



FINS Florida Insurance 2022 Network Symposium

Thursday & Friday, August 11-12, 2022
Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel

4200 Jim Walter Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33607



The Florida Defense Lawyers Association invites you to attend the 2022 Florida Insurance Network Symposium (FINS). The focus of FINS will be in areas involving coverage, bad faith, and property insurance featuring high-level presentations by leading insurance attorneys and experts. Topics and presentations are designed to benefit both attorneys and claims professionals. The FI Bar has awarded 8.5 credits as well as 8.5 certification credits in Business Litigation and Civil Trial, and DFS has awarded 7 CE Adjuster Credits.

REGISTRATION:

\$249 – FDLA Members

\$125 – Claims Professionals

\$299 – Non-Members

(Includes 2022 FDLA Membership for those who qualify)



HOTEL LINK at www.fdla.org

Room block closes July 21st

REGISTER TODAY AT FDLA.ORG



For more information contact:
Ana Ramos, Executive Director
aramos@fdla.org
786-447-8469



SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

- 4:00pm **Registration Open**
5:00pm **Welcome Reception**
6:30pm **Dine Arounds**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022

- 7:00am **Breakfast - *Sponsored by Fisher Brown Bottrell Insurance***
- 7:55am **Introductions**
- 8:00am **Is it Worth It? Appraisal Issues and Caselaw Update**
Nadine Foehl, Senior Associate - *Boyd & Jenerette*
Geneva Fountain, Partner - *Boyd & Jenerette*
This presentation covers common issues involving appraisal and provides a caselaw update. The DCAs have issued multiple opinions in the past few years dealing with various topics involving appraisal. This presentation will provide a caselaw update on two of the hot topics: (1) dual track appraisal approach (FDLA filed an amicus brief with the Florida Supreme Court dealing with this issue last year), and (2) impartial/disinterested appraisers.
- 9:00am **A Brave New World: Automobile Glass Bad Faith**
Nadine Gabay-Babyack, Claims Counsel - *Progressive*
Gary Guzzi, Chair, Insurance Litigation Practice - *Akerman*
This discussion will address the burgeoning world of bad faith claims arising out of automobile glass coverage, including strategies for defeating the ever-expanding arsenal utilized by plaintiff's counsel.
- 10:00am **Networking Break - *Sponsored by ARCCA***
- 10:15am **Mediator/Coverage Counsel Perspectives – Mediating Coverage Issues**
Gerald (Jerry) Albrecht, Certified Circuit and Appellate Mediator/Qualified Arbitrator - *Albrecht Mediation*
Scott Damon, Partner - *Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig*
In this presentation we will discuss negotiation skills and strategies essential in any mediation. We will focus on how to best present, discuss, and negotiate any coverage issue, specifically, the use of calibrated questions, graphics, and techniques to sell your position to the other side.

- 11:15am **General Liability Coverage Issues Presented by Employee Tort Claims**
Brad M. Baisley SCLA AIC, Claims Team Supervisor - *Federated Insurance*
Robin Keener, Shareholder - *Stoler Russell*
Katherine V. Shadwick, Partner - *Reynolds Parrino Shadwick, P.A.*
A discussion on the coverage issues presented under an employer's general liability policy for tort claims brought by its employee.
- 12:15pm **Lunch - *Sponsored by Addison Riley***
- 1:15pm **Investigations of Hurricane Damage: Wind vs. Water – Pitfalls & Challenges**
Michael Barzyk, Shareholder - *Segal McCambridge*
Cliff Bishop, Structural Engineer - *Exponent*
John Morrison, Director of Claims Strategy and Outcomes - *Security First Insurance Company*
David Peraza, Principal Engineer - *Exponent*
When a hurricane strikes, engineers are often called upon to investigate the resulting damage to structures. This seminar explores important technical and professional issues related to performing high quality investigations to distinguish between wind and water damage, based on sound technical principles, in an efficient manner.
- 2:15pm **Keeping the Faith: Detecting and Avoiding Bad Faith Bear Traps**
Wendy Stein-Fulton, Partner - *Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass LLP*
In light of the current state of case law in Florida, the weapon of choice for the Plaintiffs' bar is the time-limited policy demand to resolve tort claims by alleged tortfeasors with liability insurance. The myriad of implications of these demands for defendants and their insurers are complicated and dangerous with intersecting interests. This CLE will provide a real-time demonstration of receipt of the demand, followed by interactive analysis, and response that provides protection for your client whether on the defense or insurance side of the demand.
- 3:15pm **Networking Break - *Sponsored by FCG Associates***
- 3:30pm **Pre- vs. Post-Pandemic Juries and the Impact on Insurance Industry and Insurance Defense Counsel**
Ryan Burns, Shareholder - *Marshall Dennehey*
A discussion of the impact of the pandemic on the jury trial system and juries, post-pandemic verdicts and litigation trends, and defense tactics to combat the same.