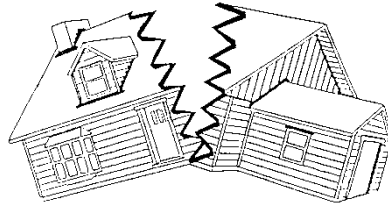


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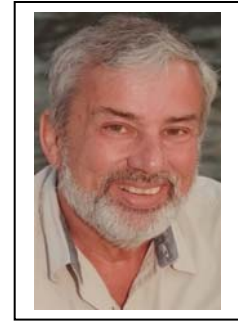
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Very truly yours,

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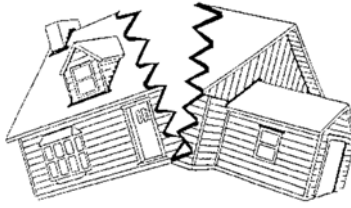


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Wednesday, May 13th, 2020

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8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

Welcome Remarks

8:35 AM – 9:30 AM

Recent Important Appellate Decisions in California, Nevada, and Arizona

Jon Turigliatto, Esq. and Luke Ryan, Esq.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Litigating in The Western States - A Judge's Perspective

**Holly Davies, Esq. Hon. Justice Michael Cherry (ret),
Hon. Sue Kurita, Hon. James Rogers, Hon. Carl Butkus and Hon. Peter Swann**

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Morning Break

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Skills and Techniques for Meaningful Mediation

**Hon. Justice Hon. Nancy Saitta (ret), Ross Feinberg, Esq., Glenn Barger, Esq.
Gerald Kurland, Esq. and David Schlueter, Esq.**

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

“Ollie” and “Legends” Awards Presentation

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Thursday, May 14th, 2020

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch

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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Construction Claims Management in 2020 and Beyond –

Passing the Torch to the Next Generation of Claim Professionals

Phyllis Modlin, Karen Rice, Steve Lokus, Glenn Barger, Esq. and Paul Mason

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Afternoon Break

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Civility, Civility, Wherefore Art Thou, Civility?

**Hon. Justice William Bedsworth, Richard Seely, Esq., Courtney Winzeler, Esq.,
Sheila M. Totorp, Esq. and Christopher Day, Esq.**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mentoring Under a New Light? Is Traditional Mentoring a Thing of the Past?

Where do We Go From Here?

Robin Kahn, Hon. Rex Heeseman (ret), Sunny Sparano, Esq. and Waseem Dulloo, Esq.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Cocktail Reception

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Friday, May 15th, 2020

Registration and Breakfast - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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Grand Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

***Effective Strategies for Adjusters and Counsel
to Address New and Emerging Ethical Issues
Arising from Representation under WRAP
Policies***

Andrew Morgan, Esq.
Ellen Pansky, Esq.
Bruce Wick
Charles Mencia

South Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

***So many defects – so little coverage”:
A practical guide to uncovered SB 800
and defective “Work Product” claims***

Larry Kent, Esq.
Jennifer Kalvestran, Esq.
Lisa Cappelluti, Esq.
Matt Argue, Esq.
Todd Schweitzer
Jim Kurhill, Esq.

Grand Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

***Exclusion Confusion? Finding your way
through the forest despite the trees (and other
hazards)***

David Blau, Esq.
Chuck Numbers, Esq.
Ken Bloom, Esq.
John McLeod, Esq.
Robert Closson, Esq.
Jay Sever, Esq.

South Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

***Controlled Insurance Programs: Reflections of the
Practitioner, Neutral, and Claims Professional***

Ravi Mehta, Esq.
Brian Kahn, Esq.
Stacy La Scala, Esq.
Lee Wright
Robert Gilliland, Esq.
Adrienne Cohen, Esq.

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM - Morning Break

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15th, 2020

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

***The Return of CD to Nevada - is the Chapter
40 Claim Back From the Dead!?!? AND How
is the Arizona Purchaser Dwelling Action
Impacting Construction/Construction Defects***

Hon. Susan Johnson
John Belanger, Esq.
Peter Brown, Esq.
Duane Shinnick, Esq.
David Lee, Esq.

South Ballroom

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

***The Impact of Builders Risk Coverage on
Construction Defect Claims***

Cheryl Kozdrey, Esq.
Jason Adams, Esq.

Grand Ballroom

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

***Right to Repair: Past, Present and the
Future of The Balcony Bill SB 1465***

Lisa Cappelluti, Esq.
Jody Smith,
Stacy Moak, Esq.
Joe Kaneda, Esq.
Scott Ladanyi
Jacob Moss, Esq.

South Ballroom

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

***Real Estate Flippers: Defects, Coverage
and Disclosure Quagmires***

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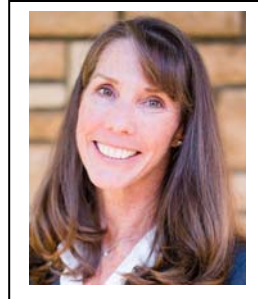
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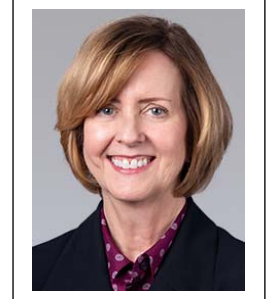
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Matthew Argue, Esq. Mediator, Arbitrator
AMCC, Los Angeles, CA

Matthew W. Argue has a long history of involvement with construction litigation. Based in San Diego, he is a full-time neutral focusing on construction, insurance and real estate mediation and arbitration in San Diego, Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties. Mr. Argue has successfully mediated over 600 construction cases to settlement and served as lead arbitrator on over 300 construction cases. Mr. Argue also serves as a Dispute Resolution Advisor and Dispute Resolution Board member for Caltrans. Mr. Argue has over 30 years of experience in complex construction disputes, mediation and arbitration. After practicing as a trial lawyer involved in hundreds of mediations and arbitrations in Southern California for 13 years, Matthew W. Argue incorporated his own mediation company, “One Mediator” in 2004, focusing on real estate, insurance, and construction defect mediation and arbitration. In 2006, Mr. Argue joined preeminent construction mediator Ross Hart at Arbitration, Mediation, Conciliation

Center (“AMCC”) in San Diego as a full-time AMCC Panel Neutral. He began his mediation training as a mediation extern for a distinguished Federal District Court Judge Lawrence Irving (Ret.), after which he obtained his Mediator’s Credential from the National Conflict Resolution Center in San Diego and completed Pepperdine Law School’s Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution mediator training programs focusing on “Mediating the Litigated Case” and “Mediating Complex Construction Disputes”. Mr. Argue received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1989, and graduated *cum laude* from San Diego State University with an undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1986. Mr. Argue is licensed in a number of different jurisdictions including California, Nevada, Washington, Colorado and Texas.



Glenn T. Barger, Esq. Mediator
ADR Services, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Glenn Barger serves as a Mediator and Special Master with ADR Services, Inc. and mediates cases throughout California. He is regarded as one of California’s most well-respected litigation attorneys and has served as lead counsel at multiple long cause, multi-party, complex trials and mediated countless bodily injury, professional liability, real estate, subrogation, inverse condemnation and construction matters throughout California. He also brings a complete understanding of indemnity to assist the parties in resolving issues between co-defendants to the benefit of all parties. Mr. Barger is a Past President of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel and is an avid proponent of promoting civility and ethics between the parties and is highly respected by attorneys on

both sides of the bar. He brings these attributes to the mediation table in order to help the parties achieve resolution. He also helped create the CAALA/ASCDC/LA-ABOTA Annual Joint Litigation Conference and worked with the Los Angeles Superior Court Judges and leaders of CAALA and ABOTA to develop and implement the current successful Mandatory Settlement Conference program in the Personal Injury departments. He is also a regular speaker at industry-related events including CAALA Las Vegas and the ASCDC Annual Seminar. While recognizing that each side has different interests, based on his experience as an attorney, he understands that it is the parties and their attorneys matter and mediation so he focuses his efforts from initial pre-mediation discussions through the exchange of the closing documents, on a mediation process and settlement that ultimately satisfies the parties and their counsel. He also utilizes his experience as counsel to help both sides recognize the strengths and weaknesses in their cases, including a solid understanding of coverage issues, so that the parties can reach settlements in complex matters.

