



National Construction
Defect Conference
November 12-13, 2020 (Virtual)

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All sessions are scheduled in the Eastern Time Zone.

Thursday, November 12, 2020

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM ET: Opening Remarks & Status of the Litigation

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

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10:30 AM – 11:30 AM ET: Breaking Good – Breaking Bad: A Coast to Coast Analysis on CD Trends

- Jurisdictional Update: Overview of the Most Active & Emerging Jurisdictions
- The Impact of FL Legislation Allowing Contribution Among Co-Carriers

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

Patrick Casey, Esq., Fox Rothschild LLP, Denver, CO

Eileen Jenkins, Manager Technical Claims- Liability, Builders Insurance Group, Philadelphia, PA

Adriana Pilemalm, Randy Bowers & Associates, Inc., San Gabriel, CA

11:40 AM – 12:40 PM ET: Innovation of Technology: How Construction Technology is Raising the Bar for Risk Reduction and Assignment of Liability

- Current Landscape of Technology and Progression of New Technology Since 2019
- Quick Adoption and Pivoting of New Technology Due to COVID-19
- Discussion of How Daily Work in the Construction Field Has Changed into a More Collaborative Environment

Moderator: Jason Feld, Esq., Kahana & Feld LLP, Irvine, CA

Rose Hall, PE, CRIS, CCP, CLMP, Strategic Operations Manager for Risk Engineering, AXA XL, Arlington, VA

Terence Kadlec, PE, Practice Leader, Construction, Envista Forensics, Denver, CO

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

12:40 PM – 1:00 PM ET: Break / Visit Virtual Exhibit Booths

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM ET: The Growing Trend of Women in the Construction Industry

- What is the Industry Doing to Promote Women in the Industry?
- Rise of Construction Defect Attorneys and Female Experts
- Improvements and Challenges Due to the Increase of Women in the Construction Industry

Moderator: Megan Slowikowski, Esq., Sinars Slowikowski Tomaska, Chicago, IL
Henrietta Hinojosa, Vice President, National Claim Services Inc., Atlanta, GA
Maren Mooney, Claims Manager, CRIS, Orascom Construction USA, Inc., Des Moines, IA
Betsy Silverstine, Senior Claims Manager, AvalonBay Communities, Washington, DC

1:55 PM – 2:55 PM ET: Handling Excess Claims from the Claims Handler Perspective

- Identification of issues presented in large exposure matters
- Issues that arise when coverages do not follow form
- Rights of primary and excess carriers and tips for resolution

Matthew Adler, Senior Claims Consultant, AXA XL, Los Angeles, CA
Rodrick Reed, CPCU, Regional Claims Manager, Starr Adjustment Services, Inc. – A Member of Starr Companies, Los Angeles, CA
Raymond Weisse, Senior Vice President, Leader of Construction- GB Specialty Liability Practice Group, Gallagher Bassett., Danbury, CT

3:05 PM – 4:05 PM ET: Analysis of Professional Liability and General Liability

- Is there typically more PL coverage than GL coverage?
- Tension and conflict between these policies for the design community: Where is it heading?
- Tension and conflict between these policies in the defense of General Contractors and Construction Managers
- OPPI
- Targeted Tender
- Reporting requirements against a professional
- Statutes of limitations that could impact a professional

Moderator: Mark A. Boyle, Esq., Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, P.A., Fort Myers, FL
Philip J. Collias, Senior Vice President, Lockton Companies, LLC, Los Angeles, CA
Won Jai Lee, J.D., C.P.C.U., Construction Claims, Manager, Markel, Summit, NJ
Luke Ryan, Esq., Shinnick & Ryan LLP, San Diego, CA

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM ET: The Judicial Perspectives

- How Is COVID-19 Going to Effect Jurors and Jury Verdicts?
- Trials / Bench Trials
- Practical Do's and Don'ts in Conducting Remote Trials
- Zoom and Other Logistical Implications
- Who Has the Advantage? Traditional Setting vs. Remote Setting
- Managing Court Appearances During COVID-19

