



FDLA's 26th Annual Florida Liability Claims Conference

**June 14-16,
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KANSAS GOODEN
2023 FLGC Event Chair

WELCOME

As Chair of the 26th Annual Florida Liability Claims Conference, I want to welcome you to *Disney's Yacht & Beach Club* Resorts. This year's event is bigger, better, and more magical than ever. We have an exciting lineup of presentations and speakers, along with numerous networking and social events. I hope you enjoy all we have planned for you!

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

1:00-3:00 pm	Member Forum on Tort Reform	Newport West
3:00-5:00pm	FDLA Board Meeting	Saybrook Room
5:00-6:00pm	Past Presidents Meeting	Saybrook Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

7:00-7:55am	Registration/Full Breakfast - Exhibit Hall - <i>Sponsored by Luks Santaniello Petrillo Cohen & Peterfriend</i>	Newport East
7:55-8:30am	Opening Remarks and FDLA Members Business Meeting	Newport West

SESSIONS

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1:00-2:00pm	The Path of the Warrior - The Art of the Adjuster Deposition	Newport West
1:00-2:00pm	Addressing Cognitive Biases in Settlement Negotiations	Salons 2-4
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2:00-3:00pm	Preparing Your Battleground - The Corporate Representative Deposition	Newport West
2:00-3:00pm	Inequities in Mediations	Salons 2-4
2:00-3:00pm	Here Comes the Boom: Cranes and Accidents	Cape Cod Hall



THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 (Continued)

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8:30-9:30am

■ **When “Powering Through” Is No Longer an Option – A Panel Discussion on Attorney Mental Health: The Hurt, The Healing, and The Hope**

Newport West

Rebecca Bandy, *Director*
The Florida Bar’s Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism

Don Blackwell, *Partner*
Bowman and Brooke, LLP

The Honorable Lauren L. Brodie, *Circuit Court Judge*
Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court

Hillary Cassel, *Member*
Florida House of Representatives, Representing District 101
Partner/Co-Founder
Cassel & Cassel, P.A.

Dr. Stephanie May, Psy.D., *Licensed Clinical Psychologist*

Frank Ramos, *Partner*
Clarke Silvergate, P.A.

Darryl E. Rouson, *Member*
Florida Senate, Representing District 19
Partner
Rubenstein Law

An intimate look at some of the mental health challenges confronting our profession through the eyes of several highly accomplished legal professionals aimed at inspiring attendees to be more attentive and responsive to their (and their loved ones’) mental health and wellness.

9:30-10:30am

■ **Avoiding Nuclear Verdicts in Cases with High-Cost Life Care Plans**

Newport West

Johnny Sarber, *Shareholder*
Carr Allison

John Schneider, PhD, *President*
Avalon Health Economics

Heath Vickers, *Shareholder*
Carr Allison

Life care plans (LCPs) in the \$10-\$50 million range are increasingly common. How can health economists help deal with high-cost LCPs and the potentially “nuclear” verdicts that can result from them?

9:30-10:30am

■ **Claims Management – Pre-Suit and Litigation Strategy and Communication Between Counsel and Carrier**

Salons 2-4

Pedro Ortiz, *Of Counsel*
RumbergerKirk

Allan Rotlewicz, *Partner*
RumbergerKirk

This presentation will discuss litigation strategy and key issues for discussion between the insurer and defense counsel.

■ **Accidents, Human Factors, and 3D Visualizations – From Premises to Amusement Park Rides**

Cape Cod Hall

Dr. Rose Figueroa, PhD, CHFP, *Principal Consultant*
Rimkus

Bradley Hawkins, *Associate*
Wicker Smith

This course outlines how to leverage Human Factors experts effectively by showcasing real scenarios and methodologies/ technologies used to investigate, analyze, simulate, and visualize an incident from inception to completion.