Seminar Speakers



Hon. William W. Bedsworth, Associate Justice
California's Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division 3, Santa Ana, CA

William W. Bedsworth is an Associate Justice with California's Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division 3 since 1997. Justice Bedsworth presently teaches at the University of California, Irvine Law School, where he also serves on the Board of Visitors. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and was a principal in Fair Share 502 (a charity whose 10 members raised almost a million dollars for homeless children). He was the Hispanic Bar Association's Judge of the Year in 1997, the Celtic Bar's Judge of the Year in 2012, and received the LGBT Lavender Bar Association's first Leadership Award in 2011. He received the David G. Sills Award, the Orange County Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award for appellate law, in 2015. He was the 2018 recipient of the Franklin G. West Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Orange County Bar Association. In 2017, the California Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates honored him by naming

their only judicial award after him. His monthly humor column "A Criminal Waste of Space" is nationally syndicated, and self-described as the most aptly named feature of the dozen legal publications in which it appears. He has won several awards for it, including the California Newspaper Publishers Association contest to identify the best newspaper column in California in 2019. Also in 2019, George Mason University recognized Justice Bedsworth's opinion in *Brady v. Bayer Corp.* (2018) 26 Cal.App.5th 1156, as the recipient of one of five awards nationwide for "exemplary legal writing." Justice Bedsworth worked as a National Hockey League goal judge for 15 years (he proudly wears a 2007 Stanley Cup ring) and was the subject of a story in *ESPN The Magazine* entitled "Justice of the Crease."



John Belanger, Esq., Managing Partner
Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, Phoenix, AZ

John Belanger is the Managing Partner of the Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara Arizona office. Mr. Belanger is an AV preeminent rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. He received the highest possible rating in both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards. He was also named a Southwest Rising Star by the Super Lawyers rating service for six consecutive years, most recently in 2018. Mr. Belanger is also a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America and Member of both the Diversity Law Institute and the Trial Law Institute.



David S. Blau, Esq. Founding Partner
Blau | Keane Law Group, P.C., El Segundo, California

David S. Blau is the founding partner of Blau|Keane Law Group P.C., which provides superior transactional and litigation legal counsel to institutional and individual clients primarily in the insurance, construction, and entertainment industries. Mr. Blau has extensive transactional and litigation experience in various areas of law, including insurance coverage, intellectual property, corporate and business formation, development and compliance, construction, employment, and premises liability. He is licensed to practice in the federal and state trial and appellate courts throughout California, federal courts in other jurisdictions, and has engaged in all aspects of litigation, arbitration, mediation and trial. With regard to construction defect coverage issues, Mr. Blau acts as

coverage counsel and provides coverage advice to primary and excess insurance carriers respecting policy drafting, program and claims management, and handles large loss and related recovery tasks and issues, including litigation of declaratory relief, contribution, bad faith, and other coverage actions in various state and federal venues including California, Washington, Texas, Nevada, and Arizona, and has successfully negotiated resolutions of countless coverage disputes to avoid otherwise protracted and costly litigation.

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Kenneth A. Bloom, Esq. Founding Partner
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Ken is a skilled trial attorney, who concentrates his practice in the areas of Casualty/Liability Defense; Insurance Coverage; New York Labor Law (Scaffold Law); Construction Litigation including construction defect, EIFS, apparent microbial growth (AMG), asbestos and lead paint matters, as well as Insurance Fraud Defense and Commercial Litigation. Ken was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia in 1981; New York 1982; Pennsylvania 1990; the U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern District of New York in 1983; U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York in 1990; U.S. Supreme Court in 1985; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan in 1988; and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit 1990. Ken is a graduate of Cornell University (B.S., 1978), where he serves as a guest lecturer for the course, "Managing and Resolving Conflict." He obtained his J.D. from American University in 1981. Prior to founding Gartner + Bloom, Ken was an Assistant District Attorney, Kings County, New York, 1981-1982; Senior Staff Attorney, New York City Mayor's Strike Force, 1982-1983; Partner, O'Donnell, Fox & Gartner, P.C., New York City, 1983-1990; Resident Senior Partner Cozen and O'Connor, New York City, 1991-1994. Ken is a member of the New York State Former District Attorneys Association, Brooklyn, New York; Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations- member of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section and Alternate Dispute Resolution Section; Co- chair of the Construction Committee of the ABA Section on Dispute Resolution (2004-2005); District of Columbia Bar and the New York County Lawyers Association. He is a frequent lecturer on construction and coverage related topics, as well as ADR.



Peter Brown, Esq. Managing Partner
Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara, Las Vegas, NV

Peter C. Brown is the Managing Partner of the Las Vegas and Denver offices of Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara. Las Vegas serves as Mr. Brown's home base, but he is constantly on the move handling complex litigation for his clients throughout the western United States. Mr. Brown has extensive experience in all aspects of civil litigation, including commercial litigation, construction defect, personal injury and general liability. Mr. Brown has handled numerous multi-million dollar cases to verdict. Mr. Brown earned his Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University School of Law. Mr. Brown is a member in good standing of the California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and Washington State Bars. Mr. Brown is an AV- Preeminent rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.



Richard E. Buck, Esq. Partner
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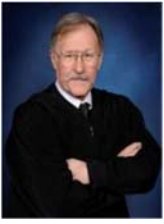
Mr. Buck has been practicing law since 1985 and is a partner at Cooksey Toolen Gage Duffy & Woog where he has handled the defense of a variety of cases including residential and commercial complex and class action construction, bodily injury, real property, bad faith and professional liability matters. He also serves as an Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, as a Mediator/Special Master, and as a Temporary Judge with the Orange County Superior Court. He has served on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Yorba Linda Water District (2011-2016) and as a Traffic Safety Commissioner with the City of Placentia. He is licensed to practice law in California and Missouri.

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**Hon. Carl Butkus, Judge
District Court, Albuquerque, NM**

Judge Carl Butkus is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (1971) and the Gonzaga U. School of Law (1977). He was appointed District Judge in the Second Judicial District in 2005. Prior to that, he was in private practice from 1978 - 2005. From 1977 - 1978, he was law clerk to Honorable Wm. Hendley of the Court of Appeals of New Mexico. Among other things, he has been past Chair of the Supreme Court Rules of Civil Procedure Committee.



**Lisa Cappelluti, Esq., Partner
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, San Francisco, CA**

Lisa M. Cappelluti is a Partner in the San Francisco office of Gordon & Rees and is a member of the Construction practice group. Her practice emphasizes the representation of developers and general contractors in construction disputes and contract consultations. She has represented clients in a wide variety of cases, for both residential and commercial construction projects. Ms. Cappelluti has substantial experience assisting developer and general contractor clients in construction litigation and contract matters. She represents clients throughout the state in pre-litigation disputes and construction litigation involving defect issues, construction site injuries, environmental issues, mold claims, contract and delay claims impacting both residential and commercial construction projects. Ms. Cappelluti's trial successes include obtaining a defense verdict on two separate construction trials as well as favorable trial verdicts in construction site injury and construction defect trials. In addition, Ms. Cappelluti has been instrumental in assisting clients in forming corporations, preparing residential development documents for associated real estate transactions, and preparing contracts for developer and construction clients. She also has advised her clients on the procurement and administration of WRAP/OCIP insurance policies. She frequently lectures to members of different contractor groups on construction issues, contract disputes and risk allocation issues facing the construction industry. She also has published several articles for the construction industry.



**Hon. Michael A. Cherry, Chief Justice (ret)
Nevada Supreme Court, Las Vegas, NV**

Justice Michael A. Cherry has been an attorney in Nevada since 1970 and was elected to the Supreme Court in 2006. He ran unopposed for a second 6-year term in November of 2012, when he served as Chief Justice for the Nevada Supreme Court. Justice Cherry will again serve as Chief Justice through 2017. While he has had a long career in private practice, he always involved himself in public service within the legal community. He began his career as a Deputy Clark County Public Defender before becoming a partner in the law firms of Manos & Cherry and later Cherry, Bailus & Kelesis. In 1981, Justice Cherry was named as Special Master of the MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litigation and in 1983 he assumed the duties of Special Master of the Las Vegas Hilton Fire Litigation. Justice Cherry served as an Alternate Municipal Judge for the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson, as well as Justice of the Peace Pro Tem and Small Claims Referee for Clark County. Justice Cherry chairs the Indigent Defense Commission that is examining how the justice system deals with criminal defendants who cannot hire their own attorneys. He also is the supervising justice over the Senior Justice and Judge Program. Justice Cherry earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1966 and a juris doctorate degree from Washington University School of Law in 1969. Justice Cherry ran unopposed for a second 6 year term in November, 2012. In January, 2019 after serving 12 years on the Supreme Court, Justice Cherry retired from the bench. With his extensive knowledge of the law as a private practitioner, District Court Judge & Supreme Court Justice he has joined the team at Advanced Resolution Management (ARM) as a mediator, arbitrator, Special Master & Private Judge. He will take Senior status as a Senior Judge for the Eighth Judicial District Court in April of this year. A native of St. Louis, he is the father of two and grandfather of two.



