2022 Winter Meeting
March 5-10, 2022 - Palm Desert, CA
Holly and I are excited to introduce and invite you to the FDCC Winter Meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, California March 5 through 10, 2022.

We sincerely thank President Bob Christie and First Lady Erin Christie for giving us this opportunity to serve as your Convention Chairs, and we thank them for their input, guidance, and friendship all along the way.

Our FDCC community is special because our collective group has worked to make it so. The criteria for membership include not only the highest display of and commitment to professionalism and civility and legal performance. The criteria include a “no jerk” element to the screening process. Our members are people that we enjoy inviting into our home for dinner. We enjoy breaking bread with one another. We love to joke, debate, discuss, dance, and play together.

We are inviting you to a special place to work and to play with your esteemed friends. The JW Marriott is located on a desert spring which is an oasis in the Sonoran Desert - a geographical special place in and of itself. Think about this: In the desert, you may take a boat ride from the hotel lobby to a restaurant.

Within view of the hotel are the Little San Bernardino Mountains, the Santa Rosa Mountains, and the San Jacinto Mountains (highest peak is 10,831 feet). Collectively known as the Peninsular Ranges, they were formed when the westward moving American tectonic plate began to override the Pacific plate. In early March, expect to see snow covered peaks which are a beautiful contrast to the surrounding desert colors of mahogany and sienna on the lower mountain slopes.

In addition to the natural beauty created by the meeting of desert, oasis, and mountains, Palm Desert and Palm Springs boast the best display of Mid-Century Modern Architecture in the world. In the late 1930’s, Hollywood Studios implemented a 2-hour rule which required the celebrities to be on call within 2 hours. Palm Desert and Palm Springs became the second home of many Hollywood celebrities because these locations are beautiful and are within a 2-hour drive from Hollywood. Some of the greatest architects in history worked for the Hollywood stars to create perfect desert homes that worked with the landscape and the natural light of the area.

The Best is Yet to Come is our Convention title because the best is yet to come. Did you know that Frank Sinatra’s last performance was held in our
conference room space in 1995? His last song was … you guessed it! The Best is Yet to Come.

Our motto is “Work Hard; Play Harder.” This meeting of friends will give everyone an opportunity to fulfill our motto. We look forward to working hard with you and to playing harder with you in the desert oasis of Palm Desert, California.

Marc Harwell    Holly Harwell

President’s Welcome

Erin and I look forward to welcoming you to Palm Desert! We were supposed to be in this beautiful location one year ago, but the wait has been worth it. Marc and Holly Harwell have planned a convention that will be over and above all your expectations. Lauren Curtis has put together a program that is topical, broad ranging, and memorable. So join us at the JW Marriott, a short drive from the Palm Springs airport. Refresh, relax, and reconnect with your friends. Experience the best of FDCC fellowship and knowledge. See you there.
Registration & Information

The FDCC Registration and Hospitality Desk, located in the Sinatra Ballroom Foyer, will be open for registration and information during the following hours:

Sunday March 6 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday March 7 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday March 8 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday March 9 7:00 am - 12:30 pm

Name Badges Required

For security purposes, your FDCC name badge is required for all FDCC events, both on and off site.

White  FDCC members and family
Blue   FDCC members-first time attendees and family
Green  FDCC members-second time attendees and family
Yellow Non FDCC member guests and family
Orange Children and youth under 21 years

Plenary and Section Meetings

Plenary and Substantive Section Meetings are open to all FDCC members and guests. Materials related to the presentations of the plenary and substantive law sections will be timely posted on the FDCC website in advance of the meeting and/or available for your perusal at the meeting and thereafter.

Optional Recreational Activities

Optional activities have been reserved according to the reservations that you made prior to the conference. Cancellations and/or changes can only be made in accordance with the registration details that were agreed upon when you registered. Many activities may be full and closed prior to the conference. You may wish to be a stand-by in this case and should meet at the appropriate time and location for that activity. We will accommodate you then if a spot becomes available.

FDCC Alcohol Policy

The FDCC’s policy is that alcohol shall be served at FDCC functions only to those attendees who are 21 years of age and older. FDCC members and/or guests who bring individuals to the Convention who are below the age of 21 will be expected to cooperate in the enforcement of this policy and to further assure that such underage individuals understand this policy.

Reservation of Rights

The FDCC reserves the right to change the schedule, location, topics, speakers and/or activities due to unforeseen circumstances.
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Approximately 234,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event venues are available at the resort. On campus, enjoy the Desert Springs Golf Club which features two championship golf courses designed by architect Ted Robinson. At the spa, experience various treatments, a healthy Spa Bistro, Turkish-style hammam, and more. The tennis facility offers 15 hard courts, 3 clay and 2 grass courts. Three swimming pools are available (one of which is the spa pool that is reserved for guests of the spa). An excellent fitness facility is on campus. An incredible video and other games center and an aviary with a Scarlet Macaw, a Catalina Macaw, a Blue and Gold Macaw, and other exotic birds are on campus.

For dining on campus for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, the Rockwood Grill offers innovative cuisine with water views from its patio. For dinner, the Mikado Japanese Steakhouse serves authentic Japanese cuisine in a sophisticated setting. For dinner, Aquifer65 and The Sushi Bar welcome restaurant patrons nightly with small plates of tantalizing Japanese fare and craft cocktails. On Friday and Saturday nights, “T&T” Time & Temperature Innovation Kitchen offers an ever-changing five-course tasting menu designed by the restaurant chefs who mix and mingle offering their insights on each course. For lunch, bask in the Palm Desert sunshine as you dine on light bites of American-style cuisine and your favorite libations at the Oasis Poolside Bar & Grille. For lunch and dinner, the Blue Star Lounge serves California cuisine in an indoor lounge and on an outdoor patio with fire pits. For lunch and dinner, indulge on freshly caught seafood and local produce and decadent desserts at the award-winning Fisherman’s Landing restaurant. A Starbucks is located in the main lobby of the hotel.

Event and Room Registration Policy

The early bird registration rate for the Winter Meeting is $1,895 for Defense Lawyer members and $850 for guests. The early bird registration date ends on February 2, 2022. Thereafter, the rate is $2,095 for Defense Lawyer members and $850 for guests.

For Corporate and Industry members, the first 60 members to register for the meeting by February 2, 2022 attend gratis with guests paying $850. This free registration is only available on a “first come - first served basis” for the first 60 to register. Thereafter, the rates are the same as described above for Defense Lawyer members and guests.

Our group room rate is $329 (plus taxes and a discounted resort fee of $15 per room per night) and will be available until Thursday, February 2, 2022 or until our block is sold out. In order to reserve a room at the JW Marriott Desert Springs, you must first register as an FDCC member. Once registered, you will receive a link that will allow you to reserve your room(s). You can edit your meeting registration up
to 30 days in advance of the meeting, adding or editing your optional activities or adding guests. So please don’t delay in registering for the conference.

Check-in is 4:00 pm and check-out is 11:00 am. Self-parking and Valet parking is available. Self-parking is included in the daily resort fee and Valet parking is available at a charge of $39 per day.

**Convention Cancellation Policy**

Registrations will be refunded if the FDCC office receives written notice no later than February 2, 2022 and will be less $100 and any applicable credit card fees charged to the FDCC by the bank.

No refunds will be made after February 2, 2022. In the event of any “special circumstances” requiring cancellation after February 2, this refund policy may be amended (based on the member’s written request), only by the FDCC President upon recommendation of the Convention Chair. It is strongly recommended that all registrants purchase trip cancellation insurance. Please note that the FDCC has no authority to modify the hotel’s cancellation or refund policies.

Charges paid to the FDCC for separate events and/or tours may or may not be refunded in whole or in part. The decision to refund these charges will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Convention Chair and will be based, in part, upon timing of the cancellation and the refund policies to the FDCC by the event/tour provider.

**Getting There**

Palm Springs International Airport is open twenty-four hours a day. The TSA checkpoint opens approximately one and a half hours before the first departure of the day. Each airline has its own operating hours, but typically airlines open their ticket counters two hours before departure time even for early morning flights. Eleven airlines serve Palm Springs International Airport with nonstop flights to more than 30 airports which include major hubs offering travel possibilities to over 500 cities worldwide.