10:30-10:45am - Networking Break - Newport East
Sponsored by CaseGlide

10:45-11:45am

■ **Confessions of Judgment in UM Cases**

Newport West

Kansas Gooden, *Shareholder*
Boyd & Jenerette

Plaintiffs are pushing a new theory to trigger fees in UM cases - confessions of judgment. Learn the current state of the law, how to spot the setup, and how to address it.

■ **Non-Binding Arbitration: The Race for Docket Control**

Salons 2-4

Ronald L. Arend, *Partner*
Arend & Sisk, PA

Deana M. Sisk, *Partner*
Arend & Sisk, PA

Strategic advice for the wise and avoidance of traps for the unwary, including practice tips, sample discovery, and case law.

■ Storm Clouds on the Horizon: Lessons Learned from Irma and the Coming Litigation from Ian and Nicole

Cape Cod Hall

Rachel Colquhoun, *Associate*
Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP

Dan Finlayson, *Director of Litigation*
UPC

Ryan Jones, *Partner*
Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP

Kathryn Keller, *Partner*
Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP

Paul McCullough, P.E., CBC
Discipline Lead, Civil/Structural Engineering
SEA, Ltd.

This presentation will feature a panel discussion regarding the challenges presented by Hurricane Irma litigation, and recommendations on how to avoid those same issues during the anticipated litigation of Hurricane Ian and Nicole claims.

11:45am-1:00pm - Lunch - Newport East
Sponsored by Seaside Claims

1:00-2:00pm

■ The Path of the Warrior - The Art of the Adjuster Deposition

Newport West

Scott Dutton, *Owner*
Dutton Law Group

Maria Pace, *Orlando Managing Attorney*
Dutton Law Group

This presentation will provide attorneys and adjusters with the tools necessary to prepare and defend the adjuster deposition. The presentation covers responding to plaintiff requests, motions for protective orders, and conducting a proper deposition.

■ Addressing Cognitive Biases in Settlement Negotiations

Salons 2-4

Gabriel Balandrano, *Senior Litigation Specialist*
Florida Peninsula Insurance Company

Nicole Fluet, *Director*
Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith

Anna Kirkpatrick, *Director*
Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith

Christopher Marone, *Mediator*
Marone Mediations

A panel discussion on navigating common cognitive biases in settlement negotiations, both informal and during a mediation setting.

■ Game of Drones - An In-Depth Look at How Drones will Fundamentally Change the Insurance Industry

Cape Cod Hall

Ricardo Luces, *Partner*
Roig Lawyers

This course explores the technology of drones and their expanding role as a tool in the adjusting of insurance claims. Also, we discuss how the use of drones is creating potential liability exposure for insurance carriers.

2:00-3:00pm

■ Preparing Your Battleground - The Corporate Representative Deposition

Newport West

William Gutek, *Partner*
Bronstein & Carmona

Michael R. Podolsky, *Partner*
Bronstein & Carmona

Hector E. Valdes-Ortiz, *Associate*
Bronstein & Carmona

This course evaluates various strategies for attorneys and witnesses to use in preparing for and defending corporate representative depositions, emphasizing on insurance-related matters.

■ Inequities in Mediations

Salons 2-4

Ellis "E.T." Fernandez, *Managing Partner*
Fernandez Trial Lawyers, PA

A seminar exposing the inequities at mediation between the plaintiff and the defense. Mediator bias aside, unless exposed ... and cured ... mediations are quickly becoming a waste of time, resources, and tremendous money.

■ Here Comes the Boom: Cranes and Accidents

Cape Cod Hall

Michael J. Bradford, *Shareholder*
Marshall Dennehey

Lee E. Sale, P.E., *Mechanical Engineering Expert*
SEA, Ltd.

An overview of cranes and heavy lifting. Discussion of the parties involved in crane operations, investigating authorities, applicable standards, and common causes of related accidents.