**Robert V. Closson, Esq.
Hirsch Closson, APLC, San Diego, CA**

Following graduation from law school in 1986, Mr. Closson initially served as a multi-lines claims representative with Travelers Companies in San Diego before entering private practice in 1987. For the past 30 years he has concentrated his AV rated practice almost exclusively in insurance coverage litigation and appeals, and the rendering of coverage opinions for insurers and insureds. His insurance practice has involved the property and casualty fields of commercial and personal lines policies with an emphasis on construction defect, intellectual property, business litigation and environmental claims. His clients have included insurers, risk retention groups, builders, subcontractors, and trade associations. Mr. Closson is admitted to practice before the California state courts and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California, the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Closson lectures both locally and nationally, and was the grateful recipient of West Coast Casualty's 2018, 25th Anniversary "Silver Star" award for best coverage counsel.

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Adrienne D. Cohen, Esq., Founder
Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen, Santa Ana, CA

Adrienne D. Cohen is the founder and principal of the Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen, an eleven-attorney firm with offices in Santa Ana and San Rafael, California and Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Cohen received her Juris Doctorate from the USC School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA. Ms. Cohen has represented major insurance companies and their insureds for over 20 years in the areas of insurance coverage and defense. Ms. Cohen is an executive board member and past president of the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court. She has been an instructor in the UCI paralegal program, where she taught legal writing, ethics and insurance law. Ms.

Cohen is AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer. She is also the recipient of the 2018 West Coast Casualty Silver Star award for best subcontractor attorney. Ms. Cohen has tried many jury and court trials. She is a proud member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She has argued and won many appeals, including those dealing with complex coverage issues, including Rosenbloom v. Hanour Corp., (1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 1477, Travelers v. Transcontinental (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th 949, Parkwoods Community Association v. California Insurance Guarantee Association (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1362, and Fort Bragg Unified School District v. Solano County Roofing Inc. (2011) 141 Cal.App.4th 891, and Bigler-Engler v. Breg, Inc. 7 Cal.App.5th 276 (2017).



Holly Davies, Esq., Partner
Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP, AZ, NM and CO

Holly Davies is a partner with Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP, and practices out of the Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado offices. She joined the firm in 2004, and focuses her practice on handling construction law and general litigation cases. Her practice includes a significant amount of construction related matters, including construction defect litigation, construction contract disputes, bodily injury litigation at construction sites, coverage issues, lien issues, contract drafting, and pre-litigation matters on behalf of commercial and residential contractors and developers. She is licensed in Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico, and handles matters in the state and federal district courts in these states. Ms. Davies is the past president of the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, where

she has also served as the editor for the bi-annual publication "Common Defense" for the past several years. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Women in Construction – West Coast Conference. In addition, Ms. Davies is a member of the Maricopa County Bar Association, New Mexico Association of Defense Counsel, Homebuilders Associations of Central New Mexico and Arizona, and DRI. Her past speaking engagements include, West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar, MC2 Annual West Region Construction Defect & Insurance Coverage Conference, State Bar of Arizona, NBI, and various insurance carrier seminars. She has spoken on topics ranging from trends in construction defects, duties of an insurer, condo conversion and bankruptcy issues in construction defect matters, and the right to repair process in western states. Ms. Davies graduated from the University of Notre Dame and earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona College of Law.



Christopher J. Day, Esq. Principal
Day, Day & Brown, Tustin, CA

Christopher J. Day, was, for 25 years, the principal of the Tustin firm of Day, Day & Brown, practicing in the field of medical, dental and legal malpractice and serious personal injury. Mr. Day is a frequent arbitrator in both civil and fee dispute matters, and has served as an arbitrator for both the Orange County Superior Court and the Orange County Bar Fee Dispute Committee for more than twenty (20) years. Mr. Day is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), is Past President of the Orange County Chapter of ABOTA, and is board-certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Mr. Day was elected the 2007 President of CAL-ABOTA, which is comprised of all eight (8) California chapters of ABOTA. He is a former Vice-Chair of the Bar's

Client Relations Committee which reviews ethical complaints against lawyers and takes appropriate action. He is both an Arbitrator and Temporary Judge for the Orange County Superior Court, and serves as Special Deputy Trial Counsel and Special Master for the California State Bar, and lectures for Continuing Education of the Bar on professional negligence. He has served as an adjunct professor of Torts and Remedies at Western State University College of Law and was one of a handful of graduates to be inducted into the University's Hall of Fame. Mr. Day has tried numerous cases to verdict in Superior Courts in California, has obtained many seven-figure verdicts and settlements on behalf of his firm's clients, and has successfully prosecuted many appeals, including a precedent-setting decision regarding professionalism and ethics, and the court's duty to consider the parties' intent when interpreting statutory offers to compromise. [*DeRose v. Heurlin* (2002) 100 Cal.App.4th 158].

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**Waseem H. Dulloo, Esq., Associate
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Waseem H. Dulloo, Esq., is currently an associate at Manning, Leaver, Bruder & Berberich, LLP, practicing in the areas of real estate transactions, automotive dealer law, general business litigation, and consumer litigation. Prior to joining Manning Leaver, Mr. Dulloo was an associate at Demler, Armstrong & Rowland, LLP, an insurance defense firm, representing subcontractors in construction defect litigation and insurance companies in bad faith litigation. Not only has Mr. Dulloo practiced construction defect law, but also worked as a construction defect claims adjuster at Chubb, the world's largest publicly traded property and casualty insurance company, handling claims in multiple states. Mr. Dulloo earned his Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Southern California (USC) Gould School of Law, where he obtained the Business Law Certificate, served on the board of the Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Association, and served as the Treasurer of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. He earned his Bachelor of

Arts (B.A.) in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).



**Rachel Ehrlich, Esq. Mediator
Judicate West. San Francisco, CA**

Ms. Ehrlich is a nationally recognized mediator specializing in complex civil disputes. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, she is affiliated with Judicate West. Ms. Ehrlich mediates litigated and non-litigated matters in insurance coverage, insurance bad faith, construction defect, personal injury, real estate (financing, purchases/disclosures, and landlord-tenant), and environmental. A mediator since 2014, Ms. Ehrlich has been designated as a top neutral by Super Lawyers. She mediates in several court programs including the Federal District of Northern California, trains mediators and mediation advocates, and regularly presents on mediation of insurance coverage, bad faith, mediation confidentiality, and ethics to varied audiences. Ms. Ehrlich serves as Co-Chair of the ABA's Committee

on Mediator Ethical Guidance, the Alameda Superior Court's ADR Administration Committee, and as a mentor to lawyers and claims professionals who are aspiring mediators as well as to UC Hastings law students and alumni. Ms. Ehrlich is a member of The Mediation Society, the ABA's Sections of Litigation and Dispute Resolution, and CLM. Prior to becoming a full-time neutral, Ms. Ehrlich spent 20 years gaining an invaluable understanding of civil disputes and the insurance industry as a casualty and coverage attorney, insurance claims person, underwriter, and insurance executive.



**Ross W. Feinberg, Esq. Arbitrator, Mediator and Special Master
JAMS, Irvine CA**

Ross W. Feinberg has served as a full time arbitrator, mediator and special master since 2007. Mr. Feinberg hold licenses in the States of California, Nevada and Colorado and actively serves as a Neutral in all Jurisdictions. An AV rated lawyer, Mr. Feinberg is a highly respected, and sought after, Neutral working on a wide variety of complex disputes including Construction Defect, Delay and Coverage Matters, Business and Commercial Disputes, Personal Injury Matters, Torts, Insurance Coverage, Bad faith and Subrogation Matters, School District Claims, Construction Accidents and Community Association Disputes. Mr. Feinberg is the recipient of numerous awards including the prestigious Jerrold S. Oliver (The Ollie) award of excellence in 2003 and served as the National President for the Community Associations Institute (CAI) in 2006.

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Robert J. Gilliland, Jr., is a senior partner of Guralnick & Gilliland, LLP in Palm Desert, California. Mr. Gilliland has upwards of 30 years of experience in construction defect litigation, real estate law, homeowner association law and general business litigation. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Claremont McKenna College and his Juris Doctorate from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. He is admitted to practice law in California and Colorado. Mr. Gilliland is an "AV- Preeminent Rated" attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. He is a member of the Consumer Attorneys of California and is also a Trustee of the Desert Bar Association ("DBA"). He is the immediate Past President of the DBA having been elected by the Judges and Attorneys throughout the Coachella Valley to serve as President for the 2019 term. Mr. Gilliland has been recognized amongst *Los Angeles Magazine's* "Super Lawyers" each year since 2011. He has been listed by *Palm Springs Life Magazine* as one of its "Top Lawyers" from 2011 through 2020 and has also been listed amongst *Inland Empire Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" each year since 2011. Mr. Gilliland was awarded the City of Palm Desert's "Community Service Award" in 2012 for his outstanding pro bono legal service to the community. Additionally, Mr. Gilliland has served as a mediator and as an expert witness in HOA, construction defect and real estate cases.