The JW Marriott is located approximately 12 miles from the Palm Springs International Airport. Estimated taxi fare is $56 one way. Holly and I found the Uber rates in November 2021 to be more than double the taxi fare. For driving directions from the airport, click here.

**Weather**

Palm Desert at the beginning of March will likely have highs in the mid 70’s and lows in the evening in the mid 50’s. Breezy evenings may be expected. Bring some cool weather clothes so that you may better enjoy the evenings.

**What to Wear**

Palm Desert is “desert casual,” and the JW Marriott is “resort casual.” What this seems to mean is dress well casually. When in doubt, wear a collared shirt or blouse.
Committee Meetings and Educational Events: Business casual which includes collared shirt or blouse.

Activities/Tours: All are casual, and some will require comfortable shoes. Please check the information provided for each activity or use good sense.

Weather: While we can’t control the weather, we can anticipate a comfortable average of 70 degrees during the day and the low to mid 50’s during the evening.

Sunday, March 6: Opening Cocktail Reception (6:00 to 7:00): Resort Casual. After a day of travel, enjoy cocktails with friends and welcome our newcomers and Past Presidents under the beautiful Palm Desert night sky. Expect cool and breezy evenings.

Monday, March 7: President’s Reception at the Air Museum (6:30 to 9:30) Jacket (no tie) or cocktail dress with a wrap is recommended for expected cool and breezy evenings.

Tuesday, March 8: Dine With Friends (6:00 to 9:00) Dessert Party and Sing-along Led by Erin and Her Cello (9:00 to 11:00): Resort casual. For the musicians in our membership, you are encouraged to bring your instrument(s) to add to the musicality of the night.

Wednesday, March 9: Supper Club featuring Justin & The Swing Beats (7:00 to 11:00): Rat Pack or Don Draper Casual. Jacket (no tie unless it is your preference) or cocktail dress with a wrap is recommended for expected cool and breezy evenings.

Kids
While we do not have any specific activities for the kids, many of the offsite activities are “kid friendly”. Babysitting services are available by contacting the JW Marriott Concierge.

The FDCC does not endorse these babysitting services or make any representations about their quality, standards, or fitness. Use them at your own risk.

Solos
If you are attending the meeting without a spouse, significant other, or guest, the Winter Meeting is designed for you to get to know more members and make new friends. The activities that are offered below under the “Play Harder” section of this brochure are excellent opportunities to get to know people. The Dine With Friends is an opportunity for you to enjoy dinner at a wonderful restaurant and break bread with friends and soon to be friends. For the Supper Club and Band Party on the last night, you have the option of reserving a place at a table. If you don’t want to make a reservation for a table, no worries. We will have plenty of stand-up tables so that you may mix and mingle throughout dinner. The Plenary and Substantive Section Meetings are also excellent opportunities to move around and meet more members.

Charm
The FDCC started selecting gold charms to commemorate its meetings in 1960. Over the years, our tradition has been to select a specially designed charm that will bring to mind fond memories of the venue or theme of the meeting. Please reserve your charm, a gold cactus, during your registration.
The FDCC Meeting App

Prior to the meeting, the FDCC will send to all registrants a Meeting App for you to download and use to stay abreast of all developments and announcements, for you to connect and communicate with members, and to share photographs.

FDCC In-Person COVID Policy

Friends, your Board of Directors is trying to do its best in the face of very divergent opinions, pronouncements, and concerns about COVID in light of our obligation to provide reasonable safety measures for our members who are attending our events and their family members back home.

To attend the upcoming Winter Meeting in Palm Desert, we will require each attendee eligible for vaccination to provide proof of a full course of vaccination completed two weeks prior to arrival. Alternatively, we will accept proof of a negative COVID test administered within 72 hours of arrival. For those who cannot get a test within 72 hours, we will have rapid testing available on site or nearby at member expense.

Our goal remains to conduct all our events as safely as possible for the health and well-being of our members and families. Please call President Bob Christie or any of the officers with any questions or concerns.

See the following links for convenient rapid testing locations:

- Palm Springs International Airport
- Other Palm Desert Locations

Diversity and Inclusivity Policy

The FDCC actively advocates for expanding inclusiveness in the legal profession and seeks to ensure equal opportunity for all persons in the membership, leadership, engagement, and activities of the FDCC regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, disability, country of origin, socio-economic status, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The FDCC is committed to providing access to knowledge, justice, and fellowship in an environment of fairness and equitable treatment for everyone.

Special Accommodations

If you need any special accommodations, including special dietary restrictions/meals, ADA access or other needs, please reach out to the FDCC staff in advance of the meeting, and we will try to provide the necessary accommodations.

Special Thanks

Our thanks to the Hosts, Moderators, and Speakers participating in this year’s program! Biographies and additional information will be available on the FDCC website.
Hosts

Marc and Holly sincerely appreciate the following hosts for their participation in the fantastic activities provided:

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FDCC Program

Program Chair, Lauren Curtis, has put together and will lead a program of plenary and substantive law section sessions, Keynote Addresses, and other presentations. The theme of the program is Next Level Lawyering. One of the main objectives of the program is to provide inspirational stories and meaningful takeaways in addition to traditional legal content. Part of every great educational experience includes a great story. You will hear some great stories in Palm Desert.

Our kickoff speaker is former NFL superstar, Joe Theismann. Mr. Theismann will draw from his personal experience in dealing with the “Challenge of Change,” discussing how we can all learn to tackle change by being prepared for the unexpected, keeping a positive mental outlook, and committing to a vision that guides us over whatever the opposition tries to throw our way.

Our closing keynote speaker is Dr. Derreck Kayongo, former CEO of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 2011 CNN Hero, founder of the Global Soup Project, and TED TALK speaker. Mr. Kayongo, a Ugandan refugee, will share a compelling story about his journey of survival, social entrepreneurship, and humanitarianism, and the key factors that have led to his personal and professional success, S.E.L.F.-Service, Education, Leadership and Faith. Get ready to be inspired.

In between, we will have a wide range of cutting-edge substantive law and plenary programming. In addition, and in keeping with our tradition of connecting our corporate counsel and industry members at the Winter Meeting, Marisa Trasatti and Jeff Kelsey have organized a mini-Corporate Counsel Symposium which will take place on Monday afternoon. Running concurrently with the mini-CCS will be a Masters in Marketing program designed for our defense counsel members and led by Frank Ramos.
## Saturday, March 5

- **10:00 am - 12:00 pm** Officer’s Meeting
- **12:00 pm - 2:00 pm** Executive Committee
- **2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** Admissions Committee

## Sunday, March 6

- **8:00 am - 9:00 am** Finance & Budget Committee
- **9:00 am - 10:00 am** Foundation Meeting
- **10:00 am - 3:00 pm** Board Meeting
- **3:00 pm - 4:45 pm** Ladder Down Welcome Reception & Meeting  
  Launching the first Nationwide Class of Leaders.  
  *(Private event for Ladder Down)*
- **3:15 pm - 4:45 pm** New Member Orientation  
  *(Private event for all new members and first-time attendees)*
- **5:00 pm - 5:45 pm** Plenary Welcome Session  
  Join us for the kickoff plenary session, during which we will welcome everyone to Palm Desert and introduce our Past Presidents and New Members. It will be great to be together again!
- **6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** Opening Cocktail Reception
Monday, March 7

7:00 am - 9:00 am  Grab & Go or Stay Breakfast.

7:00 am - 7:55 am  Evolve - “iPad Power – Using an iPad Pro to Power Up Your Practice”

Since its introduction in 2010, Apple has continued to innovate and improve the iPad. With the introduction of the iPad Pro in 2015, the iPad Pro should be given consideration by FDCC lawyers as an organizational and productivity tool to be utilized in law practice. This session will discuss utilizing the iPad Pro in daily law practice and will give specific use cases for annotating and editing documents from the tip of your hands anywhere, at any time, through the iPad Pro. The session will also discuss the benefits of using the iPad Pro to perform tasks such as editing legal bills, pleadings, and status reports. The session will also give specific use cases for utilizing the iPad Pro to be more effective in organizing documents for use at a deposition or trial. The goal of the session is to share with FDCC members the benefits of utilizing the iPad Pro for note taking, annotating documents, marking up PDFs, importing documents, organizing documents for easy access, and sharing documents. Lastly, the session will discuss projects that are more suited to take advantage of the touch features and large spatial canvas of the iPad Pro in ways that cannot be done on a smart phone or laptop and how these touch features and spatial canvas can be used to promote organization in law practice at the highest levels.