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3:00-3:15pm - Networking Break - Newport East
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3:15-4:15pm

Maximizing Litigation Outcomes

Newport West

Michael J. Corso, *Stockholder*
Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.

Melissa Pigott, Ph.D., *Director of Research*
Magnus Research Consultants, Inc.

Knowing how and when to use attitude surveys, mock trials and focus groups, and what to expect from them, is important in ensuring the best possible outcomes. This session provides the perspective of an expert trial lawyer who has used trial consultants on high-stakes cases, along with the perspective of an experienced trial consultant.

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Claims and Major Litigation Pains

Salons 2-4

Kyleen Hinkle, *Member*
Burns White

Denise Lubliner, *Partner*
Burns White

This presentation will address the current trend of mild traumatic brain injury claims with analysis of how the defense of these claims should rely upon actual science and occasionally so what.

Anchors Away at the Yacht and Beach Club

Cape Cod Hall

Donald St. Denis, *Partner*
St. Denis and Davey

This session will discuss anchoring Plaintiff's damages two ways. One is anchoring the damages overall in Voir Dire, Opening and Closing. Second, we will be anchoring reasonable medical damages.

4:15-5:15pm

The 30(b)(6) Depo: How to Maximize its Potential and Avoid Pitfalls of Corporate Discovery

Newport West

Christina M. Benitez, *Partner*
Rissman

Eric Ochotorena, *Partner*
Rissman

Meghan Whisenhunt, *Partner*
Rissman

The 30(b)(6) deposition can be fraught with peril and many corporate defendants are either unprepared or sometimes undereducated on their importance. This presentation endeavors to provide a roadmap to managing some types of corporate rep discovery.

Investigations in the Age of Geosocial Data

Salons 2-4

Bob Gordon, *General Manager*
DigiStream

Gain an understanding of geosocial, cell forensics and other advanced investigations and their best practices. Steps to protect claims and legal teams from bad actors utilizing similar Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) techniques will also be discussed.

Boots on the Ground – Early Response to and Investigation of Motor Vehicle Accidents

Cape Cod Hall

Ryan Ingram, *Partner*
Moore Ingram Johnson and Steele, LLP

Kimberly Young, *Partner*
Moore Ingram Johnson and Steele, LLP

The presentation will cover best practices for early response to motor vehicle accidents, including tips for scene and vehicle inspection, accident reconstruction involvement, witness interviews, and best practices for company policies and procedures. We will also discuss legal implications related to experts and preservation issues.

5:30-7:30 PM

Welcome Reception

Atlantic Dance Hall / Sponsored by Addison Riley

*Join us for the installation of the 2023-24
Board of Directors, as well as the presentation of
our Annual FDLA Awards*

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

7:00-8:30 am Registration and Full Breakfast -

Newport East - Sponsored by Explico

7:30-8:30 am Character Meet & Greet - *Cape Cod Hall*

8:30-9:30am

Leveraging a Medical Billing & Coding Expert to Successfully Challenge Inflated Medical Bills

Newport West

Toni Elholms, CCS, CPC, CPMA, CRC, AHIMA-Approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer

Alpha Coding Experts/AccuMed

Phil Wiseberg, *Partner*

Williams, Leininger & Cosby, P.A.

Attacking artificially inflated medical bills is the last line of defense but should be considered early on in your case. This session will unpack strategies to attack inflated medical bills and discuss trending Daubert challenges and recent Florida cases that demonstrate how medical bills are often inflated.

Defending Claims for Punitive Damages and Recent Changes in The Rules

Salons 2-4

Rina Clemens, *Partner*

Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP

Stephanie Kaufer, *Partner*

Roberts, Reynolds, Bedard, & Tuzzio, PA

A discussion of proactive ways companies and their employees can defend themselves from potential punitive damage claims, recent rules changes, and differences in punitive damage cases in federal court.

9:30-10:30am

Bring the Jury Back Down to Earth: Using Discovery Tools to Combat Inflated Medical Bills

Newport West

Jessica Cochran, *Partner*

Bush Graziano Rice & Platter, P.A.