**Ronald A. Hartmann, Esq., Principal
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Mr. Hartmann has more than 30 years of litigation experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in lawsuits involving construction defects, class actions, real estate disclosure issues, wage and hour claims, insurance bad faith, and general tort litigation. He has successfully handled several multi-million dollar construction defect mass actions and class actions, as well as wage and hour class actions. In a construction defect class action Mr. Hartmann obtained more than \$40 million for more than 4,000 homes in the Santa Clarita Valley for defective domestic water plumbing pipes. In construction defect litigation, Mr. Hartmann has worked with a wide variety of homes, from tract homes and condominiums to multi-million dollar homes and condominiums. He has handled a variety of construction defect lawsuits - individual homeowners in a single home construction defect lawsuit; mass action lawsuits involving dozens of homes; class action lawsuits involving thousands of homes. Mr. Hartmann has represented condominium homeowner associations and homeowner associations in single family home planned developments. Mr. Hartmann has handled wage and hour class actions involving Fortune 500 companies.



**Judge Rex Heeseman (Ret.), Mediator and Arbitrator
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Judge Rex Heeseman (Ret.) is an established ADR professional, who also led a distinguished career as a litigator and a judge. Prior to his appointment to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2005, he represented clients in a wide variety of civil litigation matters for more than three decades. Until his retirement in 2014, he presided at 93 jury trials, adjudicated in excess of 100 bench trials, and ruled on countless motions. His judicial experience gives him a unique perspective on likely judicial rulings and verdicts. Judge Heeseman actively manages the resolution of complex, multi-party construction disputes concerning owners, developers, general contractors and subcontractors. His experience includes trials, arbitrations and mediations spanning a wide array of disputes involving single family homes, multi-use projects, public facilities, condominiums and high rise buildings. Judge Heeseman is widely known for his insurance expertise. He co-authors a leading insurance treatise and brings an academic, judicial and practical perspective. His insights often make a difference in overcoming obstacles to settlement concerning underlying coverage issues.

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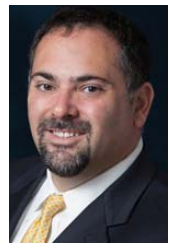
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**Hon. Susan Johnson, Judge,
Clark County District Court, Las Vegas, NV**

Susan Johnson initially was elected to serve as State District Court Judge, Department 22, on January 2, 2007, and thereafter, overwhelmingly re-elected twice, in 2008 and 2014, with over 82% and 75% of the vote, respectively. She currently hears civil and construction defect matters. Judge Johnson has been a resident of the greater Las Vegas area since November 1963. She graduated from Ed. W. Clark High School in 1977 and UNLV in 1982, where she acquired her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a dual major in public accounting and investment finance. She thereafter graduated from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, in 1985, and has been a member of the Nevada and California State Bars since 1985 and 1986, respectively. Judge Johnson is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court, District of Nevada (since 1985), Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (since 1986), and United States Supreme Court (since 1989). Before assuming the bench, Judge

Johnson, then an attorney of over 21 years, was A-V rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and the President/Sole Shareholder of her own law firm, whose practice included civil litigation, personal injury, security and/or premises claims, domestic or family law, wills and simple estate planning. Her background also includes insurance and civil rights defense, and having an active trial practice. Judge Johnson also acted as an arbitrator who has arbitrated over 600 matters, mediator, Settlement Judge for the Nevada Supreme Court, short-trial judge for the Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Pro Tempore for Las Vegas Justice Court, as well as Hearing Master in child support cases. She has taught several CLE courses and spoken at various seminars/conferences during her career, including, but not limited to that dealing with arbitration, constructional defects, rules of civil procedure, professional responsibility, personal injury cases from start to finish and uninsured/underinsured motorist issues. Judge Johnson is also actively involved in the community. She is a past president of the Howard D. McKibben Chapter of the American Inns of Court, the Rotary Club of Green Valley and Nevada Rotary Foundation, and currently serves as Foundation Chair for Rotary District 5300, as well as the Rotary Club of Green Valley. Judge Johnson also currently holds or has held memberships/offices in various other organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Junior League of Las Vegas, National Association of Women Business Owners and Henderson Chamber of Commerce to name a few. She has been married to District Court Judge Eric Johnson for over thirty-three (33) years, and they have two adult daughters.



**Brian Kahn, Esq., Partner
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Brian Kahn is a Partner with Chapman, Glucksman, Dean & Roeb. His law practice focuses on complex civil litigation, large casualty losses, business and the representation of general contractors, developers, construction managers and design professionals throughout the state of California. He has trial, arbitration and mediation experience. Mr. Kahn earned his B.A. degree from the University of Southern California and his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law. While in school he became active in politics, working in various capacities for the U.S. Senate, Governor's office and the White House. Prior to joining Chapman, Glucksman, Dean & Roeb, Mr. Kahn

practiced with various law firms, where his practice included complex litigation, construction litigation, insurance bad faith, toxic tort, business litigation and provided general business advice. Mr. Kahn is a returning speaker at West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar and has recently co-authored Thomson Reuters' *Torts (California Civil Practice Series)*. He has also been a regularly contributing staff writer for multiple audio / video and home theater magazines. When not practicing law or writing, Mr. Kahn enjoys spending time with his family and does community work through Kiwanis International; sits as a Judge Pro-Tem in Ventura County; and serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Leonis Adobe Museum, a non-profit educational group. Lastly, Brian serves as Vice Chairperson of Association of Southern California Defense Counsel's Construction Committee



**Robin Kahn, Assistant Vice President, and Claim Leader
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Robin Kahn is an Assistant Vice President with Chubb and Claim Leader of Chubb's Construction Defect Department. She has over 21 years combined claims handling and management experience. Prior to joining Chubb almost 8 years ago, she spent more than 9 years with Travelers as a Major Case Specialist and 6 years with Kemper Insurance handling a variety of complex GL losses. She was the recipient of West Coast Casualty's 2017 "Legends of an Era" honor, awarded for her lifetime contribution to the Construction Defect community.

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Joseph Kaneda graduated from the University of California at Irvine in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Art History before receiving his Juris Doctor degree from McGeorge School of Law in 1992. He is a partner in the law firm of Fenton Grant Mayfield Kaneda & Litt, LLP. Mr. Kaneda is licensed to practice law in: California, Arizona and Nevada. He is a member of the Federal Bar for the Central District of California, Orange County Bar Association, Clark County Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, and Nevada Trial Lawyers Association. Mr. Kaneda has been recognized as a California Super Lawyer multiple times in construction litigation an honor bestowed upon the top 5% of all lawyers in Southern California. He has served as an instructor in California construction defect law and participated in insurance coverage seminars. Mr. Kaneda devotes his practice to the representation of homeowners and consumers in construction defect claims.



Jennifer C. Kalvestran, Esq., Partner
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Jennifer Kalvestran is an attorney at Gust Rosenfeld's Los Angeles office. Her practice is focused on insurance coverage analysis, bad faith, and litigation. She counsels insurers on a broad range of coverage issues falling under primary and excess policies, with a focus on long-tail liabilities and other general liability, pollution liability, and professional liability coverage matters. She also counsels and otherwise represents insurers as to the "bad faith" issues arising from these coverage disputes. Jennifer is involved in all aspects of litigation, including trial practice, mediations, and depositions, and she brings a practical perspective to planning and executing these dispute resolution and litigation strategies. She has successfully represented clients in numerous matters on appeal before the

California Appellate Court and Ninth Circuit. Jennifer is a member of CLM, and serves as the President of its Los Angeles chapter. She is admitted to practice in California, Nevada, Arizona and Minnesota.



Larry Kent, Esq., Founder
The Law Offices of Larry Kent, Long Beach, CA

Larry Kent founded the Law Offices of Larry Kent in 1998. The majority of the firm's practice involves the representation of owners of custom single-family homes. Graduating from University of California, Berkeley in 1983, Larry obtained his J. D. from Loyola Law School in 1986. He has been a speaker at seminars sponsored by West Coast Casualty, Lorman, MC Consultants, LiMa Solutions, the Southern California Defense Counsel, and the Building Industry Association. In addition, Larry has acted as an expert witness in multiple construction defect and legal malpractice cases and has served as a mediator in several single-family construction defect cases.

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Jim Kurkhill, Attorney and Litigation Consultant
Law Offices of Jim Kurkhill, Yorba Linda California

Jim Kurkhill has concentrated his 25-year law practice on all aspects of construction law, including contract drafting, construction defect, project delay and change order disputes involving commercial and residential projects. He has litigated construction cases from all perspectives, representing owners, developers, general contractors and design professionals with an emphasis on the resolution of complex and multiparty disputes. Mr. Kurkhill also serves as a consultant to other law firms assisting in developing case themes and presenting tech-heavy cases. He is a frequent speaker on a variety of topics, including how technology is changing the way lawyers practice, and managing & presenting complex construction cases. Mr. Kurkhill graduated with a B.S. in Optics from the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY in 1983. Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Kurkhill worked for seven years as an engineer in the laser industry. He received his J.D. from Pepperdine University in 1993.