Speakers
Edward J. “Ned” Currie, Jr.
Currie, Johnson & Myers, PA
Richard S. Dukes, Jr.
Turner Padget Graham & Laney, PA
Daniel R. McCune
Childs McCune, LLC
Paul J. Schumacher
Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, PC
Jimmy B. Wilkins
Watkins & Eager, PLLC
8:00 am – 8:55 am  
**Transportation - “Neutralizing Nuclear Verdicts: Sharing Best Practices to Limit Our Clients’ Exposure”**

With runaway jury verdicts in transportation cases continuing to rise, how can we curb nuclear verdicts? Join this session to hear seasoned trial lawyers and industry experts share their perspectives on how to combat the tactics of plaintiffs’ lawyers and avoid runaway verdicts. This panel will use Robert Tyson’s 2020 book “Nuclear Verdicts: Defending Justice for All” as a backdrop for their discussion.

**Moderator**  
Kile T. Turner  
Norman Wood Kendrick & Turner

**Speakers**  
Maxwell Brusky  
Major Case Unit Team Supervisor, Transportation  
Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.

Melanie R. Cheairs  
Lorance & Thompson

John M. Nunnally  
Ragsdale Liggett, PLLC

**Products Liability - “Governing Information Efficiently to Manage Costs and Litigate Effectively”**

This presentation will provide an overview regarding how companies should manage information in the modern era, the impact of information governance on company compliance programs and their bottom lines, and the importance of information governance in the context of litigation. Among other things, the panel will discuss the ways in which a well-crafted information governance program can serve as a tool to eliminate unneeded documents and data, reduce the cost of document and data storage, reduce litigation costs, reduce inconsistent treatment of documents and data within the organization, eliminate (lawfully) documents and data that may be unhelpful in litigation, respond to allegations by plaintiffs’ counsel of either spoliation of evidence or “document dumping,” improve employee efficiency and productivity, and maximize compliance with regulatory and other legal requirements.

**Moderator**  
Scott T. Dickens  
Fultz Maddox Dickens, PLC

**Speakers**  
Gregory M. Canfield  
Textron, Inc.

Miranda L. Soto  
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC

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Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso, PLLC
Extra Contractual Liability, Healthcare Practice, and Trial Tactics - “Don’t be Left High and Dry in the Desert: How to Handle Thorny Issues of Indemnity Disputes Between Hospitals, Physicians and Insurance Carriers in Medical Negligence Litigation”

Hospitals and healthcare networks are increasingly purchasing provider practices and hiring physicians as their employees. Plaintiffs are taking advantage of these new employment relationships by filing medical negligence actions only against hospitals and other corporate employers and by seeking to recover for the negligent treatment provided by employed physicians who are for strategic reasons not named as defendants. These scenarios can create complex indemnity and extra-contractual issues between hospitals, their employed physicians, and the carriers who insure hospitals and individual physicians, at times pitting a hospital against its own employed physician, who is not a named defendant, or against the physician’s carrier, who declines to accept the claim because the plaintiff has made no formal claim against its insured physician. This presentation will explore how to avoid these adversarial situations before they occur, by including appropriate language in provider employment agreements, and how to address them when they arise in actual litigation, without playing into the hands of plaintiffs’ attorneys.

Moderator   Luke P. Sbarra
            Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP

Speakers   Oscar J. Cabanas
            Wicker, Smith, O’Hara, McCoy & Ford, PA

            Roben Nutter Casey
            Vice President and General Counsel
            East Alabama Health

            Michael K. Kiernan
            Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry, LLP

Experienced attorneys from the ADR, Commercial Litigation, Employment Practices, and Premises Liability Sections will discuss their experiences with virtual mediations in the age of COVID-19. They will discuss their thoughts on challenges in the process and creative strategies for maximizing success. At the conclusion of this session, participants should have new ideas and helpful takeaways for getting the best possible results for their clients.

Speakers
Imoh E. Akpan
Goldberg Segalla
Robert C. Lockwood
Wilmer & Lee, PA
Brian P. Nally
Reminger Co, LPA
David M. Smith
Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis

9:00 am - 10:00 am Kickoff Keynote Speaker - Joe Theismann
To kick off our meeting, former NFL superstar, Joe Theismann, will draw from his personal experience in dealing with the “Challenge of Change,” discussing how we can all learn to tackle change by being prepared for the unexpected, keeping a positive mental outlook, and committing to a vision that guides us over whatever the opposition throws our way.

10:00 am - 11:00 am “Next Level Lawyering: Is Analytic Strategy in Litigation Becoming a Key Skill for Lawyers and Their Clients?”
For a number of years, there has been an ongoing discussion of the use of analytics to analyze behaviors and evaluate trends within litigation. For example, with sufficient data, can key variables be identified which could shape the outcome of the case? Or, based upon this same data, can a client have greater predictability around legal spend or settlement range? This discussion is intended to allow for a wide array of viewpoints around the
use of data in the selection and retention of counsel and the development of strategy in litigation.

Moderator  Lynne O. Ingram  
Campbell Conroy & O’Neil, PC

Speakers  Sean C. Griffin  Dykema Gossett, PLLC
Jocelyn Jopa  
Assistant Vice President, Director of Litigation Management  
Zurich North America
Matthew B. Meaker  
Vice President & Assistant General Counsel  
Sundt Construction, Inc.

11:00 am - 11:15 am  “Remembering Who We Are – An Inspirational Message”
As the world seemingly changed overnight, so did the practice of law. This short talk uses a little humor and history to reflect on who we are as lawyers and offer some inspiration as we enter a new era in the legal profession.

Speaker  Kile T. Turner  
Norman Wood Kendrick & Turner

11:15 am – 11:30 am  FedServes Giving Back  
The Living Desert Zoo and Conservation Center

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Corporate Counsel Symposium  
(private event for Corporate/Industry members)

“Corporate Counsel Roundtable: What Keeps Corporate Counsel Up at Night”
Industry leaders will provide a spirited discussion of the most pressing legal issues that concern corporate counsel.

Moderator  Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick  
Chief Risk Officer  
Island International Industries

Speakers:  Alexia E. Cruz  
Senior Vice President & Claim General Counsel  
Travelers
Jeffery M. Guillory  
Senior Litigation Attorney  
Shelter Insurance Companies
Matthew B. Meaker  
Vice President & Assistant General Counsel  
Sundt Construction, Inc.

April F. Savoy  
Senior Vice President & Deputy General Counsel  
Insurance Operations Law & Legal Operations  
Allstate

David T. Vanalek  
Senior Vice President, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer  
Richmond National

“Biden Administration Policy, Regulatory Changes and How They Affect Corporate Clients”

This panel will provide an in-depth look at proposed and expected changes from the Biden Administration, Democratic control of the House and Senate, as well as committees in both bodies. This panel will provide a “peak behind the curtain” at what is really happening in Washington as some of Washington’s leading corporate insiders in lobbying explain how these changes could affect your companies.

Moderator  
Tyron D. Picard  
Managing Partner, Business and Governmental Affairs Consultant  
The Picard Group

Speakers  
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Stinson LLP

Lance D. Mangum  
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FedEx Corp.

Amy Mass  
Vice President, Group Counsel  
The Hanover Insurance Group

Matthew D. Mika  
Director – Government Relations  
Tyson Food
“Navigating COVID-19 and Post-Pandemic Employment Law Considerations”
As we look ahead to the post-pandemic workplace, the “new normal” and corresponding best employment practices continue to change at a rapid pace. This panel will explore the latest and ever-evolving COVID-19 challenges impacting employers and their in-house counsel and will address practical workforce strategies for managing the influx of novel employment law developments into the post-pandemic era.