Ashley Makris, *Senior Counsel*

Bush Graziano Rice & Platter, P.A.

This presentation will provide guidance on obtaining practical impeachment material post-Worley with the ultimate goal of combatting superficially inflated medical bills at trial.

Newest Ways to Jury-Proof Your Case

Salons 2-4

Dr. Stuart Miles, *Vice President*

DecisionQuest (a U.S. Legal Support Company)

John Miller, *Partner*

Boy Agnew Potanovic Miller, PLLC

This session discusses the effectiveness and lower cost of conducting online mock trials. The talk also examines how an online mock trial helped successfully prepare a Florida auto defense case for trial.

Conditional Defenses - Legal Theory & Practical Applications of Policy Defenses

Cape Cod Hall

Ian Ronderos, *Partner*

Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson LLP

This course will assist attendees in learning about the common policy defenses that derive from the conditions found in homeowners' insurance policies. It will address both legal theory and practical applications designed to win cases, with specific examples from cases where the insurer prevailed on conditional defenses.

10:30-10:45am - Networking Break - *Newport East*
Sponsored by Boyd & Jenerette

10:45-11:45am

Why Florida Needs Regulation of Third-Party Litigation Funding

Newport West

Alan P. Mirelman, *Partner*

Beytin, McLaughlin, O'Hara & Bocchino, P.A.

This presentation will outline the current status of third-party funding, the dangers associated therewith, and how Defense counsel may obtain discovery to determine who is in charge of resolving their case.

Evidence-Based Life Care Planning

Salons 2-4

Michael Fryar, *Partner*

InQuis

Chizom J. Okebugwu, *Associate*

Bolin Law Group

Jud Wooddy, *General Counsel*

InQuis

The presentation will focus on the fundamental requirements of a life care plan. Emphasis will be placed on appropriate methodology, medical foundation and scope of practice limitations culminating with a live mock mini-deposition.

10:45-11:45am

Who's on First?! Analyzing the Order of Uninsured Motorist Coverage When Multiple Policies Apply

Cape Cod Hall

C.J. Gomes, *Partner*
Boyd & Jenerette

More than one policy affords UM coverage? This presentation will dive into various issues and considerations when conducting a "priority of coverage" analysis in the context of UM claims.

11:45am-1:00pm - Lunch - *Newport East*
Sponsored by The Post Law Firm

1:00-2:00pm

Florida Case Law Update

Newport West

Andy Bolin, *Partner*
Bolin Law Group

Elaine Walter, *Partner*
Boyd Richards Parker & Colonnelli

Providing a review of judicial and legislative happenings that impact insurance defense issues, recent opinions on attorney discipline and the rules regulating The Florida Bar, legislation, and opinions discussing technological issues and improvements.

Liability Mitosis: Creating Multiple Accidents or Occurrences out of One

Salons 2-4

Jamie Combee Novaes, *Partner*
Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig, LLP

Kimberly N. Ramey, *Partner*
Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig, LLP

This presentation will explore some of the new and creative arguments being raised in an effort to create multiple accidents or occurrences out of one. Join us for a discussion on the cause theory and how to put it into practice with real life examples and recent case studies.



2:00-3:00pm

The Anatomy of a Trial - Evidentiary Issues at Trial: Trial and Appellate Perspectives

Newport West

Mihaela Cabulea, *Partner*
Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig, LLP

Amber Inman, *Partner*
Ramey & Kampf, P.A.

The presentation focuses on Florida law and aims to provide an understanding of some of the most common evidentiary issues encountered during trial and the necessary steps to preserve errors for appellate review and create a complete record.

