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WHERE LIFE, LAW, AND FRIENDSHIP MEET



Valerie Kellner

Set against the iconic backdrop of the legendary Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, the FDCC invites you to immerse yourself in Livin' La Vida in Miami- *Where Life, Law, and Friendship Meet*, where cutting-edge legal issues meet the energy and rhythm of Miami from February 28, 2027 to March 3, 2027.

A city defined by its year-round sunshine and vibrant fusion of cultures, Miami Beach is the perfect setting for our Winter Meeting, which blends outstanding programming with unforgettable curated excursions.

The Iconic Fontainebleau Hotel

Situated along the oceanfront in the heart of Miami Beach, the Fontainebleau offers a distinguished setting that combines architectural elegance with contemporary luxury. From the moment you step through its doors, the Fontainebleau wraps you in a sense of glamour that is quintessentially Miami Beach. Since its debut in 1954,



Fontainebleau Hotel - Miami

this iconic hotel has remained a hallmark of Miami Beach. Designed by architect Morris Lapidus, whose sweeping curves and dramatic spaces became the visual hallmark of mid-century Miami Beach, the hotel stands today as both a historic landmark and a world-class contemporary resort. It immediately became a magnet

for celebrities of the day including the Rat Pack and served as the unforgettable backdrop for the James Bond film “Goldfinger.” Most recently, the hotel earned a prestigious place on Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Awards in 2025.

You will enjoy direct access to a pristine private stretch of Miami Beach, where white sand meets the turquoise Atlantic. The hotel has multiple expansive oceanfront pools, private cabanas, and sun terraces. Spacious, modern guestrooms and suites offer sweeping views of either the Atlantic Ocean or the glittering Miami skyline, along with every modern comfort and Fontainebleau’s signature elegance.

The Fontainebleau is also home to an outstanding collection of restaurants, including Michelin-rated Hakkasan, impeccable Italian cuisine at Mirabella, and Prime 54, a premier steakhouse. When the schedule calls for relaxation, the Lapis Spa offers a full menu of restorative treatments, and a state-of-the-art fitness center ensures every need is met with seamless hospitality for which the Fontainebleau is legendary.

Explore Miami: Curated Excursions For Every Passion

We have curated a selection of afternoon excursions designed to showcase the city’s history, art, distinctive character, and scenic beauty. Afternoons are yours to explore what Miami has to offer, because Livin’ La Vida in Miami means savoring every moment. Whether you are a first-time visitor or a seasoned traveler, we have something for everyone.

Art, Architecture & Food

No visit to Miami is complete without understanding the architectural legacy that defines it. Guided Art Deco walking tours wind through South Beach’s iconic pastel skyline, where the preserved architecture of the 1920s and 1930s tells the story of a neighborhood that defined American glamour. The Vizcaya Museum and Gardens offer a different perspective entirely: a European-inspired estate set against lush tropical landscapes overlooking Biscayne Bay, blending Old World elegance with South Florida’s natural beauty. In the Wynwood Arts District, the Wynwood Mural Gardens present an open-air gallery of large-scale murals and street art from internationally recognized artists, transforming an entire neighborhood into a canvas of bold creativity.

For those drawn to immersive experiences, Superblue Miami offers large-scale, interactive art installations that



Vizcaya Museum and Gardens



Pérez Art Museum Miami





blur the line between observer and participant. Right across the street, the Rubell Museum, one of the largest privately owned contemporary art collections in North America, features works by emerging and established artists, including Keith Haring and Jeff Koons, in a converted warehouse setting.

For foodies, step into the heart of Miami's Cuban heritage on the Little Havana food and walking tour. This cultural journey highlights the colorful streets, live music, hand-rolled cigars, and authentic Cuban cuisine that preserve the heritage of Miami's vibrant community. We also have hands-on cooking classes where the city's vibrant cultural influences come alive through the guidance of talented local chefs. Also, experience a history lesson through the art of cocktail making with a journey from the cocktail's earliest origins in the 19th century all the way to the cocktail renaissance of today.