Moderator: Carrie A. McAtee  
Shook Hardy & Bacon

Speakers:  
J. Douglas Compton  
Geico Staff Counsel/Law Office of Douglas Compton  
Jennifer Lauro  
Vice President Group Counsel HR and Litigation  
The Hanover Insurance Group  
Daniel W. McGrath  
Hinshaw & Culbertson

“Crisis Management: Practical Tips for Handling a Cyber Security Breach”
Securing sensitive data is critical to protecting a company’s reputation and business operations, and ensuring compliance with global privacy regulations. Join our panel of legal and information technology experts as they explore what to do when the unthinkable happens, and sensitive company data is obtained by wrongdoers. The presentation includes practical insights regarding how to investigate and manage the legal consequences of a hypothetical cyber breach.

Moderator: Robert Jeffery Kelsey  
Managing Director – Legal  
Federal Express Corporation

Speakers:  
Troy S. Bates  
Executive Vice President – Equipment Practice  
J.S. Held, LLC  
Arnold Y. Castillo  
Managing Director  
J.S. Held, LLC
Sean C. Griffin  
Dykema Gossett, PLLC  
John W. Sinnott  
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC  

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Masters-in-Marketing - “Business Development in a Post-COVID World”

1:00 pm - 1:10 pm  “Brave New World”
COVID-19 changed everything, including how we market our practices, build our brand, become practice and thought leaders, and develop business. COVID-19 forced us to create new habits, perspectives, and paradigms in how we communicate, interact, work, socialize, and practice. We are never going entirely back to the way things were. This is the new normal, a hybrid of in-person and virtual and online interactions. This program will discuss how to master this new marketing reality.
Speaker  Francisco “Frank” Ramos, Jr.  
Clarke Silvergate, PA

1:10 pm - 1:50 pm  “Mastering LinkedIn”
This session will address how best to maximize LinkedIn for your practice and your firm. Attendees will be guided through an interactive session on updating online profiles, posting, commenting, interacting on the platform, and taking LinkedIn relationships offline. One-on-one sessions will be available before and after the seminar.
Speakers  Michelle Feehan  
Director of Marketing and Business Development  
Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry, LLP  
Francisco “Frank” Ramos, Jr.  
Clarke Silvergate, PA

1:50 pm - 2:45 pm  “Building Your Online Brand”
Panelists will discuss their online strategies for business development, building brands through various social media platforms, and maximizing the online arena to develop their practices and market their firms. They will touch on marketing through social media platforms other than LinkedIn,
such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram (what about TikTok?!) and through other digital platforms, such as emailing, blogging and firm websites.

Moderator  Melissa K. Roeder  Foley Mansfield
Speakers  Tiffany M. Alexander  Tanenbaum Keale, LLP
Michelle Feehan  Director of Marketing and Business Development  Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry, LLP
Sean C. Griffin  Dykema Gossett, PLLC
Emily R. Motto  Baylor Evnen, LLP

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm  Break

3:00 pm - 3:40 pm  “The Best of Both Worlds - How In-Person and Online Marketing Complement Each Other and Can Translate Into Business”
This panel will discuss the new normal, a hybrid world of in-person meetings and online community, and how to make the most of both. They will discuss actionable steps and examples of outreach to make contact with those they meet through digital means and how to utilize digital events to make connections that otherwise would have been made through in-person contact.

Moderator  John P. Morgenstern  O’Hagan Meyer
Speakers  Douglas K. Burrell  Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP
Alison R. Christian  Christian Dichter & Sluga, PC
Evelyn F. Davis  Hawkins Parnell & Young, LLP
Andrew B. Downs  Bullivant Houser Bailey, PC
3:40 pm - 3:50 pm  
“The Top 10 List”
Panelists will give their number one marketing technique for business development.

3:50 pm - 4:00 pm  
Audience questions and adjourn.

Tuesday, March 8

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Grab&Go or Stay Breakfast.

7:00 pm – 7:55 pm  
“Cryptocurrency: What Is It and Why We Need to Know About It” (Salon 9-10)
Experts on the cutting-edge topic of cryptocurrency will provide a primer on cryptocurrency, including a discussion of the modern cryptographic tools and methods that enable Bitcoin and other cryptocurrency technologies (Blockchain, DeFi, NFTs and beyond), as well as how Bitcoin functions to provide a decentralized censorship-resistant currency, including a discussion of a major use case: ransomware payment. The discussion will also include litigation and mediation strategies in the defense of financial services and cryptocurrency clients in this new world of virtual currency.

Speakers  
Adam Sorini, Ph.D.  
Exponent
Justin S. Wales  
K&L Gates
Surya Sharma, Ph.D.  
Exponent

8:00 am – 8:55 am  
Most companies, public entities, and law firms are aware of the potential IT
risk of a ransomware attack or other data breach. Far fewer appreciate the liability risk of becoming the victim of a data breach. This panel will discuss emerging liability risk for data breach victims, including increasingly complex litigation, Supreme Court jurisprudence, heightened federal and state government oversight, cross-border complications, and other issues.

Speakers

Roy E. Hadley, Jr.
Adams and Reese, LLP

David R. Mackenzie
Blaney McMurtry, LLP

Michael Spencer
GVP & Chief Counsel, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer
Rimini Street, Inc.

Drug, Device and Biotechnology and Toxic Tort and Environmental Law - “Two Years Into a Pandemic – What Your Jurors May Be Thinking”

Specifically for this presentation, this panel conducted a survey of 250 Riverside County, California jury eligible citizens, with the goal of learning about how they managed through the pandemic: financially, physically,
and emotionally. Who do they perceive as the heroes, the victims and the villains of the pre, during and post pandemic? How might you utilize that information in your efforts to engage in meaningful and targeted discovery, strategize for jury selection, and tell your story? Based on their experiences in recent cases, panelists will discuss how to take information like this and implement it at various points on the litigation timeline. They will provide ideas for effective discovery strategies, witness preparation, design of jury questionnaires, voir dire questions and jury selection as well as trial themes and strategies.

Moderator  Andy Johnson
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP

Speakers  Mohamed N. Bakry
Marshall Dennehey
Kelly Brilleaux
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC
Stuart Simon
American Jury Centers

Insurance Coverage and Property Insurance - “Arbitration and Appraisal: Getting Past Splitting the Baby”

We have all handled the nightmare arbitration and appraisal cases. This session will discuss tips and tactics for handling arbitrations and appraisals, including choosing an appraiser/arbitrator and umpire, providing information process without overstepping, options if you get an unfavorable award, and general strategy.

Moderator  Alycen A. Moss
Cozen O’Connor

Speakers  Jonathon C. Held
J.S. Held, LLC
Jean M. Lawler
Lawler ADR Services, LLP
Terence M. Ridley
Spencer Fane, LLP
J. Lee Wright
Director – Casualty Claims
Tokio Marine HCC
9:00 am - 10:00 am

“Next Level Lawyering: How We Got Ourselves and Our Firms to the Next Level, and What We Are Doing Now”

We will gain insight from a trio of veteran lawyers and leaders who have forged paths to personal and firm success and are now focused on ensuring that their firms, clients, and colleagues reach their next levels. In an interactive discussion full of witty repartee, they will discuss their experiences and observations as lawyers in different firms and regions on topics such as mentoring, training, succession planning, diversity, practice development, leadership, and the future of the practice of law and legal organizations.

Moderator: R. Matthew Cairns
Textron, Inc.

Speakers: Craig A. Thompson
Venable, LLP

Marc E. Williams
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Trial Masters

Great trial attorneys are critical analytical strategic thinkers who are persuasive storytellers. This session will review successful trial strategies and tactics in our ever-changing litigation landscape (the pre and post Covid lock down environment, the high paced tech/ digital world, the woke, cancel culture, social justice, and vocal fractious environment) inside and outside the courtroom. Top trial attorneys will share those tactics that have taken their practices to the next level and ideas on how to continue to ascend. The first session will address pretrial tactics to enhance your game-day trial results, and the second session will highlight courtroom tactics (from power theme trends, to visual persuasion, and jury dynamics) to improve your results.

