that the following learning objective be met as a result of the presentation of this seminar:

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**Friday, May 11, 2012, will be the last day to pre-register,
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(*) All Inquiries, Questions and Checks Should Be Sent To:

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