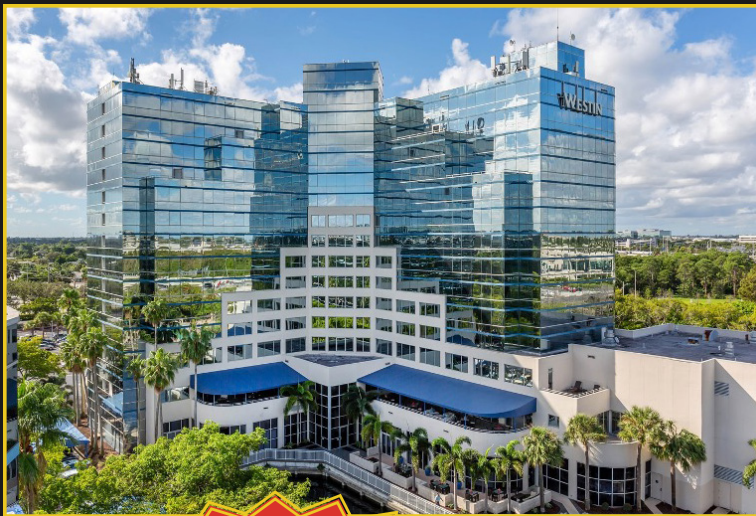


The Florida Defense Lawyers Association

FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Professional Liability
Insurance

Join us for the first Florida Professional Liability Symposium, a seminar designed for defense attorneys and claims professionals alike. We'll tackle the hot topics facing professional liability defense attorneys and adjusters, with presentations by experienced practitioners who are on the cutting edge of their field. CLE and adjuster CE credit will be requested.



Registration
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are Available

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY
APRIL 7-8, 2022**

Westin Ft. Lauderdale

400 Corporate Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33607
954-772-1331
Room Rate: \$149

REGISTRATION

\$250 - FDLA Member Attorneys
\$125 - In-House Counsel & Claims Professionals
\$300 - Non-FDLA Member Attorneys
(Includes 2022 FDLA Membership for those who qualify)

Hotel Reservation Link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1641824953708&key=GRP>



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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 20224:00pm **Registration Open**5:00pm **Welcome Reception****FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022**7:30am **Breakfast**
*Sponsored by Shea Barclay Group*8:30am **Introductions**8:35am **Effective Use of Conflict Waivers**
Mark Sullivan - Partner, *Klein Park & Lowe, PL*
Robert Klein - Partner, *Klein Park & Lowe, PL*

As work and new matters are always at the forefront of any litigator's mind, this discussion will center around effective use of conflict waivers. Topics will include the issue of confusion as to when conflicts are or are not waivable, and a mistaken approach to waivers, which sees them as binary (I either "have" a waiver, or I don't) when the real question is whether the waiver is effective.

9:30am **Current and Emerging Trends in Professional Liability**
Patrick Zalman - Junior Partner, *Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo, Cohen & Peterfreund*
Diran Seropian - Senior Partner, *Luks, Santaniello, Petrillo, Cohen & Peterfreund*
Jesse R. Butler - Shareholder, *Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A.*

As the legal world is an everchanging and always evolving landscape, this discussion will center on current trends within the Professional Liability field. Of note, the topics will focus on Medical Malpractice and Accounting Errors and Omissions claims.

10:25am **Networking Break**
*Sponsored by Grindley Williams Engineering*10:45am **Fraud and Breach of Duties in Both Commercial and Residential Real Estate**
Stephen Mossini - Owner, *LOCAL Real Estate Co.*
David Gray - Realtor, *LOCAL Real Estate Co.*

Tackling an exciting topic, this presentation will address issues involving both Commercial and Residential Real Estate matters. Topics to be addressed involve Fraud and Breaches of Contract as well as issues involving failure to fulfill fiduciary duties and disclosures.

11:40am **Limiting Your Clients, Limiting Your Exposure**
Traci McKee - Partner, *Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP*

The presentation will include a practical discussion about the attorney-client relationship under Florida law. It will also cover best practices to avoid or limit your exposure by clearly defining who is (and is not) the client and setting forth the scope of the engagement. Finally, this presentation will discuss recent opinions that further define the scope of certain attorney-client relationships.

12:35pm **Lunch**1:35pm **Malpractice Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them**
Margaret Hewitt - Resources and Services Manager, *Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company*

We are excited to present a discussion near and dear to every attorney's and claims professional's heart (and job security). This presentation will discuss malpractice pitfalls and how to avoid them, and will be ripe with examples of what not to do!

2:30pm **Arch Insurance Company v. Kubicki Draper – Changing the Landscape of Defense Practice**
Edward Guedes - Partner/Chair of Appellate Practice Group, *Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.*

In a long-awaited decision, the Florida Supreme Court held that an insurance company has standing to maintain a malpractice action against counsel it hired to represent an insured where it has the duty to defend. This case has been listed by Law360 as one of the most significant general liability insurance decisions of 2021. Hear from Ed Guedes, who represented Arch Insurance on appeal, about the case and how it will impact defense practice for years to come.