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November 14-15, 2024

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Thursday, November 14 - Friday, November 15, 2024
The Roosevelt New Orleans, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM CT: Pre-Registration

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM CT: Networking Cocktail Reception (Pool Deck at The Roosevelt)
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Thursday, November 14, 2024

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM CT: Registration and Light Breakfast (Waldorf Astoria Ballroom)

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM CT: Welcome & Opening Remarks

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, Casualty Construction Claims, Sompo, Irvine, CA

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM CT: Jurisdictional Analysis and Future Outlook of Nationwide Industry Trends

- Jurisdictional overview of the most active and emerging jurisdictions
- Filing trends in 2024 and what to expect in 2025
- Building trends and emerging issues in CD litigation
- Ethical implications of utilizing AI for attorneys

Moderator: Michael Bryant, Vice President, Head of P&C, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
Jason Daniel Feld, Esq., Kahana & Feld, LLP, Houston, TX
Lee J. Hurwitz, Esq., Segal McCambridge, Chicago, IL
Anita M. Thornell, CCLA, Claims Consultant, Nationwide, Detroit, MI

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CT: Enhancing Collaborative Partnerships Through Communication, Conflict Resolution, Trust, and Adaptability

- Defense cost contribution claims between insurers and insureds

- Claims professionals and defense counsel; defense counsel and experts; vendor partnerships, coverage counsel and defense counsel
- Conflicting demands as to claims adjusting and litigation management
- Privileged or not privileged communication

Paul Balentine, CPCU, AVP-Specialty Casualty Claims, Nationwide Insurance Company, Scottsdale, AZ
Timothy Dobrenen, Assistant Vice President – Claims, Hannover Re Services USA, Inc., San Tan Valley, AZ
Jay Sever, Esq., Phelps Dunbar, New Orleans, LA
Cynthia Pertile Tarle, Esq., Tarle Law, Carlsbad, CA
Emma Tortorici, VP, Claims Construction Defect, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., Danville, CA

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM CT: Break
Sponsored by: S.C. Wright

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM CT: The Impact of Social Media on Jury Pools and Settlements

- Social media impact on jury pools and how it impacts verdicts
- Effectiveness of these social media claims
- Social media impact on settlement efforts including expectations to settle
- Reptile theory

Moderator: Kelly Behrens, CRIS, Claims Manager, Vela Insurance Services, Omaha, NE
Sabrina Rochelle, Senior Unit Manager, North American Risk Services, Altamonte Springs, FL
Jannea Rogers, Esq., Adam and Reese LLP, Mobile, AL

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM CT: Lunch (on your own)

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM CT: Navigating Ethical Challenges in the Tripartite Relationship

- Cumis counsel
- Bad faith allegations
- What scenarios should you stay away from?

Sean Gallagher, Senior Unit Manager, North American Risk Services, Altamonte Springs, FL
Christine Gudaitis, Esq., Ver Ploeg & Marino, Miami, FL
Won Jai Lee, JD, CPCU, Team Leader, ESIS ProClaim, Jersey City, NJ
Donald C. Partridge, Esq., Maron Marvel, Jackson, MS

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM CT: Driving Progress: Innovations in Construction Technology

- 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.

Terrence Kadlec, P.E., Senior Vice President – Technical Services, MC Consultants, Inc., Parker, CO
Steve Lokus, Vice President, Casualty Construction Claims, Sompo, Irvine, CA

Additional Speakers to be Added.

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM CT: Break

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM CT: Construction Defect Best Practices

Moderator: Donna Friis, PE, Practice Leader, Construction, Envista Forensics, Orlando, FL

Additional Speakers to be Added.

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM CT: Demystifying Indemnity, Liability, and Risk Management

- What is indemnity?
- Risk transfer including CCIP, OCIP, OPPI, OPPL
- Builders' risk
- Outside of the CGL policy, what else is out there?
- Controlled insurance and wrap up issues

Mark Boyle, Esq., Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, Fort Myers, FL
Tara Lucas, SVP, North America Claims, Casualty Specialty, Chubb, Jersey City, NJ
Paul Mason, Claims Manager, Energy and Construction, XL Specialty Insurance Company, AXA XL, Los Angeles, CA

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM CT: Networking Cocktail Reception (Pool Deck at The Roosevelt)

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM CT: House of Blues - Foundation Room (225 Decatur Street)
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Friday, November 15, 2024

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM CT: Coffee and Light Breakfast

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CT: Product Liability Claims in Construction – Litigation, Coverage, Tips, and Strategies

- Proactive risk management

Moderator: Elaine K. Fresch, Esq., Hawkins Parnell & Young, Los Angeles, CA
Jay Graif, Esq., Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP, Scottsdale, AZ
Henrietta Hinojosa, Senior Vice President, National Claim Services LLC, Atlanta, GA
Phyllis Modlin, Director & Senior Counsel, Specialty International Claims-Casualty, Markel, Carlsbad, CA

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM CT: Navigating Uncertainty: Effective Risk Management Strategies for Construction Projects

Deborah Broom, Vice President, Risk Management, Tutor Perini Corporation, Santa Monica, CA
Richard H. Glucksman, Esq., Chapman Glucksman, Los Angeles, CA
Jeff Miragliotta, Esq., Kahana & Feld, LLP, New York, NY

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM CT: Transformations in Case Law and Statute Update

- Increase in design claims
- A&E design standard of care in connection to CD litigation
- Practical applications: East Coast vs. West Coast
- Tort reform change (Louisiana)
- Martin Act (New York)

Anthony D. Capasso, Esq., Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP, Newark, NJ
Tom Gesner, CRIS, Vice President – Construction Defect, Applied Claims, Addison, TX
Luke P. Ryan, Esq., Shinnick & Ryan LLP, San Diego, CA

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM CT: Best Practices for Expert Test Selection and Evaluation

- The appropriate methods an expert should follow when selecting tests
- How to ensure the expert conducts proper tests without limiting the expert
- Review case studies of conducted tests and determine whether the tests were appropriate

Dennis J. Artese, Esq., Anderson Kill, New York, NY
Stephanie Chesney, Esq., Cozen O'Connor, Boston, MA
Kenneth R. Quigley, PE, MS, Executive Vice President, CCA Construction Consulting Associates, LLC, Boston, MA

12:30 PM CT: Conference Concludes

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New Orleans, LA 70112

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