Adventure & The Outdoors

For those seeking adventure, e-bike tours offer a dynamic way to explore the scenic surroundings of Miami Beach or you can also enjoy boating excursions on the waters surrounding Miami, providing a unique perspective of the city's iconic skyline and coastal beauty. For thrill seekers, you can experience a high-speed adventure in an intimate, six-passenger boat where you get to experience Biscayne Bay including the legendary Stiltsville houses, water-only structures in the Bay rumored to have served as Prohibition-era speakeasies. Also, experience the beauty of Virginia Key Beach Park on a horseback riding tour. And, we have a golf tournament for our golf enthusiasts.





For a more casual outing, just steps from the Fontainebleau, you can take a stroll on the Ocean Drive boardwalk, which offers breathtaking views of Miami Beach. After soaking in the views, spend your afternoon unwinding at the beach or pool, the perfect opportunity to relax and recharge.

Evening Events

Sunday night will begin with our outdoor Welcome Reception for our new members on the Fontainebleau Rooftop, with the Miami skyline as a breathtaking backdrop. On Monday, we will host an elegant President's Reception at the Pérez Art Museum Miami on the spectacular open-air terrace with views of Biscayne Bay in downtown Miami, which houses world-class modern and contemporary collections in a striking waterfront building designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects. Tuesday evening features curated dine-arounds at some of Miami's finest and most celebrated restaurants, an opportunity to explore the city's extraordinary culinary scene in the best possible company. Wednesday night, our final night, we will experience "Havana Nights!". A casual, relaxed gathering where we will enjoy the beautiful ocean air and spend time with friends before returning to our busy lives.



True to FDCC tradition, the Winter Meeting is about more than a destination. It is about relationships and experiences that strengthen the bonds that set our Federation apart and remind us why the FDCC remains a professional home for so many.

Lee and I would be remiss if we did not thank everyone who made this possible. We want to extend our gratitude to our President and First Gentleman, Jennifer and Gary Johnsen; our Program Chair and her spouse, Jody Briandi and Sal Ortolano; and the team at headquarters, Martha and Bernie Heinze and Kimberly Cavender.

We look forward to gathering with you in Miami Beach - to learn, to connect, and to continue Livin' La Vida in Miami, where life, law, and friendship meet.

See you in Miami!
Valerie Kellner and Lee Kellner, Convention Chairs

PROGRAM CHAIRS' WELCOME
LIVIN' LA VIDA LEGAL IN ACTION



Jody Briandi

Livin' La Vida Legal in Action is our guide to the modern attorney's "crazy life"—from the streets of South Beach to downtown boardrooms and the glare of televised trials. This year's program follows the full life cycle of contemporary disputes: how they begin, how they spin out of control, and how great advocates bring them to conclusion. You'll move through crime, high profile trials, insurance coverage, catastrophe, AI, mass torts, discrimination, data breaches, and the future of law practice, with a constant focus on tools you can use the moment you return to your office.



The History of Crime in Miami with Dr. Paul George

We open by welcoming our past presidents and new members, followed by Museum of Miami Resident Historian, Dr. Paul George and *The History of Crime in Miami*, a fast paced tour of how the city's evolution from vice haven to global financial hub has shaped its culture and legal system.

Insurance, Courts, and the New Litigation Landscape

Our section programming begins with insurance coverage taking center stage in a two day section program, *Forecast: Clear Skies, Cloudy Claims—A Modern Insurance Coverage Boot Camp*, following a claim from inception through coverage determination—notice, investigation,



Clear skies…Cloudy Claims: Insurance Coverage Boot Camp

reservations of rights, and cooperation—then pivoting to "when the claims handling is the catastrophe," unpacking the missteps that fuel bad faith, extra contractual exposure, and nuclear verdicts.