CLE and CE Information 2023 Florida Liability Claims Conference

Florida Bar Approval

Course Number: 2303263N
Level: Intermediate

CLE Credits

General: 14.5
Mental Health and Wellness: 1.0
Bias Elimination: 1.0
Technology: 1.0

Certification Credits

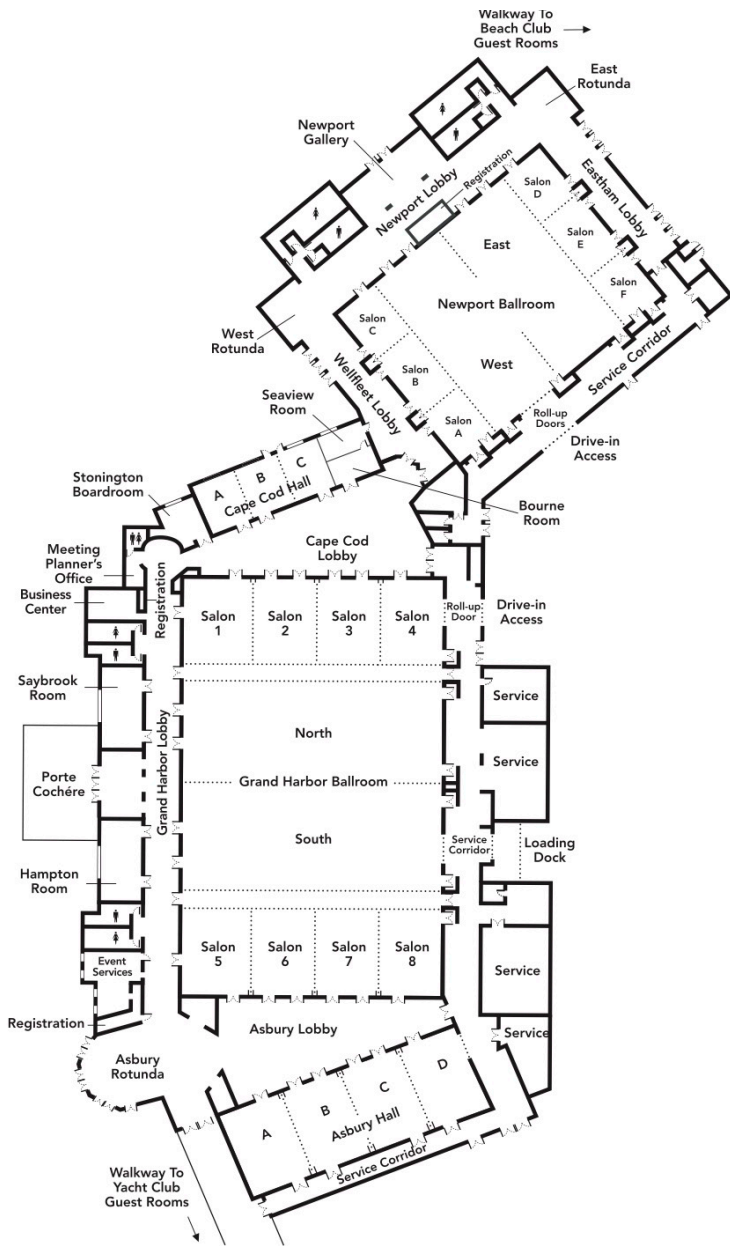
Civil Trial: 14.5

Florida Department of Financial Services Approval

2023 Florida Liability Claims Conference (CE 3-24a)
Course Authority: CE 3-24a – Law and Policy
Course ID: 125456
Course Offering: 1179084
Max Hours: 11

2023 Florida Liability Claims Conference (CE 3-24c)
Course Authority: CE 3-24c – Adjuster Optional
Course ID: 125457
Course Offering: 1179085
Max Hours: 9

Conference Center Map



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Dr. John Lloyd

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Dr. John Lloyd, PhD, CPE has served as an expert witness for 30 years, providing nationwide expert testimony in the fields of biomechanics, human factors, motorcycle crash reconstruction and helmet protection.

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