Gerald A. Kurland, Esq.
JAMS

Gerald A. Kurland is consistently named by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the California's most sought-after neutrals. He is known as one of the leading construction mediators and special masters in the state and is uniformly cited for his ability to achieve consensus in the most difficult and complex cases. Mr. Kurland's construction dispute resolution experience includes virtually every type of commercial, public works and residential project – university, school and sports facilities, government and airport buildings, theatres, high rises, hospitals, flood control channels, roadways, bridges, reservoirs and pipelines. He has mediated disputes involving breach of contract, environmental remediation, landslides, inverse condemnation, surety, cost overrun, delay, disruption, differing site conditions, and loss of productivity claims. Jerry previously served as corporate counsel to a large real estate development company whose portfolio included commercial, industrial, hotel, apartment, and residential community projects. Jerry received his J.D. from the UC Berkeley School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review, and graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA, where he also served as Student Body President.

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**Hon. Sue Kurita, Judge
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Judge M. Sue Kurita is the presiding judge of El Paso County Court at Law Number Six since its creation in 1998. Judge Kurita has served on the boards of Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, and on the National Association of Women Judges. She was elected Vice-President of the National Association for Women Judges and also served as the Chair for the New Judges Program for NAWJ. In 2010, the Texas Supreme Court appointed Judge Kurita to the State Commission for Judicial Conduct, where served as Vice-Chair from 2013-2015. In 2014, the Texas Supreme Court appointed Judge Kurita to the 9 member Grievance Oversight Committee and is presently the Vice-Chair. She serves on the State Bar of Texas standing committee on Administration of Rules of Evidence. Judge Kurita was named the 2018 Outstanding Jurist by the El Paso Bar Association. Judge Kurita was named the 2015 Outstanding Jurist by the American Board of Trial Advocates. Judge Kurita is a Clinical Professor of Business Law at the University of Texas-El Paso; Adjunct Professor at Park University and Excelsior College. She was named 2015 outstanding faculty member by Excelsior College. Judge Kurita received the 2013 Daniel H. Benson Public Service Award from The Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Association. Judge Kurita is committed to furthering legal and judicial education. She is serving on the Texas Center for the Judiciary Curriculum Committee and is a frequent speaker at seminars including the National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. Judge Kurita is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso (BA); Webster University; and Texas Tech University School of Law. Additionally, Judge Kurita is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute completing the Modern Greek Language Course. Judge Kurita has received certification in Criminal Law and Civil Law from the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Judicial College. Judge Kurita is certified by Mediators Without Borders, as a mediator and arbitrator. Judge Kurita is one of the 100 women featured in JoAnne Gordon's recently published book "100 Happy Women at Work". Judge Kurita has received the City of El Paso Conquistador Award; and was named a Woman Trailblazer by the El Paso Bar Association.

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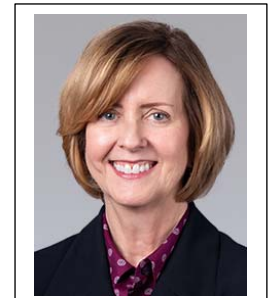
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Stacy L. La Scala, Esq. is a highly regarded mediator who has resolved a wide array of disputes, including construction, insurance, business/commercial, and professional liability matters. Mr. La Scala began his neutral career in 2011 following 21 years as an attorney handling complex, multi-party litigation involving construction, construction defect, insurance, commercial, and contract disputes. In private practice, Mr. La Scala represented a wide variety of entities, including businesses, individuals, policyholders and insurance companies. In addition to his legal career, Mr. La Scala was a regional director for the southwest United States and eventual National litigation director for a large property casualty insurer. Mr. La Scala's experience also includes serving as a Judge Pro Tem for the San Diego Superior Court.

Mr. La Scala knows the issues important to all litigants involved in a case and is able to work closely with the parties to foster resolution. Mr. La Scala is also an accomplished author and lecturer. In addition to many articles, he is co-author of Thomson Reuters' treatise *California Civil Practice: Torts*, 2013-2017 editions.



**Scott Ladanyi, Senior Claims Examiner
Arch Insurance Company**

Scott Ladanyi is a Senior Claims Examiner at Arch Insurance Company handling professional liability claims with a focus on architect, engineer and other construction professional claims. Prior to Arch, Mr. Ladanyi handled primary and excess construction defect claims at AIG where his insureds included several national and international general contractor and developer entities. Mr. Ladanyi is also a licensed attorney who defended professional liability and general liability lawsuits at a national insurance defense law firm.



**David Lee, Esq., Founder
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Mr. Lee is the founding member and managing shareholder of the firm. Mr. Lee has over 24 years of experience mediating, arbitrating and litigating complex construction general liability/BI and insurance matters, including numerous appearances before Appellate and Supreme Court level courts. Mr. Lee has focused his practice on the representation of "target" defendants in construction related claims, as well as a wide variety of other civil litigation disputes. Mr. Lee has been a featured speaker at County, State and National Seminars on litigation & mediation. Mr. Lee has also served as one of the Bar's representatives on multiple committees aimed at improving pre-trial and trial procedures. In 2008, Mr. Lee began mediating and arbitrating various civil cases, including numerous cases where he has acted as a neutral through JAMS. He is experienced in resolving disputes involving complex construction,

insurance litigation and contract issues, as well as simpler personal injury and contract disputes, which require a neutral to assist the parties in economically reaching a resolution.



**Steve Lokus, Assistant Vice President, Casualty Claims
Hartford Global Specialty/Navigators Insurance Company, Irvine, CA**

Steve Lokus is the AVP of Construction for The Hartford Global Specialty/Navigators where he leads a team of managers and adjusters for all of the construction claims nationwide, which includes bodily injury, property damage and construction defect claims on both a primary and excess basis. Prior to The Hartford's acquisition of Navigators, he was the VP of Construction Claims and also lead a team that adjusted construction claims nationwide. Prior to Navigators, Mr. Lokus was a Construction Defect Claims Supervisor at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Branch Manager for West Coast Casualty Service, Inc. In his career, he has handled and managed various claims including large commercial general liability claims on a primary and excess layer, claims within large SIRs and wrap policies with a focus on coverage, liability, risk transfer and litigation management. He is a current board member of the CLM Construction Advisory Board, claimsXchange Advisory Board, co-dean of CLM's Construction Claims

College and co-chair of Perrin's Construction Defect Seminar.

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Paul Mason, Claims Manager – Construction Claims Group
XL Catlin, Los Angeles, CA

Paul is a Claims Manager in the Construction Claims Group for XL Catlin based in Los Angeles. Paul manages a group of 6 adjusters who handle primary and excess construction defect claims throughout the United States. Prior to joining XL in 2015, Paul spent 14 years at Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty. Paul has 15 years of domestic and international claim handling experience, including construction, general & products liability, subrogation and toxic tort claim experience as well as reinsurance dispute resolution experience. Paul earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from California State University at Long Beach and his Master of Science in Insurance Management from Boston University. Additionally, Paul has obtained numerous insurance designations, including the ARE, ARM, CPCU, CRIS & SCLA designations.



John J. McLeod, Esq. Principal
McLeod Law Group, APC, San Diego, CA

John J. McLeod represents policyholders in a wide variety of insurance claims and programs. This includes the negotiation and placement of a wide variety of insurance coverages for businesses and high net worth individuals. It extends to consultation and advice concerning potential coverage for first-party losses, including under property, business risk, contractors pollution, and homeowners policies, as well as third-party claims under virtually every type of third-party policy available in the marketplace. Mr. McLeod's representation often includes the litigation of a wide variety of insurance coverage disputes throughout the western United States. Such litigation, including various forms of alternative dispute resolution, concern numerous different types of policies and coverages, whether form (e.g., ISO or ISO-modified) or manuscripted. The foregoing advice, consultation and representation provided by Mr. McLeod

also includes a variety of risk management and self-insured programs, such as fronting arrangements and high deductible/SIR programs. The construction industry is one in which Mr. McLeod specializes and he represents a wide range of clients such as national and regional homebuilders, general contractors, specialty trades, design professionals and manufacturers and suppliers. He also provides insurance advice to large homeowners associations and private clubs and member-owned associations. Mr. McLeod's representation of the various members of the building and construction trades extends beyond insurance matters and includes construction contracts, warranty and indemnity agreements, SB800 programs and claims, including alternative protection programs and enhanced protection agreements, and other, similar types of issues. Mr. McLeod also handles broker malpractice disputes and disputes involving fiduciary relationships, real property litigation, business disputes, and other types of general civil litigation.



