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North American Construction Summit
Scottsdale, AZ

Monday, February 9, 2026

2:00pm – 2:15pm – Welcome and Opening Remarks

Erik Johnson, P.E., Vice President, Forensic Technical Services, Rimkus, Las Vegas, NV

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2:15pm – 3:15pm – National Trends and Jurisdictional Overview

- Industry trends for 2026
- The most active and emerging jurisdictions (AZ, CA, NY, TX)

Marisa Adamo, Property Adjuster, Engle Martin, Portland, OR

Andrew Johnson, Esq., Spencer Fane LLP, Dallas, TX

Rina Rai, The Law Firm of Rai Duer, P.C., Phoenix, AZ

Lisa M. Rolle, Esq., Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP, White Plains, NY

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Abandonment – What Contractors, Subcontractors and Consultants Should Know About When to Leave the Party

- Confirming material breach
- Preconditions to abandonment or termination
- Risk evaluation: finish or exit?

Joshua K. Chesser, Esq., Stites & Harbison PLLC, Nashville, TN

R. Brant Forrest, Esq., Murphy, Schiller & Wilkes LLP, Newark, NJ

Maren Mooney, CCP, CLMP, CRIS, Regional Claims Director, Turner Surety and Insurance Brokerage, Inc., Des Moines, IA

4:15pm – 5:00pm – Design Professional Contracts: Are They a Sword? Are They a Shield? Are they Both or Neither?

- Review of key provisions of Design Professional Contracts
- The interplay between the contract and the Design
- How an Expert Can Help with Mixed Contract v. Tort Claims
- Costs and Benefits of Dispute Resolutions in Contract

John Hugo, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Boston, MA

Paul Kelley, Consulting Principal, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Waltham, MA

Colin O'Neil, Assistant Product Lead, HDI Global SE, Chicago, IL

5:00pm – 6:00pm – Networking Cocktail Reception (Paradis Terrace)

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Tuesday, February 10, 2026

8:30am – 9:15am – Coffee & Networking

9:15am – 10:15am – The Intersection of Builders Risk, Commercial General Liability, Contractors Professional, and Subcontract Default Coverage – What Covers What?

- Overview of each coverage type and what they are intended to cover
- Recent Builders Risk case law and how this may impact other coverages
- Maximizing risk transfer

Mark Gothold, Vice President Claims, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., Newport Beach, CA

Keith D. Koeller, Esq., Mediator, Arbitrator, Special Master, JAMS, Irvine, CA

Karen Rice, Head of Global Claim Success Initiatives, Proactive, Lake Forest, CA

Todd Schweitzer CPCU, CRIS, Managing Director, US Construction Claims Leader, Marsh USA, Los Angeles, CA

10:15am – 11:15am – WRAP Programs

- Positives of WRAP programs with smaller claims
- What are the pitfalls?

Marc Collins, CPCU, MS-RMI, Assistant Vice President, Construction Claims, Arch Insurance Group Inc., Chicago, IL

George B. Green, Jr., Esq., Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP, Atlanta, GA

Thomas Miller, Vice President-Excess Casualty, Allied World Insurance Company, Philadelphia, PA

Andrew Powers, CRIS, Vice President-Excess Casualty, Allied World Insurance Company, Atlanta, GA

11:15am – 11:30am – Break

11:30am – 12:30pm – Sustainability in Construction

- Green Concrete, Red Flags: Navigating Insurance Risks in Eco-Friendly Construction
- Nature/biodiversity and construction

Jason H. Klein, Esq., Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP, Phoenix, AZ

Andy Guerra, P.E., S.E., Managing Director – Construction Defect & Litigation, Charles Taylor, Golden, CO

Damon Ranieri, CRIS, Construction Innovation & Sustainability Partner, AXA XL, Chicago, IL

12:30pm – 1:45pm – Outdoor Networking Lunch (Sonoran Terrace)

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1:45pm – 2:45pm – The Do's and Don'ts with OSHA Investigations

- What are the rights of the parties?
- Best practices when an investigator shows up

Thomas (TJ) Cate, P.E., S.E., GC, Vice President, Construction Practice, Rimkus, Salt Lake City, UT

Dominic M. Donato, Esq., Kahana Feld LLP, New York, NY

Clayton T. Fielder, Esq., Hennessy & Roach, PC., Overland Park, KS

Brandon Mohr, Assistant Vice President, Casualty Claims, Ascot Group, Pittsburgh, PA

2:45pm – 3:45pm – Construction Claims in the Wake of AI

- AI-powered tools are transforming project planning, safety monitoring and design
- Construction law claims and general liability claims in the Wake of AI
- The A/E Standard of care in the Wake of AI

Anthony D. Capasso, Esq., Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP, Newark, NJ

Christopher D. Ling, AIA, NCARB, PP, LEED AP, The Vertex Companies LLC, New York, NY

Damon Ranieri, CRIS, Construction Innovation & Sustainability Partner, AXA XL, Chicago, IL

3:45pm – 4:30pm – The Rising Cost of Risk

- Rising insurance premiums due to increased materials costs, labor shortages, and extreme weather events are driving up premiums

- Labor shortages and workforce development- insurance costs are rising due to increased wages and safety risks
- How to evaluate a case in 2026
- Supply chain disruptions
- Advanced risk management strategies- Insurers are offering more customized coverage tailored to specific project types and risk profiles
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Daniel A. Cribbs, Esq., Segal McCambridge, Los Angeles, CA

Rose Hall, P.E., RH Business Ventures, LLC, Irvine, CA

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Mark A. Rhodes, P.E., Director, Construction Practice, Rimkus, Atlanta, GA

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