“Next-Level Lawyering: Pre-Game, Pretrial and Trial Strategies from Incident to Courthouse Steps”

To Infinity and Beyond: Next-Level Lawyering
John J. Delany, III
Delany Law
Creating Persuasive Story Content, Discovery, Animations, and Demonstrations
Lynne O. Ingram
Campbell Conroy & O’Neil, PC

Taming the Reptile or Unleashing It
Patrick E. Stockalper
Kjar McKenna Stockalper

Streamlining the Triable Issues - Motion Practice
Miranda L. Soto
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC

Expert Strategies
Stephen C. Pasarow
Knapp Peterson & Clarke

“Next-Level Lawyering: Game Day Trial and Post-Trial Strategies”
The New Trial Landscape
John J. Delany, III
Delany Law

Visual Persuasion and Courtroom Dynamics
Edward B. Ruff, III
Pretzel & Stouffer

Trial Strategies in the New Litigation Environment
Edward “Ned” Currie, Jr.
Currie Johnson & Myers, PA

Representing the Loveless, Neutralizing Anger, and Anger Management
Rayma Church
Church Law Group

Avoiding Nuclear Verdicts, When a Tie is a Win, and Inducing Settlement in the Courthouse
Thomas P. Miller
Christie Law Group, PLLC
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  FedServes Local Charity New Member Project
Our new members and first-time attendees will join FedServes on a service trip to The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens Conservation Center. (Transportation and boxed lunch will be provided.)

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  MDC/P&O Open House & Cocktail Reception
1st, 2nd and 3rd time attendees are invited to this informal cocktail hour to mingle and meet representatives from the substantive law sections and the Chairs of MDC and P&O and to learn how to get more involved in the Federation.

Wednesday, March 9

7:00 am - 9:00 am  Grab & Go or Stay Breakfast.

7:00 am - 7:55 am  Law Practice Management - “The Great Resignation: Is Your Firm Ready?”
The pandemic shifted more than just priorities for many private practice lawyers; it also shifted their signature blocks. This panel will discuss the cultural shifts driving departures, the statistics of law firm resignations over the last year, the economics of losing employees, how firms can streamline the hiring process, and how to embrace technology to provide more effective on-boarding and team building.

Moderator   Alison R. Christian
Christian Dichter & Sluga, PC

Speakers   Jody E. Briandi
Hurwitz & Fine, PC
Stephen Embry
TechLaw Crossroads
Howard Merten
Partridge, Snow & Hahn
8:00 am - 8:55 am  **Substantive Law Section Blockbuster Presentation | Life, Health & Disability** - *“This is Not Your Parents’ Retirement: Thinking About Your Retirement Strategy”*

The panel will address current retirement trends, including retirement options in the legal profession, law firm succession strategies, personal financial retirement strategies and future trends in senior healthcare.

**Moderator**  Brooks R. Magratten  
Pierce Atwood, LLP

**Speakers**  Edward J. “Ned” Currie, Jr.  
Currie Johnson & Myers, PA  
Anthony M. Florio  
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management  
Jacqueline Genesio  
Watermark Retirement Communities  
John C. Trimble  
Lewis Wagner, LLP

9:00 am - 10:00 am  **FedLIFE - “The Best is Yet to Come: Living Today for a Sharper Tomorrow”**

Dr. John Westerdahl, a Board-Certified Lifestyle Medicine Specialist and Life Talk Radio Host of “Health & Longevity,” will discuss how to make immediate lifestyle changes that will protect against aging and disease, and he will demonstrate how those changes affect our bodies at the cellular level, allowing us to age smarter, sharper, and fitter. While we cannot turn back the clock, we can make immediate, lasting changes in our diets that will promote mental and physical strength and acuity and increase not just our life span, but our health span. Dr. Westerdahl is a nationally recognized authority in food, nutrition, and wellness. His life experience and research has led him to consult, study, and work with some of the world’s leading authorities in the fields of food science and nutrition, pharmacognosy and phytomedicine, esthetics and dermatology, and integrative and lifestyle medicine. Dr. Westerdahl formerly served as a nutrition assistant to two-time...
Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Linus Pauling at the Linus Pauling Institute of Science and Medicine in Palo Alto, California.

Moderator Lee Murray Hall
Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC

Speaker Dr. John Westerdahl

10:00 am - 10:15 am  “Lessons from the Brink - An Inspirational Message”
This short talk will explore the insights a family gained during the month their brother fought for his life in the ICU and how those experiences shaped their lives today.

Speaker Amanda M. Cialkowski
Nilan Johnson Lewis, PA

10:15 am - 10:45 am  Business Meeting

10:45 am - 11:00 am  Preview of Summer 2022 Annual Meeting – Seattle

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  Closing Keynote Speaker – Dr. Derreck Kayongo
To close out the meeting, Dr. Derreck Kayongo, former CEO of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 2011 CNN Hero, founder of the Global Soap Project, and TED TALK speaker, will share a compelling story about his journey of survival, social entrepreneurship, and humanitarianism, and the key factors that have led to his personal and professional success, S.E.L.F.-Service, Education, Leadership and Faith.
Play Harder

Each afternoon box lunches will be available for purchase prior to the afternoon offsite activities. This will enable those with “tight turnarounds” to take a box lunch on their bus or eat onsite prior to boarding. All tours will leave from the Tour Lobby and we ask that everyone arrive 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure for check-in.

Please note activity prices may fluctuate depending on the number of participants signed up, and the FDCC reserves the right to cancel any trip that does not have the requisite minimum number of participants with a full refund in the event of such cancellation.

Sunday, March 6

6:30 am - 7:30 am  Yoga  
Instructor: Michelle Nicholas - Family Nurse practitioner & certified Yoga Fit Level 3 instructor, certified Mat Pilates instructor and Tai Chi -Yang style, & certified Health Coach.

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  Mid-Century Modern Architectural Tour  
Hosts: Reagan Dukes, Richard Dukes, Lee Hall and Mitch Hall.  
Tour around 40 homes - many owned by the greatest stars of Hollywood.  
Cost: $64.00 includes pick-up from and delivery to JW Marriott. 25 participants required.
**Monday, March 7**

**6:30 am - 7:30 am**  
**Yoga**  
Instructor: Michelle Nicholas - Family Nurse practitioner & certified Yoga Fit Level 3 instructor, certified Mat Pilates instructor and Tai Chi -Yang style, & certified Health Coach.

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**  
**Spouse Hospitality Open House**

**1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**  
**Mid-Century Modern Architectural Tour**  
Hosts: Melanie Cheairs, Scott Cheairs, Mel Garofalo, and Nancy Garofalo. Tour around 40 homes - many owned by the greatest stars of Hollywood.  
Cost: $64.00 includes pick-up from and delivery to JW Marriott. 25 participants required.

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**12:30 pm - 4:30 pm**  
**Hiking Coachella Valley Preserve**  
Host: Johnny Sarber.  
This hike visits the 20,000-acre Coachella Valley Preserve, with crystal clear springs, lush greenery, alluvial gravel and sand deposits from the Little San Bernardino Mountains and Indio Hills. You will find yourself right on the San Andreas Fault in a large California Fan Palm Oasis. Tour length is 3-6 miles roundtrip, depending how much each group wants to explore.  
Cost: $95 per person.

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  

Make your own dinner plans – see the list of restaurants below.
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm  **Biking Earthquake Canyon**  
This a 2% downslope for around 20 miles. Easy, scenic, and geologically compelling.  
Cost: $139 per person.

12:30 pm - 4:30 pm  **Aerial Tram w/ Desert View Trail**  
Hosts: Lee Hall and Mitch Hall.  
The world’s largest rotating tram car - travels over two-and-one-half miles along the cliffs of Chino Canyon with a guided walk along the Desert View Trail at the top elevation of 8,516 feet offers excellent views of the valley. Due to the expected amount of snow at the top of the mountain, hiking is limited to the Desert View Trail unless you want to bring your snowshoes. Wear a jacket or wrap for cool temperatures at the top.  
Cost: $145 per person.

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  **President’s Reception at the Air Museum**  
(rated #14 in the world among best flight museums)  
Hosts: Imoh Akpan, Kaiulani Akpan, Gary Johnsen, Jennifer Johnsen, Alycen Moss, Cindy Raskin, Todd Raskin, David Smith, and Melissa Smith.  
Honorary Hosts: Our FDCC members and spouses who have served in our Armed Forces.
**Tuesday, March 8**

6:30 am - 7:30 am  **Yoga**
Instructor: Michelle Nicholas - Family Nurse practitioner & certified Yoga Fit Level 3 instructor, certified Mat Pilates instructor and Tai Chi -Yang style & certified Health Coach.