Ravi R. Mehta, Esq. Senior Associate
Chapman Glucksman Dean & Roeb, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Ravi R. Mehta is a senior associate of Chapman Glucksman Dean & Roeb. He specializes in complex construction litigation, mold litigation, and general liability, including catastrophic torts. He has developed a premier practice of representing craft builders of museum-quality residential properties for high net worth individuals, and also has deep experience in commercial projects, manufacturing facilities, and churches. Mr. Mehta's experience extends from the pre-litigation phase through trial. Mr. Mehta has authored for leading publications in these and related fields, including the Los Angeles Lawyer, the Los Angeles Daily Journal, and AmWINS Group.

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Charles is currently with Engle Martin & Associates, a nationwide independent adjusting company and he works out of the Los Angeles/Long Beach office as an Executive Casualty General Adjuster. At Engle Martin, Mr. Mencia handles a variety of claims including casualty, general liability, general liability property damage, construction defect and workers compensation claims. Mr. Mencia was previously with Midlands Claims Administrators and handled primarily construction defect claims and general liability claims of all types primarily in California, Arizona and Nevada. Mr. Mencia's work history includes American Insurance and Tokio Marine Insurance Companies. In addition to the construction defects claims, he has experience in general liability, workers compensation, property and SIU claims.



Phyllis Modlin, Claims Manager
Markel, Woodland Hills, CA

Phyllis Modlin is a Claims Manager with Markel in Woodland Hills, California. Ms. Modlin received her B.A. degree from University of California at Santa Barbara and her J.D. degree from University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She manages a unit handling construction claims primarily in the western states. Ms. Modlin has significant experience in all aspects of claims handling and management, including damage, liability and coverage issues, reserving, risk transfer, auditing, litigation management and expense control measures.



Stacy Moak, Esq., General Counsel
Villara Corporation, McClellan, CA

Stacy Moak is General Counsel for Villara Corporation, one of California's largest Mechanical & Engineering Contractors. She has practiced law for 17 years serving as Villara's top legal officer for the last 12 years. Ms. Moak is responsible for all of Villara's legal affairs including contract, insurance and employment law, worker's compensation, legal and corporate compliance worker's compensation, and legal and corporate compliance and legal and corporate compliance. She also provides legal counsel to the company's wholly owned re-insurance captive in Bermuda. She has represented contractors before the California State Legislature and serves as campaign advisor to elected officials in northern California. Ms. Moak is a longtime member of the Anthony M. Kennedy Inns of Court, member and former Vice President of the Sacramento County Bar Association and hearing officer for Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District for 8 years.



Andrew Morgan, Esq., Partner
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Andrew Morgan is a frequent speaker at national construction defect conferences and a successful trial and appellate advocate of home builders and subcontractors in complex residential construction defect litigation in California. One of his recent successes includes a unanimous California Supreme Court opinion that eliminated negligence and strict liability claims for homeowners and closed a glaring loophole that allowed homeowners to avoid California's prelitigation inspection and repair process. (*McMillin Albany v. Superior Court* (2018) 4 Cal.5th 241.)

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Jacob Moss, Esq., In-House Counsel
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Jacob Moss is uniquely experienced in every facet of construction law. He is currently the In-House Counsel for Plant Construction Company, L.P., a San Francisco based general contractor that has been in business for more than 70 years. In this role, Mr. Moss is responsible for all of Plant's legal and risk management activities, negotiating contracts and overseeing outside counsel as necessary. Prior to joining Plant Construction, Mr. Moss worked for Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, where he handled construction payment disputes and delay claims; Selman Breitman LLP, where he defended subcontractors against construction defect claims; and Berding & Weil LLP, where he prosecuted multi-million dollar claims for homeowners' associations and other large real estate owners and developers. Mr. Moss received his J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law, and his undergraduate degree

from Bucknell University where he played Division I baseball for four years.



Charles H. Numbers, Esq. Partner
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Mr. Numbers is a partner in the law firm of Weinstein & Numbers, LLP, representing policyholders and claimants in complex insurance coverage disputes nationwide. Mr. Numbers' practice is devoted to resolving high-stakes insurance coverage disputes arising from construction defect, cyber liability, trademark infringement, copyright infringement, misappropriation, and environmental and asbestos claims. Mr. Numbers also has extensive experience with accountant and broker negligence matters as well as Directors & Officers and Errors & Omissions coverage disputes. His primary function is to characterize and develop covered claims and to negotiate with insurance carriers and counsel in order to maximize the funds available for settlement. This includes resolving disputes over defense, indemnity, allocation, and

contribution; and increasing participation by carriers providing additional insured and contractual indemnity coverage. Mr. Numbers serves as a mediator and is well respected for his ability to creatively work toward settling difficult matters. Mr. Numbers is a fellow in the American College of Coverage Counsel and frequently lectures on a wide array of insurance issues and is a featured coverage expert for the Edwards Mediation Academy's Advanced Mediation Course. In his thirty-two years of practice, Mr. Numbers has assisted clients in obtaining over \$1 billion in insurance recoveries.



Ellen A. Pansky, Esq. Founder
Pansky Markle Attorneys at Law, South Pasadena, CA

Ellen A. Pansky is the founder of Pansky Markle Attorneys at Law, formed in 1989, specializing in State Bar defense, legal ethics, and professional liability practice. Ms. Pansky is a preeminent advocate, highly specialized in the defense of attorneys, bar applicants and other professionals in regulatory and licensure proceedings and representing both plaintiffs and defendants in civil actions. She consults with and advises lawyers in legal ethics and risk management. She frequently serves as an expert witness in legal malpractice proceedings. The California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization has certified Ms. Pansky as a Legal Malpractice Specialist. Ms. Pansky is a State Bar certified MCLE provider. Ms. Pansky is a member and past president (1995-1996) of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, "APRL." She has long been active with the Los Angeles County Bar Association, served as an Assistant

Vice President of its Board of Trustees, and for years has served on several of its committees including: Professional Responsibility and Ethics Committee (chair 1996-1997, and current member); Ethics 2000 Liaison Committee; and Judicial Appointments Committee. She served as a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Senior Lawyers Division Executive Committee (2010-2012). She is a longstanding member of the American Bar Association and has been a member of its Practice Management Section and the ABA Women Rainmakers Committee. She also served as a member of Editorial Board of the ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct (2004-2007). Ms. Pansky served as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility (2012-2015). She is also a charter member of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility. Ms. Pansky is a current member and prior section chair of the United States District Court, Central District, Standing Committee on Discipline (2008-present). Ms. Pansky a member and past president (2002-2003) of the National Association of Women Lawyers; is a prior chair of the State Bar of California Committee on Women in the Law (2000-2001); is a lifetime member and previously served on the Board of Governors of California Women Lawyers; and is a lifetime member of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. Ms. Pansky has represented many hundreds of attorneys before the State Bar Court, and has briefed and argued more than a dozen cases before the California Supreme Court. Ms. Pansky holds a Martindale Hubbell AV rating, and the law firm is listed in its Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. Additionally, Ms. Pansky has for many years been ranked as a top litigator by peer review organizations including SuperLawyers, US News, L.A. Daily Journal and LA Times Best Lawyers.

Seminar Speakers



**Karen Rice, Vice President - Head of Construction Claims, North America
AXA XL, Los Angeles, CA**

Karen Rice is the Head of Construction Claims, North America, for AXA XL out of Los Angeles, CA. She supports several business units, including Construction, Excess Casualty, and Surplus Lines. Prior to joining XL in 2011 she was the National Construction Defect Claim Manager for OneBeacon Insurance (OBI), and the AVP of National Construction Defect claims and Western States ACE Risk Management claims with ACE USA. Ms. Rice has sat on the DRI Construction Law Steering Committee for the past several years, and is on the Construction Advisory Board for CLM. She is also on the advisory board for ALFA International Construction Committee and has been a frequent lecturer at various Construction and Insurance Law seminars throughout the country. She is also the past Chair of the West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Conference Speakers and Topics Committee. Ms. Rice earned her Bachelors degree from University of California at Santa Barbara and her Masters in Business Administration from the University of LaVerne.



**James E. Rogers, Presiding Judge
King County Superior Court, Seattle WA**

Judge Rogers currently serves as the Presiding Judge for King County Superior Court. He has presided over many civil, criminal, dependency and family law cases and trials since 2005. He has also served in several administrative roles, as the Assistant Presiding Judge from 2016-2018 and the Chief Criminal Judge during 2014-15. He is a fourth generation Seattleite and third generation Husky. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1982; worked as an agricultural extension agent in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone from 1982-84; then graduated from Georgetown

University Law Center in 1988. He clerked for Federal Judge Robert J. Bryan from 1988-9; worked in civil practice at the Riddell Williams law firm (now Fox Rothschild) from 1989-94; and the King County Prosecutor's Office from 1994-2004, six years in the Special Assault Unit and three years in the Most Dangerous Offenders Project (homicide unit). In 1991, the King County Bar awarded him the Pro Bono Service Award for work on the KCBA Legal Task Force for the Homeless. He has served on the Board of Judicial Administration, the Sex Offender Policy Board for the State of Washington, the University Heights Community Center, Skills, Inc., and currently the board for the Freedom Education Project Puget Sound. FEPPS provides college education and re-entry assistance to women incarcerated in prison.