Courts and judges are the next stop. In *Behind the Appellate Bench: Understanding Appellate Decision Dynamics*, our panel will pull back the curtain on factors that influence appellate outcomes, from legal reasoning and judicial philosophy to panel dynamics and procedural strategy. Change across the Southeast drives *Tort Reform on the Move: Transportation and Premises Claims* in Florida, Georgia, and Beyond, which distills new statutes, shifting comparative fault regimes, evidence and damages reforms, and venue tactics affecting trucking, auto, and premises exposures, and shows how to adjust evaluation, negotiation, and trial strategies.





Tort Reform on the Move: Transportation & Premises Claims



Judge Michael Hanzman on the Surfside Condo Collapse & Mass Tort Dockets

The plenary program opens with *Why Business and Commercial Courts Matter: Lessons from Judge Michael Hanzman* Following Surfside and Beyond, which uses the Surfside condominium collapse to show how specialized courts manage mass tort dockets, balance competing interests, and deliver results under intense public scrutiny, offering a playbook for complex, multi party disputes in any industry.

Modern discovery and AI are impossible to ignore. *Discovery Remix: Dancing Off the Beaten Path* challenges boilerplate practice and shows how to craft creative, proportional, strategic discovery in an era of exploding data, social media, and AI generated content. *The Future of Learning Law in the AI* Era tackles the hard questions



The Future of Learning the Law in the AI Era

head on—whether we will still have the same jobs, whether we will still need as many lawyers, and how to train new attorneys when generative AI can draft a brief in minutes—by exploring competence standards, emerging ethics rules, and practical training strategies that integrate AI without surrendering judgment or professionalism.

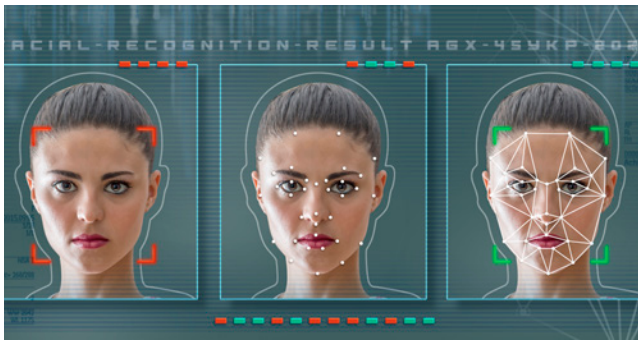


Trials in the Spotlight: Murdaugh, Depp, and the Modern Jury—Go Behind the Scenes of Two of the Most Watched Trials in Recent History

Trial Masters: Tale of Two Trials is the centerpiece of our program, featuring defense attorney Camille Vasquez and prosecutor Creighton Waters. With Mr. Waters, we dissect the Murdaugh murder trial, focusing on narrative choices, cross examination in a media circus, and building a record for inevitable appeals. We then turn to the Johnny Depp defamation trial with Ms. Vasquez, examining how social media saturated jurors, live streamed testimony, and global commentary rewrote the playbook for reputation litigation. We close Trial Masters with *Murder, Defamation, and the Modern Jury Trial*, where our panel of FDCC trial lawyers will have a candid discussion with Mr. Waters and Ms. Vasquez, distilling practical guidance on voir dire, juror psychology, and trying a case under intense scrutiny and in the media spotlight.

Technology, Catastrophe, and Global Risk

Technology and science driven disputes get equal billing. *Seeing Isn't Always Believing: How Deepfakes, Altered Video, and AI Are Reshaping Litigation* shows how manipulated audio and video are eroding assumptions about "what the jury can see for itself," and outlines



tools and strategies for authentication, discovery into source files and metadata, and educating judges and jurors about engineered perception. In *International Crossroads: The Intersection of Regulatory and Litigation in the Products and Medical Device Space*, faculty trace