10:00 am - 11:30 am  **Book Club**
Host: Susan Gausnell; Book - *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley.
From the bestselling author of *Lily and the Octopus* and *The Editor* comes a warm and deeply funny novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew for the summer. “Grief orbits the heart. Some days the circle is greater. Those are the good days. You have room to move and dance and breathe. Some days the circle is tighter. Those are the hard ones.” - Steven Rowley, *The Guncle.*

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm  **Jeep Tour in Joshua Tree National Park**
Hosts: Tom Bulinski, Alison Christian, Heather Sanderson, and Len Sanderson.
Take a historic and rugged canyon trail from the low desert to the Mojave Desert and into Joshua Tree National Park. You will travel along a rugged trail that dates back to construction of the massive Metropolitan Aqueduct project. At its highest point, the road opens to the beautiful vistas of Pleasant Valley.
Cost: $149 per person.

12:30 pm - 4:30 pm  **Hiking Indian Canyons**
Hosts: Brad Bohn, Thayla Bohn, Lindsey Brusky, and Max Brusky.
This hike visits a highly valuable archeological and recreational site and ancestral home of the Agua Caliente Cahuilla Indians. Indian Canyons treats hikers with waterfalls, palm oases, and spectacular rock formations just minutes from downtown Palm Springs. The Indian Canyons is one of the area’s most popular outdoor destinations.
Cost: $95 per person.

1:00 pm - 5:30 pm  **BMW Driving**
Hosts: Steve Alexander, Tiffany Alexander, Clay Curtis and Dustin Calhoun.
You race different models on different tracks with professional instruction. Try to beat Bob Christie’s time of 30.029 seconds. (More information on this activity will be on the FDCC website.)
For those of you participating in the BMW driving experience, you are encouraged to sign up for the Rockwood Grill restaurant for the Dine With Friends because it is at the hotel and won’t require travel time.

Cost: $370

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Dine With Friends


Dine With Friends is your opportunity to make your own dinner reservations with friends and is our effort to give everyone who wants to meet new friends an opportunity to do so. We have hosts for selected restaurants for you to make a reservation to Dine with New Friends. In around the end of January, we will send to all who express an interest in dining with a table host an opportunity to reserve a spot at the table. You will want to be prompt and definitive in your response to that invitation because the space will be limited for practical reasons.

For those of you participating in the BMW driving experience, you are encouraged to make a reservation at one of the JW Marriott onsite restaurants which won’t require travel time.
9:00 - 11:00  **Dessert Party and Sing-Along with Erin and her Cello**  
Hosts: Noah Blechman, Tom Bulinski, Alison Christian, Christine “Chris” Kohane, Dan Kohane, Joe Kovarik, Amy Miletich, Erin Poppler, and Kevin Scanlan.  
Please feel free to bring your musical instrument(s) to the sing-along – voice, strings, and horns.

**Wednesday, March 9**

6:30 am - 7:30 am  **Yoga**  
Instructor: Michelle Nicholas - Family Nurse practitioner & certified Yoga 
Fit Level 3 instructor, certified Mat Pilates instructor and Tai Chi -Yang style, & 
certified Health Coach.

7:00 am - 8:00 am  **Fun Run**  
Hosts: Jim Hoover, Kile Turner, and Sara Turner  
Enjoy this 4.35-mile run on campus of the hotel.

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  **Sushi Class and Sake Pairing**  
Hosts: Sean Griffin and Michael Walshe  
Mikado Japanese Steakhouse on campus of the hotel.  
This special event will be an interactive Sushi demonstration class with Sake pairings. The Mikado Chefs will take you, step by step, from the proper preparation of the rice to rolling and cutting sushi. Rolls that will be made: Salmon, California, Spicy Tuna and Vegetable roll. Hors d’oeuvres will be served along with a tasting journey of Sake and its history. This is a very special opportunity! A minimum of 20 participants is required.  
Cost: $225

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  **Living Desert Tour**  
Hosts: Lynne Ingram, Karen Young, and Marc Young.  
Private Safari tours stop at every major habitat and your tour guide will lead you throughout the park, weaving animal facts, park history, and more into a fun and engaging two-hour safari that you’ll remember for a lifetime.  
Cost: $85
1:00 pm - Finish

**Golf**

Hosts: Gary Johnsen and Casey Stansbury

Desert Springs Golf Club Course (located at JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa) designed by architect Ted Robinson.

Cost: $189.00 based upon a total of 48 players. [Tee time: 1:04 pm]

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Pool Party with Cornhole Competition**

Hosts: Reid Manley and April Berman.

Join us for a fun, relaxing afternoon by the pool. There will be a cash bar and lots of fun!

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

**Supper Club Featuring Justin & The Swing Beats**

Hosts: Ernie Davis, Evelyn Davis, Heather Kelsey, Jeff Kelsey, Jennifer Moore, Joe Moore, Dave Robberson, Mary Robberson, Johnny Sarber, and William Toles.

For the Supper Club, you may reserve a place at a table when you arrive at the Meeting and check-in, or you may choose to not reserve a table and if so plan to mix and mingle and dine at the stand-up tables that will be available throughout the dining room. We will have food stations throughout the dining room.

Some events and activities require a minimum number of participants. If the minimums are not met, all fees will be refunded.
Palm Springs Air Museum (rated #14 in the world among best flight museums)
745 North Gene Autry Trail
Palm Springs, CA
Fly in a T-28 Trojan, a PT-17 Stearman, a P-510 Mustang (Chuck Yeager flew the Mustang), T-33 Shooting Star Jet, a C-47 Skytrain. If interested in flying, plan to book your flight in advance of the conference.
The President’s Reception will be held here on Monday, March 7th.

BMW Performance Driving School
86-050 Jasper Lane
Thermal, CA
You race different models on different tracks with professional instruction. Try to beat Bob Christie’s time of 30.029 seconds. This driving experience is offered as a group activity on Tuesday, March 8th.

Mid-Century Modern Architectural Tour of around 40 homes
Many owned by the greatest stars of Hollywood - Frank Sinatra, Elvis’ Honeymoon Hideaway, Dinah Shore, Eva Gabor, Dean Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Bob Hope, Cary Grant, Elizabeth Taylor, ...
Begin at the Palm Springs Visitor Center – 2901 N Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA
Maps and architecture books are available at the Visitor Center.
This tour is offered as a group activity on Sunday, March 6th and Monday, March 7th.

Explore
Exploring Palm Desert and Palm Springs on Your Own
Don’t hesitate to ask the Hotel Concierge for suggestions. Consider the following ideas to get you started:
Hiking and Biking along the San Andreas Fault
A 750-mile line where the Pacific Plate abuts the North American Plate - moves on average around 1.3 - 1.5 inches per year. Explore incredible trails through the desert and oasis of the Agua Caliente Band of the Cahuilla Indians. Indian Canyons and San Jacinto Mountain and Coachella Valley Preserve and Tahquitz Canyon and Painted Canyon. Hiking is offered as a group activity on Sunday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 8th. Biking is offered as a group activity on Monday, March 7th.

Living Desert Zoo and Gardens (Open daily from 8:00 to 5:00; rated top 1% of all attractions in the U.S.)
47900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA
This tour is offered as a group activity on Wednesday, March 9th.

Moorten Botanical Garden (Open daily from 10:00 to 4:00 except closed Wednesday)
1701 S. Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA

Art Tour (see museum and galleries below that are arranged in good order for walking).