**Luke P. Ryan, Esq., Partner
Shinnick & Ryan LLP, San Diego, CA**

Mr. Ryan specializes in construction defect litigation. His primary focus has been representing homeowners throughout Southern California since 1993. In the last few years, Mr. Ryan has expanded his practice to include homeowner representation throughout Arizona as well. He also has extensive experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of general civil litigation, products liability, and real estate litigation matters. Mr. Ryan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Nebraska and a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law. While attending law school, he was a member of the University of San Diego Law Review and a tutor in the academic support program. Before his legal career, Mr. Ryan completed ten

and one-half years of Naval Service as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy as a Special Warfare Officer, S.E.A.L. Professional Associations: San Diego County Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, State Bar of California (1993), State Bar of Arizona (2004).

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Seminar Speakers



Hon. Nancy M. Saitta, Justice Nevada Supreme Court (ret)
Advanced Resolution Management, Las Vegas, NV

Nancy Saitta is a former Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court having served as a member of the judiciary for 20 years. She began her judicial career in 1996 when she was appointed as a Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge. Two years later, she was elected a judge in the 8th Judicial District Court. During this time, she created the specialized Complex Litigation Division for streamlined case management of construction defect and other significant matters such as medical malpractice. Her work received national recognition as one of the top programs in the country. Consequently, she was asked to be a presenter at the Brookings Institution regarding judicial training on complex case litigation. While in the 8th Judicial District, Justice Saitta served as the lead settlement judge. In 2006, Justice Saitta was elected to the Supreme Court and served as Chief Justice from 2011 to 2012 and then retired from public service in 2016. While at the Supreme Court, Justice Saitta was the chair of the Judicial Public Information Committee and was instrumental in expanding Law Day activities in Nevada, including the creation of Law Day Live, an annual high-tech, interactive Internet forum that links courthouses through video technology and allows public participation through social media. She also served as co-chair of the Commission on Statewide Juvenile Justice Reform and currently chairs the Nevada Court Improvement Program, which seeks to improve services for children and families in the child welfare system. In 2009, Justice Saitta was chosen as one of 40 emerging state leaders for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments (CGS). As a result of this work, she was asked to serve on the CSG National Governance Working Group, which examined the organizational structure of the Council. Justice Saitta currently serves as a member of the CSG Executive Committee. Prior to her work on the bench, Justice Saitta was a senior deputy attorney general where she served as the Children's Advocate for the State of Nevada. Her efforts have won her recognition, including the "For the Children" award presented by the Office of the Attorney General, the District Attorney Outstanding Service Award, and the Child Advocate of the Year (2001). In 2000, she was given an Angels in Adoption award (2000) by the U.S. Congress. Justice Saitta, also worked for a prominent Las Vegas law firm specializing in general civil litigation with an emphasis on plaintiffs personal injury cases. Prior to that, she worked as an associate at a defense firm in Michigan where she represented hospitals and doctors. Her area of specialty was cardiac and birth trauma. Her background, in having represented both sides, in addition to her vast judicial experience, makes Justice Saitta uniquely suited to facilitate settlement on almost any dispute. In 2016, Justice Saitta retired from public service to focus on developing a private ADR practice with a focus on complex matters at ARM as a mediator, arbitrator, special master, consultant and private judge. She will also continue her service to the judiciary as a senior judge on an "as needed" basis. Her varied background and immense expertise will make her the perfect choice for complex and challenging cases in almost any area of civil litigation. Justice Saitta prides herself on being extremely diligent in her preparation for every single matter she handles. She is also well known for her tenacity in her handling of complex and high-stake matters.



David S. Schlueter, Esq. Mediator, Arbitrator
AMCC, Los Angeles, CA

David Schlueter, Esq. has considerable experience in Construction Claims/Injuries, Construction Defect, Real Estate, Insurance, and Business Litigation. As managing partner at Northrup Schlueter, APLC, Mr. Schlueter was a construction litigator for over 35 years, handling an extensive variety of cases and clients, including general contractors, architects, engineers and subcontractors of every trade, as well as property owners. He has represented clients in diverse matters including a general contractor who constructed a large project at UCSB, a multitude of condo and single family home matters, and projects ranging from hospitals to retail construction. Since joining AMCC, David has mediated numerous cases involved with construction, including construction defect, delay claims, contract, insurance and bodily injury matters to resolution, and has also served as a discovery referee in other cases.



Todd Schweitzer, Vice President - Claims
SunPoint Holdings, San Diego, CA

Todd Schweitzer is a Vice President of Claims at SunPoint Holdings and is responsible for the management of insurance claims relating to all lines of business including General Liability, Construction, Construction Defect and Workers Compensation. Prior to joining SunPoint in October 2018, he was an Assistant Vice President at Zurich American Insurance Company from 2008 through 2018 and was responsible for the management of Major Case and Professional Liability claims as part of Zurich's Latent and Environmental Claims group. Prior to joining Zurich in 2008, he worked for Travelers for nineteen years serving in multiple managerial and technical capacities. His professional experience over the last thirty two years includes both handling and managing claims involving construction defect, professional liability, general liability, products liability, premises liability, auto, and medical malpractice exposures.

Seminar Speakers



Richard Seely, Esq.
Skane Wilcox, LLP, San Diego, CA

Rick Seely is an attorney with 20 years of experience representing clients throughout California. Rick earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside in 1990 and obtained his J.D. from Loyola of Los Angeles Law School in 1993. While attending Loyola, Rick interned for the Los Angeles County District Attorney, handling preliminary hearings. Rick has experience in professional liability, premises and products liability and construction litigation. In particular, Rick has defended, through the completion of a jury trial venued in Santa Barbara, a general contractor accused of poor construction and breach of contract and has represented clients in several arbitrations. He

was a member of the William P. Gray Legion Lex American Inn of Court, several Bar Associations and has consistently been a speaker at the West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar, as well as a presenter for the Orange County Bar Association and The CLM events.



Jay Russell Sever, Esq., Partner, Insurance and Reinsurance Group
Phelps Dunbar, New Orleans, LA

Jay Russell Sever is a partner in the Insurance and Reinsurance group of Phelps Dunbar. He is also the Regional Practice Coordinator for the Insurance and Reinsurance group and head of the Insurance and Reinsurance practice group in the New Orleans office. He serves as local, regional and national coverage counsel for both foreign and domestic insurance companies. He counsels clients, manages disputes and tries cases involving a wide variety of insurance coverage issues, including matters arising from bad faith, construction defect claims, third-party liability claims, first-party claims, professional liability claims, crane and rigging claims, racing and competitive sport claims, entertainment claims,

transportation claims, environmental claims, general and toxic tort claims, advertising, copyright and trademark claims, media liability claims, multiple-year trigger and allocation issues, marine liability claims, Louisiana direct action claims and numerous others.



Duane Shinnick, Esq. Founding Partner
Shinnick and Ryan, San Diego, CA

After growing up in Grand Forks, North Dakota, Duane enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned a B.S. degree in chemical engineering in 1970. After working as an engineer for a year, he enrolled at the University of Chicago and earned J.D. and M.B.A. degrees in 1974. From 1974 to 1986, Duane was a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego, prosecuting a full range of criminal and civil cases. He tried over 100 jury trials and was elected by his peers as President of the Deputy District Attorneys Association. In 1986, Duane left the DA's office and ever since then has exclusively handled construction cases for homeowners and homeowner associations. He has represented more than 20,000 homeowners and more than 100 homeowner associations. His educational achievements include

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1970 – S.B. Chemical Engineering, University of Chicago Law School, 1974 – J.D. and University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, 1974 – M.B.A. Duane's Bar Admissions include, State Bar of California, 1974, State Bar of Nevada, 1999 and State Bar of Colorado, 2000



Jody Smith, Founder
JAS Risk Advisors, Whittier, CA

Jody Smith is the founder of JAS Risk Advisors. JAS is an independent insurance and risk management consulting firm which partners with clients to help protect them and their investor partners from insurance related risks which arise from the development and management of real estate projects. JAS develops a deep understanding of client's business objectives, practices and investor requirements and takes on the role of outsourced Risk Manager. JAS services are tailored for each client and involve several disciplines including exposure identification, exposure mitigation, management of the broker insurance placement and claims advocacy so that the ultimate risk profile is consistent with a client's overall objectives and tolerance. In addition to the oversight of insurance, JAS scope of services includes

helping clients set up protocols to proactively engage homeowners and HOAs post sale. This proactive engagement process takes several forms and is a critical factor in mitigating claims.

