



Perrin Conferences National Construction Defect Conference

November 9-10, 2023
Four Seasons Hotel | New Orleans, LA

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Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)
Thursday, November 9- Friday, November 10, 2023

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM CT: Pre-Registration (Plimsoll Foyer)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM CT: Networking Cocktail Reception (The Garden at the Four Seasons)
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9:00 PM – 11:00 PM CT: The House of Blues, Voodoo Garden (225 Decatur Street)
Join us for networking, live music and open bar.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM CT: Registration and Light Breakfast (Plimsoll Foyer)

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM CT: Welcome & Opening Remarks (Plimsoll Ballroom)

Gary F. Baumann, Esq., Baumann, Gant & Keeley, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, FL

Kelly Behrens, CRIS, Claims Manager-Construction Defect, Vela Insurance Services, Omaha, NE

Michael Bryant, Vice President, Head of P&C, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

Steve Lokus, Vice President, Construction Practice Group, Navigators, a brand of The Hartford, Los Angeles, CA

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM CT: A Coast to Coast Analysis on CD Trends

- Jurisdictional overview of the most active and emerging jurisdictions
- Filing Trends in 2023 and what to expect in 2024
- Florida Tort Reform and statute of limitations
- Building Trends: Eliminate gas stoves; building in high risk fire zones; HOA insurance

Moderator: Michael Bryant, Vice President, Head of P&C, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

Benjamin W. Dowers, Esq., Gunther Legal, PLLC, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Marcia Garvin, CPCU, SCLA, AIC, Unit Manager, Construction Defect Claims, Amerisure, Farmington Hills, MI

Peter McClellan, P.E., CFEI, LEED AP, Discipline Lead, Mechanical Engineering, SEA Ltd., New Orleans, LA

William D. Morrow, Esq., Morrow & White, Newport Beach, CA

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CT: Indemnity Panel

- Pursuit of all available coverages
- Risk transfer including CCIP, OCIP, OPPI, OPPL
- Builders' Risk
- E&S Market Carriers

Rebecca C. Appelbaum, Esq., gartner + bloom P.C., Tampa, FL

Mark Boyle, Esq., Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, Fort Myers, FL

Tom Gesner, CRIS, Director – Construction Defect, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., Dover, NH

Jay Graif, Esq., Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP, Scottsdale, AZ

Henrietta Hinojosa, Vice President, National Claim Services, Atlanta, GA

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM CT: Break

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11:15 AM – 12:15 PM CT: Emerging Issues in CD Litigation

- Defect Litigation – Impact of social inflation, climate events and economic distress
- Seismic shift in products and issues targeted for defect claims
- Perils and pitfalls of technological advance in construction
- Hot issues in 2024 and beyond

Moderator: Phyllis Modlin, Director & Senior Counsel, Specialty International Claims-Casualty, Markel, Carlsbad, CA

Thomas D. Fama, Esq., Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP, Concord, CA

Joseph Herbert, Esq., Hall Booth Smith, P.C., Red Bank, NJ

Christopher Liegel, Senior Claim Counsel-Casualty Construction, Sompco International, New York, NY

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM CT: Lunch (on your own)

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM CT: Quality Control

- Labor shortage and reduced experience employees
- Less supervisors leads to quality problems and more CD claims

Moderator: Jason Daniel Feld, Esq., Kahana Feld, Irvine, CA

Christine Gudaitis, Esq., Ver Ploeg & Marino, Miami, FL

Michael Hinojosa, President and Chief Claim Officer, National Claim Services, Atlanta, GA

David C. Metallo, Jr., P.E., Principal Consultant, Rimkus, Birmingham, AL

Anita M. Thornell, CCLA, Claims Consultant, Nationwide, Detroit, MI

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM CT: Unwrapping the WRAP Policies

- Historical changes from full Project coverage to just GL exposure
- WRAP exclusions on standard GL practice policies- is there a workaround?
- Why a WRAP? Advantages, disadvantages and limits
- Will it really cover you for a statue of repose?
- Are limits too low?