Palm Springs Museum of Art (Open Thursday - Sunday)
101 Museum Drive
Palm Springs, CA

Galleries in Palm Springs arranged in good order for walking from the Museum:
Christopher Anthony (Open Thursday - Monday)
803 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA

Flow Modern (Open Wednesday - Sunday)
768 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA

Stewart Galleries (Open daily)
191 South Indian Canyon Drive, #A
Palm Springs, CA

Galleries in Palm Desert arranged in good order for walking
Imago Galleries (Open Tuesday - Saturday; must call 760-776-9890 to make an appt.)
45-450 Highway 74
Palm Desert, CA
CODA Gallery (Open daily)
73400 El Paseo, Suite B-1
Palm Desert, CA

Melissa Morgan Fine Art (Open Tuesday - Saturday)
73660 El Paseo
Palm Desert, CA

Heather James Fine Art (Open Monday - Friday)
45188 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA

SHAG – contemporary Palm Springs artist
745 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA

Trina Turk’s Boutique – clothing designer
891 North Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA

Desert Hills Premium Outlets (Prada, Michael Kohrs, Burberry, Kate Spade, Jimmy Choo, …)
48400 Seminole Drive
Cabazon, CA

Joshua Tree
74485 National Park Drive
Twentynine Palms, CA

Jeep Tour in Joshua Tree is offered as a group activity on Tuesday, March 8th.

Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. A fascinating variety of plants and animals make their homes in a land sculpted by strong winds and occasional torrents of rain. Dark night skies, a rich cultural history, and surreal geologic features add to the wonder of this vast wilderness in southern California. While you are visiting Joshua Tree National Park, be sure to drive by the Invisible House, owned and designed by “American Psycho” film producer Chris Hanley. It resembles a skyscraper turned on its side. Please note: There is no cell service throughout the park.

Palm Springs Windmill Self Driving Tour
62950 20th Avenue
Palm Springs, CA

The giant wind turbines are an iconic symbol as you arrive in the Coachella Valley. This self-driving windmill tour allows you to explore the evolution of wind turbines on a private wind farm from the comfort of your own vehicle. The tour takes approximately one hour depending on your pace.
Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
1 Tram Way
Palm Springs, CA

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway—the world’s largest rotating tram car—travels over two-and-one-half miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, transporting riders to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. During your approximately ten-minute journey, tram cars rotate slowly, offering picturesque and spectacular vistas of the valley floor below. Once you reach the Mountain Station—elevation 8,516 feet—enjoy two restaurants, observation decks, natural history museum, two documentary theaters, and gift shop Expect snow at the top and dress for cool temperatures. Aerial Tram tour with a walk to multiple viewing spots of the valley is offered as a group activity on Monday, March 7th.

Desert Springs Golf Club (located at JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa)

Designed by course architect Ted Robinson, Desert Springs Golf Club features two championship golf courses. Test your skills on the challenging fairways while taking in the beauty of the resort’s locale.

Our Golf Tournament is scheduled for a course at this Club on Wednesday, March 9th.

The Spa at Desert Springs (located at JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa)

Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs
401 East Amado Road
Palm Springs, CA

Agua Caliente Casino offers an action-packed, 24-hour casino with slots, table games, high-limit gaming and a gorgeous live music lounge in a setting that is stylish and comfortable. Agua Caliente Casino is also home to the area’s only fully-enclosed, non-smoking slot room.
BNP Paribas Tennis Tournament at Indian Wells
- the greatest tennis players in the world play this tournament at the second largest tennis stadium in the world.
78-200 Miles Avenue
Indian Wells, CA
The Opening rounds are March 8 – 12, 2022.
Please note: In order to enter the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, all visitors must provide valid proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 by obtaining a Health Pass. In order to provide a safe environment for fans and expedite entry into the venue, the Indian Wells Tennis Garden has instituted a Clear Bag Policy that will be in effect at the BNP Paribas Open.

Dessert Tour
Cure your sugar craving by going to these special places:

Brandini Toffee
132 S. Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-200-1598

Peninsula Pastries Palm Springs
611 South Palm Canyon Drive, #1
Palm Springs, CA
760-832-6486

Tiki Bar Tour
Check out the best tiki bars in Palm Springs and plan to use a rideshare service to safely enjoy this experience:

The Tonga Hut Restaurant & Tiki Bar
254 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
760-322-4449

The Reef
Located in Caliente Tropics Resort
411 East Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-656-3839

Bootlegger Tiki
1101 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-318-4154
Palm Desert

*Castelli’s
(open daily for dinner - reservations through Open Table]
73098 CA-111
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760-773-3365
Italian; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options.
This is a classic Italian restaurant that Holly and I enjoyed.

*Cuisinot
(open daily for dinner - reservations through Open Table]
72595 El Paseo
Palm Desert, CA
760-340-1000
California French Cuisine.
Ask to have Ozzy as your server/waiter. He’s fantastic!

*Eddie V’s Prime Seafood
(dinner only - reservations through website)
73040 El Paseo
Palm Desert, CA
760-340-9455
This is a good chain restaurant that serves seafood and steaks. Eddie V’s Prime Seafood in Palm Desert, California is located in The Shops on El Paseo near the corner of Highway 111 and Pines to Palms Highway.

*Guillermo’s Restaurante
(open daily for dinner; Tuesday-Sunday for lunch - reservations by phone or through website)
Located in the Palms to Paines
West Shopping Center
72850 El Paseo
Palm Desert, CA
760-341-0980
Mexican; Over 300 varieties of tequila.
For a good and casual Mexican dining experience, this is it.

*Il Corso
(open daily for lunch/dinner - reservations by phone)
73520 El Paseo
Palm Desert, CA
(also has a location in Palm Springs at 111 North Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 180)
760-341-6700
Italian; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options.
"Jillian’s"  
(open Monday-Saturday for dinner - reservations through Open Table)  
74-155 El Paseo  
Palm Desert, CA  
760-776-8242  
Eclectic Cuisine; Vegetarian and Gluten Free options. Dress Code... Cocktail Attire (long trousers are a prerequisite for those who prefer pants). Jillian’s is a romantic setting housed in an historic 1940s hacienda. Expect classic dishes like Scottish salmon wrapped in parchment and rack of Colorado lamb.

*Koutouki Greek Estiatorio*  
(open Wednesday-Sunday for dinner - reservations by phone)  
73675 CA-111  
Palm Desert, CA  
760-834-8221  
Greek

"Le Paon Restaurant"  
(open Monday-Saturday for dinner - reservations by phone)  
73-399 El Paseo  
Palm Desert, CA  
760-610-5320  
Contemporary French Cuisine

"Mastro’s Steakhouse"  
(open daily for dinner - reservations through website)  
73405 El Paseo, Suite 120  
Palm Desert, CA  
760-776-6777  
American; Gluten Free options. Mastro’s enforces a strict upscale dress code.  
This is a good regional chain restaurant.

"Pacifica Seafood Restaurant"  
(open daily for dinner - reservations through Open Table)  
73505 El Paseo  
Palm Desert, CA  
760-674-8666  
American; Seafood; Vegetarian Friendly. Try their baked scallops on the 1/2 shell.

*Ristorante Mamma Gina*  
(open daily for dinner - seating first come, first served)  
73705 El Paseo  
Palm Desert, CA  
760-568-9898  
Italian; Tuscan; Vegetarian Friendly.

"Rockwood Grill"  
(open daily for breakfast/lunch/dinner - reservations through Open Table)  
Located inside J.W. Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa  
74-855 Country Club Drive  
Palm Desert, CA  
760-341-1788  
For those of you participating in the BMW driving experience, you are encouraged to sign up for this restaurant for the Dine Around With Friends.

*Wilma & Frieda’s Café*  
(open daily for breakfast/brunch/lunch - seating first come, first served)  
73575 El Paseo Drive, Suite 2310  
Palm Desert, CA  
(also has a Palm Springs location that is open for dinner - reservations through Yelp)  
760-773-2807  
American, Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options.
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4 Saints
(open Wednesday-Sunday for dinner - reservations through Open Table)
100 West Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA
760-392-2020
American; Gluten Free options. Rooftop Bar.

Bar Cecil
(open Tuesday-Sunday for dinner - reservations through Open Table)
1555 South Palm Canyon Drive, Suite H-104
Palm Springs, CA
442-332-3800
French; Contemporary Bistro. Opened in 2021, Bar Cecil (pronounced sessel). This is a small restaurant that is good for groups of 6 or fewer. James Beard Award Winning Chef.

Birba
(open Wednesday-Sunday for dinner - reservations through Resy)
622 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Spring, CA
760-327-5678
Italian; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options.