Seminar Speakers



Sunny Sparano, Esq. Shareholder
Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, Roseland NJ

Sunny Sparano is a shareholder in the Northern New Jersey office of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin. Ms. Sparano's primary focus during her 20 year career has been in the area of construction defect litigation representing design professionals, developers, general contractors, subcontractors and product manufacturers, both independently and through their insurance carriers, in New Jersey and New York. She also regularly handles environmental claims involving underground storage tanks, groundwater contamination, and claims pursuant to the New Jersey Spill Compensation Act. Ms. Sparano graduated from Seton Hall University in 1997 and received her *juris doctor* in 2000 from Widener University School of Law. Following law school, she served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Sallyanne Floria, J.S.C. in the Chancery Division, Essex County, New Jersey. She is a member of the New Jersey State, New York State and Essex County Bar Associations, and was selected as New Jersey's "Rising Star Super Lawyers" from 2010-2013.



Hon. Peter B. Swann, Vice Chief Judge
Arizona Court of Appeals

Honorable Peter B. Swann was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2008, and currently serves as Vice Chief Judge. From 2003-2008 he was a judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court, where he served in the Civil and Family Departments. From 2006-2008, he served as Associate Civil Presiding Judge and helped develop the court's electronic filing system. As an attorney in private practice in Phoenix at Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, he represented clients in commercial and constitutional litigation and commercial transactions. Judge Swann received his law degree from University of Maryland Law School, where he graduated first in his class in 1991. After serving as a law clerk to the Hon. Norman P. Ramsey in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, he became a member of the State Bar of Arizona, receiving the highest score on the Arizona bar exam. He served six years on the Ethics Committee of the State Bar of Arizona, has served for the past 10 years on the Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure and now serves on its Professionalism Committee. In 2013 and 2014, Judge Swann served on a committee tasked with rewriting the Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, and in 2015 and 2016 served on the Supreme Court's Civil Rules Restyling Task Force. In 2016 and 2017, he served on the Supreme Court's Civil Justice Reform Commission. In 2008, Judge Swann was named "Judge of the Year" by the Phoenix Chapter of the Arizona Board of Trial Advocates. In 2016, Judge Swann was named "Judge of the Year" by the Arizona Supreme Court. Judge Swann frequently serves as a mediator in both appellate and trial court matters.



Sheila Totorp, Senior Technical Specialist
Argo Group US.

Sheila Totorp is a Senior Technical Specialist at Argo Group US. Sheila joined Argo in 2018 after over 15 years as defense counsel for insurers, general contractors, subcontractors and construction professionals. Sheila began her career as an insurance coverage and litigation attorney, where she worked as a partner at both small boutique and national law firms. Just prior to joining Argo, Sheila primarily defended general contractors, subcontractors and construction professionals in civil claims and litigation. Sheila graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's degree and received a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law.



Jon Turigliatto, Esq., Partner
Chapman, Glucksman, Dean and Roeb, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Mr. Jon Turigliatto is a native of Southern California. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of California, Irvine in 1989. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1993. He was an extern law clerk to the Honorable A. Andrew Hauk, United States District Court for the Central District of California, in 1992. Mr. Turigliatto is admitted to the State Bar of California, United States District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of California, United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit, and United States Supreme Court. His practice focuses on the representation of the developers and general contractors in complex multi-party construction litigation, products liability and commercial/business litigation. He also counsels owners and contractors in the drafting and negotiation of construction agreements. Mr. Turigliatto has trial, arbitration and mediation experience. He is a contributor to Chapman, Glucksman, Dean and Roeb's National Construction Risk Management Handbook. He has been a speaker and author on issues related to construction and real estate, including events sponsored by West Coast Casualty, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Quality Built, and Lorman.

Seminar Speakers



Bruce Wick, Director of Risk Management
CALPASC, Redlands, CA

With over 25 years of risk management experience, Bruce Wick is an industry leader and educator on issues critical to the construction industry. His expertise in the areas of workers' compensation, Cal/OSHA, construction defect, general liability and workplace safety make him a frequently sought presenter throughout California. His most recent seminars cover topics such as SB 800, Cal/OSHA and safety programs as well as claims handling for general liability and workers' compensation. Mr. Wick currently serves as Director of Risk Management for the California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors (CALPASC), an association of 500 specialty contractors and suppliers for the construction industry in California. Additionally, he sits on several Cal/OSHA advisory committees and has been instrumental in the area of improved protection against falls on construction sites.



Courtney A. Winzeler, Esq., Partner
Kahana & Feld LLP, Irvine, CA

Courtney A. Winzeler, Esq. is a Partner in the construction/real estate, insurance defense, and general liability practice groups of Kahana & Feld LLP. Ms. Winzeler practices in the States of California and Arizona and manages Kahana & Feld's Arizona office. Ms. Winzeler has spent over a decade defending contractors, developers, manufacturers, product suppliers, and design professionals in multimillion-dollar disputes involving high profile, multifaceted construction projects facing claims for breach of contract, construction and design defect, negligence, indemnity, fraud and conversion. Winzeler received her B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Arizona and her J.D.

Magna Cum Laude from Western State University, School of Law. Ms. Winzeler is involved with the Orange County Bar Association, CLM, Orange County Women's Lawyer's Association and the Association of Southern California Defense Attorneys. Ms. Winzeler is the Chair-Elect of the Orange County Bar Association's Construction Law Section for 2019. Following her tenure, Ms. Winzeler will move to Chair of the Construction Law Section in 2021 and Ms. Winzeler also staunchly supports her Arizona Wildcats.



Lee Wright, Assistant Vice President
Arch Insurance

Lee Wright is an Assistant Vice President at Arch Insurance and responsible for the company's construction defect claims operations. He currently sits on CLM's Construction Advisory Board and is a past Dean of the Claims College School of Construction Claims. He is also a past President of the Construction Defect Claim Manager Association. He has thirty plus years of experience focusing on large, complex litigation files involving products, transportation and construction risks and has overseen national claims programs for self-insureds and foreign insurers. He has acted as a Regional Training Coordinator for a major insurer, is an approved CE instructor in several states and conducts seminars

and classes on insurance coverage and risk transfer issues. Lee has a B.S. in Liberal Studies from Middle Tennessee State University as well as having earned the Certified Litigation Management Professional, Associate in Management, Master Certified Special Arbitrator, Certified Claims Professional and Construction Risk and Insurance Specialist designations.

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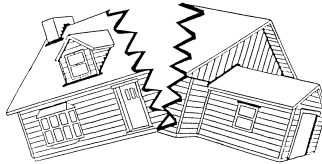
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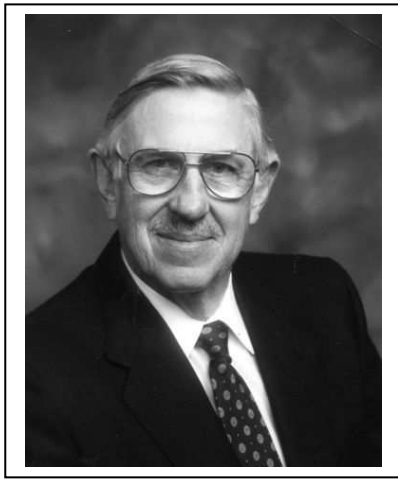
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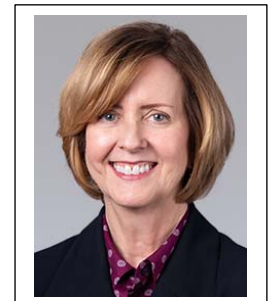
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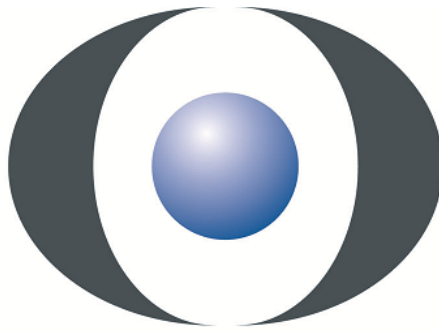
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It remains our goal that the following learning objective be met as a result of the presentation of this seminar:

At the conclusion of the program participants should be able to put to practical use the study materials combined with the verbal issues demonstrated by the speakers and/or presenters regarding Management Advisory Services, Business Management and Organization and Regulatory Ethics.

Distinguish through practical application, the use of actual financial method versus the use of actuarial method and how it impacts risk management.

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You may earn up to 10.0 CPE Credits for attending this seminar

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Friday, May 8, 2020, will be the last day to pre-register, otherwise registration will be conducted on site, space permitting.

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