Moderator: Richard L. Righi, Esq., Righi Fitch Law Group, Phoenix, AZ

Kevin Barrett, Esq., Barrett | Matura, Scottsdale, AZ

Hon. Susan H. Johnson, Eighth Judicial District Court, Department XXII, Clark County, Las Vegas, NV

Hon. Jack Tuter, Chief Judge, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Hon. Christopher T. Whitten, Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM ET: Virtual Cocktail Reception and Wine Tasting

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Join us for this virtual wine tasting presented by Shaun Wright, Sommelier and Fine Wine Manager. Along with learning and tasting the wines, network and chat with other conference attendees. For more information and to RSVP for this event, please contact Bethany Corio (bcorio@perrinconferences.com)

Friday, November 13, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM ET: Ethical Issues Related to COVID-19 and HIPAA Restrictions

Kelly Behrens, CRIS, Senior Claims Specialist, Vela Insurance Services LLC, Omaha, NE

Brendan N. Keeley, Esq., Baumann, Gant & Keeley, P.A., Jacksonville, FL

11:10 AM – 12:10 PM ET: COVID-19 and the Litigation Coming: Industry Changes and How to Manage the Risk

- Claims
- Avoiding and Preventing Litigation
- Case Response

Michael F. Barzyk, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Benjamin Kollmeyer, MPH, CIH, Principal, Chief Science Officer, Forensic Analytical Consulting Services, Los Angeles, CA

Ryan Pitterson, Risk Management Director, Turner Construction Company, Dallas, TX

Carlos K. Poza, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Walnut Creek, CA

12:10 PM – 12:25 PM ET: Break / Visit the Virtual Exhibit Booths

12:25 PM – 1:25 PM ET: Tenders in the CD Context: Who, What, When, How?

Paul Amirata, Esq., Senior Vice President, CD/CGL Claims, Cranmore, St. Petersburg, FL

Meghan K. Finnerty, Esq., Offit Kurman, Philadelphia, PA

Derrick Harris, MBA, AIC, Major Case Unit Specialist, FCCI Insurance Group, Sarasota, FL

Gary S. Kull, Esq., Kennedys, Basking Ridge, NJ

1:35 PM – 2:20 PM ET: Segmenting Closed Payment Data to Estimate CD Loss and ALAE Reserves

James Kahn, FCAS, MAAA, Vice President, Actuarial Leader, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

Wilson Townsend, Vice President, Director, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM ET: Ongoing Issues with Recalcitrant Insurers

- Is more cooperation in the industry possible?

Paul Amirata, Esq., Senior Vice President, CD/CGL Claims, Cranmore, St. Petersburg, FL

Jason W. Bruce, Esq., Pursiano Barry Bruce Demetriades Simon LLP, Winter Park, FL

Benjamin W. Dowers, Esq., Gunther McIntosh, PLLC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Jessica S. Forbes, Esq., Hinshaw, Miami, FL

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How Will the New Format Work?

You will have access to a vast range of timely content and leaders in the field of construction defect litigation – all from the comfort of your home office. Chat with your peers, solution providers and speakers through the Group Chat.

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5:15 PM – 6:15 PM ET on Thursday November 12th

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You are invited to join the National Construction Defect Conference attendees and speakers on Thursday, November 12 for a wine tasting presentation beginning at 5:15 p.m. ET. Shaun Wright, Sommelier and Fine Wine Manager of Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits, will discuss the winemaking process and present one white and two red wines in detail.

If you would like to participate in the tasting, the following wines are available for purchase on wine.com:

[Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse Chardonnay \(375ML half-bottle\) 2018](#)

[Hirsch San Andreas Fault Pinot Noir \(375ML half-bottle\) 2017](#)

To RSVP for this event, please contact Bethany Corio (bcorio@perrinconferences.com).

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