Copley’s on Palm Canyon
(dinner only - reservations through Open Table)
621 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-327-9555
Contemporary American; Vegetarian and Vegan options. Located in the heart of Palm Springs, the 1940’s former Cary Grant guesthouse has been converted into Copley’s Restaurant, a casual restaurant offering a friendly indoor and outdoor unique dining experience. Executive Chef Andrew Copley has an extensive 20-year culinary background at five-star restaurants and hotels across the world and is known for innovative dishes.

Eight4Nine Restaurant & Lounge
(open daily for Brunch/Lunch/Dinner - reservations through Open Table)
849 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
760-325-8490
American, International, Healthy cuisines; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options. In a former Post Office. Excellent for large groups.

El Jefe
(open daily for lunch & dinner - reservations through Resy)
Located in The Saguaro Hotel
1800 East Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264
760-323-1711
Fresh fruit margaritas and tacos on the lawn.

El Mirasol Cocina Mexicana
(open Wednesday - Sunday for dinner - reservations through website)
140 East Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-323-0721
Mexican; Southwestern; Latin; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options.

Farm
(open daily for breakfast & Friday-Tuesday for dinner - reservations through Open Table)
6 La Plaza
Palm Springs, CA
760-322-2724
Traditional Provencal-style restaurant. The menu is comprised of traditional French dishes with locally sourced produce, eggs, and artisanal meats. They state on their website that they do not accommodate vegans.
Holiday House
(open daily for lunch/dinner - reservations through Resy)
200 West Arenas Road
Palm Springs, CA
760-320-8866
Classic Americana cuisine.

Jake's
(open Tuesday-Saturday for lunch & dinner - reservations through Resy)
664 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-327-4400
Casual, upscale European-style bistro; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options. Proud servers of the award-winning Modern Love Vodka & Gin (distilled locally in Palm Springs).

La Vallauris
[reservations through Open Table – scheduled to open by the end of 2021 following a beautiful renovation]
385 West Taquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA
760-325-5059
French Contemporary.

LuLu California Bistro
(open daily for breakfast/brunch/lunch/dinner - reservations through Open Table)
200 S Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-327-5858
California Cuisine.
They are also catering dinner for the President’s Reception.

Melvyn’s Restaurant & Lounge
(open Wednesday-Sunday for dinner + weekend brunch - reservations through Open Table)
200 West Ramon Road
Palm Springs, CA
760-325-2323
American; Vegetarian Friendly with Gluten Free options.
This is a Palm Springs classic that the Harwells really enjoyed.

Miro’s Restaurant
(open daily for dinner - reservations through Open Table)
1555 South Palm Canyon Drive, Suite H-101
Palm Springs, CA
760-323-5199
Modern European/Mediterranean; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options.

Mr. Lyons
(open Wednesday-Sunday for dinner - reservations through Resy)
233 East Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-327-1551
American Steakhouse; Gluten Free options.
The Christies and the Harwells loved this restaurant.
Palm Greens Café  
(open daily for lunch)  
611 South Palm Canyon Drive, #6  
Palm Springs, CA  
760-864-9900  
American Café; Healthy; Vegan/Vegetarian/Organic; Gluten Free options. Hippie décor.

Peninsula Pastries Palm Springs  
(open Thursday-Sunday)  
611 South Palm Canyon Drive, #1  
Palm Springs, CA  
French and European Pastries, Desserts and Coffee

Rooster and the Pig  
(open Wednesday-Sunday for dinner - seating first come, first served)  
356 South Indian Canyon Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
760-832-6691  
Vietnamese-American; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options.

Ruben and Ozzy’s Oyster Bar and Grill  
(open daily for lunch/dinner - seating first come, first served)  
241 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA  
760-325-8800  
American; Bar; Seafood; Vegetarian Friendly with Gluten Free options.  
Casual Lunch - Be sure to try their fish tacos! The Convention Team enjoyed a casual lunch at this restaurant.

Sandfish Sushi & Whiskey  
(open daily for dinner - reservations through Open Table)  
1556 North Palm Canyon Drive  
Palm Springs, CA  
760-537-1022  
Japanese; Sushi; Asian; Gluten Free options.

Seymour’s  
(open Wednesday-Sunday for dinner - reservations by phone)  
233 East Palm Canyon Drive  
Palm Springs, CA  
760-892-9000  
This intimate bar with a vintage vibe is hidden behind Mr. Lyons & specializes in craft cocktails.

Sherman’s Deli & Bakery  
(open daily for breakfast/lunch/dinner - seating first come, first served)  
401 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA  
760-325-1199  
American; New York-style Deli; Soups; Kosher; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free options. Featured on Food Network’s Diners Drive-Ins and Dives with Guy Fieri. This restaurant opened in 1963.
Spencer’s Restaurant
(open Thursday - Monday for breakfast/lunch/dinner/
Sunday brunch - reservations through website)
701 West Baristo Road
Palm Springs, CA
760-327-3446
Spencer’s has a charming patio and offers Sunday
brunch (eggs Benedict, smoked Scottish salmon),
a power lunch (soups, salads, sandwiches), or an
elegant dinner (Chilean sea bass, New Zealand rack
of lamb, steaks, and lobster). Locally voted Best
Sunday Brunch, Best Outdoor Dining, Best Power
Lunch, Best Wine List, Best Chef, Best Caterer and
Most Romantic. Gluten Free options.

Tac/Quila
(open daily for lunch/dinner - reservations through website)
415 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-417-4471
Hip Mexican eatery with eclectic decor serving
street fare, seafood, meat dishes & craft cocktails.
Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan and Gluten Free
options.
The Christies and the Harwells and Martha enjoyed
appetizers here after a day of walking Palm Springs.

Tailor Shop
(open Thursday-Saturday for cocktails - reservations
through Open Table)
140 West Via Lola, Unit A
Palm Springs, CA
760-537-7227
Craft Cocktails

The Barn Kitchen
(open daily for lunch/dinner - reservations through Resy)
Located in Sparrows Lodge
1330 East Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-327-2300
Rustic American cuisine. Especially great for outdoor
dining.

The Colony Club
(open daily for breakfast/lunch/dinner - reservations
through Open Table)
Located in The Colony Palm Hotel and Bungalows
572 North Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-969-1818
Classic Californian fare.

The Tonga Hut Restaurant & Tiki Bar
(open Thursday-Sunday for dinner - seating first come,
first served)
254 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
760-322-4449
Bar; Polynesian; Gluten Free options. Check out the
secret room hidden behind a phone booth.
Workshop Kitchen & Bar
(open daily for dinner - reservations through Resy)
800 North Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA
760-459-3451
With farm-to-table New American fare and a classic cocktail bar, Workshop sources most of their ingredients from local farms within an hour of Palm Springs.
The Christies and the Harwells loved this restaurant.

Other Restaurants in the Area
*Arnold Palmer’s Restaurant
(open Tuesday-Sunday for dinner - reservations through Open Table)
78164 Avenue 52
La Quinta, CA 92253
760-771-4653
Contemporary; Vegetarian Friendly with Vegan options.

Ocean’s Palm Springs
(open Monday-Saturday for lunch/dinner - reservations through Open Table)
67555 East Palm Canyon Drive, #C101
Cathedral City, CA
760-324-1554
Mediterranean and Californian style seafood; Gluten Free options. Oceans also offers 16 oz veal chop, rack of lamb and steaks.

The Edge Steakhouse
(open daily for dinner - reservations through Open Table)
Located in The Ritz-Carlton
68900 Frank Sinatra Drive
Rancho Mirage, CA
760-321-8282
Steak; Seafood; Gluten Free options.

The Pink Cabana
(open daily for breakfast/brunch/lunch/dinner - reservations through Open Table)
Located in Sands Hotel & Spa
44-985 Province Way
Indian Wells, CA
760-321-3771
Mediterranean cuisine with a Moroccan influence. For an interesting night club experience, check out The Nest, adjacent to The Pink Cabana. This is an interesting Palm Springs lunch spot that the convention team enjoyed.

The Steakhouse Rancho Mirage
(open daily for dinner + Sunday brunch buffet - reservations through Open Table)
32-250 Bob Hope Drive
Rancho Mirage, CA
888-999-1995
American Steakhouse; Vegetarian Friendly and Gluten Free options.

*All restaurants with an asterisk (*) are especially recommended for Dine With Friends due to large seating capacity. Please drink responsibly and never drive under the influence. Always take an Uber or other rideshare service if under the influence.