



2024 Florida Insurance Network Symposium

Thursday & Friday, August 15-16, 2024 Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel

4200 Jim Walter Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33607

The Florida Defense Lawyers Association invites you to attend the 2024 Florida Insurance Network Symposium (FINS), a conference focused on 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, and both CLE and CE credit will be requested.



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REGISTRATION:

\$299 – FDLA Members

\$150 – Claims Professionals

\$349 – Non-Members

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Room block closes July 16th



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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

5:00 pm **Welcome Reception** - *Sponsored by Explico*

6:30 pm **Dine Arounds**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

7:00 am **Breakfast** - *Sponsored by DLE Legal*

7:55 am **Introductions**

8:00 am **Let's Get Down to Business: What Lawyers Need to Know about the Business of Insurance**

Brian Erickson, Chief Compliance Officer - *Cabrillo Coastal General Insurance Agency, LLC*

Katelyn Ferry, Partner - *Cambo Ferry, PLLC*

Dan Finlayson, VP of Claims - *Shared Services American Coastal*

A panel discussion on the business of insurance, and what lawyers should know about setting reserves, UW, reinsurance, compliance and other topics.

9:00 am **You're Out! Policy Exhaustion and Allocation**

Lauren Curtis, Partner - *Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP*

Megan Daniel, Partner - *Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP*

Sarah Wilkins, Partner - *Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP*

This panel will discuss insurance policy exhaustion and allocation issues in cases involving multiple claims asserted against numerous insureds for damage that spans multiple policy periods and layers of coverage. The presentation will include a discussion of the different exhaustion methods and provide insight on potential pitfalls and challenges to same. The concepts will be discussed using a construction defect fact pattern and will highlight the roles and considerations of defense counsel, coverage counsel and the insured in the exhaustion process.

10:00 am **Networking Break** - *Sponsored by CED Technologies*

10:15 am **Everything Changes...Or Does It? Panel Discussion on Recent Property Law Trends**

Nicole Fluet, Director - *Galloway*

Kenneth Hall, Director of Litigation - *Universal North America*

Lincoln LeVarge, Assistant Vice President of Legal - *Tower Hill Insurance Group*

A panel discussion of recent trends and changes in the day-to-day handling and defense of first party property claims and litigation, discussing the effects of statutory changes over the past few years, along with recent case law and industry trends.

11:15 am **Impact of Statutory Changes in Bad Faith**

Michael Kiernan, Managing Partner - *Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP*

An in depth analysis of the recent changes to Third Party Bad Faith law in the State of Florida, including a look back at the prevailing law up until the statutory changes of 2023, and the practical effect of those changes in a variety of different scenarios.

12:15 pm **Lunch** - *Sponsored by DDA Forensics*

1:15 pm **Proximate Cause and Dating the Loss**

Patrick Chidnese, Shareholder - *Bickford Chidnese*

Cathy Jackson, Daily and Commercial Claims Director - *Swyfft*

Paul McCullough, Manager, Tampa Operations Discipline Lead, Civil/Structural Engineering - *SEA, Ltd.*

This panel will discuss issues concerning dating a property loss and how to determine the date of loss. They will provide the engineering, claims, and litigation/appellate perspectives on these issues.

2:15 pm **Bad Faith: Follow the Money**

Johanna W. Clark, Shareholder - *Carlton Fields*

Matt Lavisky, Partner - *Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP*

This presentation will discuss recent reforms to property bad faith law and trends following these reforms. The discussion will include incentives for plaintiff to pursue these lawsuits, recent case law, and strategies for defense.

3:15 pm **Networking Break** - *Sponsored by FCG Associates*

3:30 pm **AI - The Ethics, The Use, The Misuse, The Litigation, and The Future**

Frank Ramos, Partner - *Goldberg Segalla*

This session will explain the ethical, appropriate and practical use of AI for lawyers and claims professionals. Much has been said about why and how not to use AI. The session will explore how one can use both closed and open AI models that satisfy all ethics rules and client needs while securing responses from chatbots that make one a better lawyer while spending less time doing so.