Moderator: Jay M. Bulger, Esq., Koeller Nebeker Carlson Haluck LLP, El Cajon, California
Adam J. Gentile, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP, Denver, CO
Won Jai Lee, JD, CPCU, Team Leader, ESIS ProClaim Ridgewood, NJ
Jackeline S. Rodriguez, Esq., Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, LLP, Miami, FL

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CT: Break

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CT: The Complicated Interplay of Coverage Counsel and Defense Counsel and the Ethical Issues that Arise

- Navigating the minefields of working together
- Tripartite relationship

Moderator: Jay Sever, Esq., Phelps Dunbar LLP, New Orleans, LA
Gary F. Baumann, Esq., Baumann, Gant & Keeley, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Scott D. Rembold, Esq., Rembold Hirschman, P.L., Miami, FL
Holly Rose, Sr. Claim Manager, E&S/Specialty, Nationwide Insurance, Scottsdale, AZ
Alexa Schmid, Claims Coverage Litigation Counsel, Selective Insurance Company of America, Branchville, NJ

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM CT: The Social Media Impact

- Viral posts against builders and the impact on jury verdicts
- Effectiveness of these social media claims
- Social media impact on settlement efforts including expectations to settle
- When social media gets the attention of mass media – local vs. national news stories

Moderator: Kelly Behrens, CRIS, Claims Manager, Vela Insurance Services, Omaha, NE
Jorge L. Cruz, P.E., Esq., Daniels Rodriguez Berkeley Daniels & Cruz, PA, Tampa, FL
Russell M. Pfeifer, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Miami, FL
Jannea S. Rogers, Esq., Adams and Reese LLP, Mobile, AL
Vadim Veksler, Complex Claims Manager – Construction Defect, Selective Insurance Company of America, Trabuco Canyon, CA

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Friday, November 10, 2023

8:15 AM CT: Coffee and Light Breakfast (Plimsoll Foyer)

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM CT: Case Law and Statute Update

Michael F. Barzyk, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Rosary A. Hernandez, Esq., Burch & Cracchiolo, Phoenix, AZ
Luke P. Ryan, Esq., Shinnick & Ryan LLP, San Diego, CA

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM CT: A Brave New World – Risk and Liability in 3D Printed Construction

- Challenges that face claims professionals and legal counsel handling disputes associated with this new construction technology
- Understanding the complexities that these new construction techniques pose to those handling the inevitable construction disputes that will arise as this technology is employed in more locations throughout the U.S.

Mark Gobitas, CGC, PX, BN, CQM-C, Regional Director, Expert-General Contractor, MC Consultants, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL

Steve Lokus, Vice President, Construction Practice Group, Navigators, a brand of The Hartford, Los Angeles, CA

Catherine A. Naltsas, Esq., Lynberg & Watkins, Los Angeles, CA

Ryan Pitterson, Regional Director of Risk Management, Stratus Risk Associates, Dallas, TX

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CT: Break

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM CT: Improving the Strategic Partnerships Between Claims Professionals & Defense Counsel

- Conflicting demands as to claims adjusting and litigation management
- Further disconnect and tensions created by Covid such as increased mobility, loss of personal interaction, strain on third-party vendors, etc.
- Bridging the gap – new perspectives to improve strategic partnership satisfaction

Moderator: Cynthia Pertile Tarle, Esq., Tarle Law, Carlsbad, CA

Kevin Follett, Executive Claims Analyst, The Riverstone Group, Manchester, NH

Sabrina Rochelle, Construction Defect Manager, North American Risk Services (NARS), Winter Garden, FL

Emma Tortorici, VP, Claims Construction Defect, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., Danville, CA

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM CT: Of Liens, Lawsuits and Leverage

- Challenges of combining CD claims and collection claims
- Surety agreements

Anthony Capasso, Esq., O'Toole Scrivo, Cedar Grove, NJ

Elaine K. Fresch, Esq., Hawkins Parnell & Young, LLP, Los Angeles, CA
Richard L. Mendelsohn, Esq., Malaby & Bradley LLC, New York, NY
Hal Thompson, Claims Counsel, Markel Surety, Columbus, OH

12:30 PM CT: Conference Concludes

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New Orleans, LA 70130

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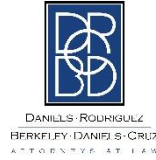
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