Regulations & Litigation in Products & Medical Devices

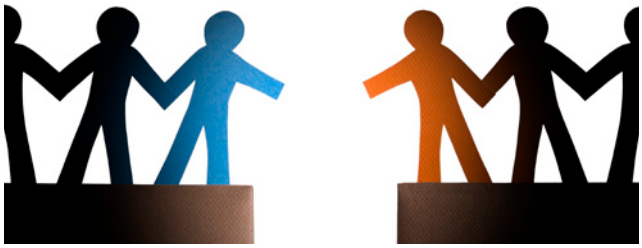
how global regulators, scientific findings, and coordinated plaintiffs' efforts converge in cross border litigation, and how regulatory actions can either inoculate companies or serve as roadmaps for plaintiffs. *The Power and Punishment of Powder: Defending Talc Claims in U.S. Courts and When the Structure Fails: Legal, Engineering, and Risk Lessons from Catastrophic Construction Losses*



Defending Talc Claims

provide deep dives into toxic tort and construction failure risks, from Daubert battles and jury psychology to allocation among design and construction professionals and insurance and reinsurance consequences.

Governance and workplace risk round out our program. *Is that REALLY Discrimination?* Recognizing, Responding, and Reducing Risk uses realistic hypotheticals to separate genuine discrimination from everyday conflict and to show how investigations, documentation, and communication can reduce liability while preserving culture.



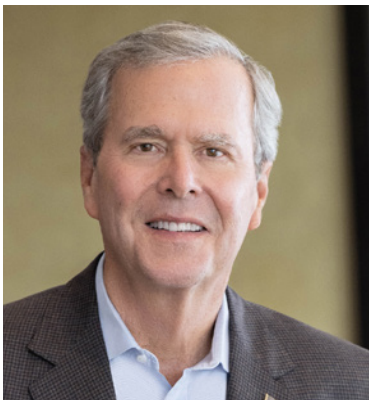
Discrimination v. Everyday Conflict: Responding & Reducing Risk



Case Study: Data Breach at a Law Firm

On the plenary stage, *Case Study: Data Breach at a Law Firm* walks you through a simulated breach from first alert and internal scramble to client notification, regulatory response, insurer coordination, and post incident remediation decisions that can determine a firm's future.

Signature Conversation: Fireside Chat with Governor Jeb Bush



We close with a *Keynote Fireside Chat with Governor Jeb Bush*, offering an insider's view of leadership, crisis management, and policy reform from the former Governor of Florida. Drawing on experience with hurricanes, large scale emergencies, and landmark reforms, Governor Bush will discuss lessons learned from spearheading bold education reforms, including navigating political resistance, tracking the results of reforms, and building durable coalitions for change. He will also share candid insights on decision making under pressure, leading through controversy, and managing crises in the public arena—offering practical takeaways for lawyers and business leaders who must guide institutions through periods of intense scrutiny and rapid change.

We look forward to seeing you in Miami and *Livin' La Vida Legal in Action* together for three unforgettable days of learning, laughter, and law.

Jody Briandi and Sal Ortolano, Program Chairs

THE PRESIDENT'S AND FIRST GENTLEMAN'S WELCOME



Gary and I would like to thank Valerie Kellner and Jody Briandi for their work on the 2027 Annual meeting. Their creativity and commitment to excellence provide our members with an exceptional opportunity to learn, build new relationships and make new friends. We look forward to seeing our FDCC family in Miami.

Jennifer and Gary Johnsen



IMPORTANT

PLEASE REVIEW BEFORE THE MEETING

This brochure was created months in advance to give you a preview of the program. While the overall structure will remain the same, please note that times, session locations, and room assignments often change as we get closer to the meeting. Printed copies quickly become outdated and should not be relied upon once you arrive.

For the most accurate and current information, you must use the FDCC Event App. The app is updated in real time and includes all program adjustments, speaker information, and announcements.

It is the **official guide to the meeting**, and the only way to ensure you have the correct schedule throughout the event.

Please do not print or bring this brochure to the meeting, as it will not reflect the latest changes. Instead, download and familiarize yourself with the app in advance.

If you need assistance downloading, setting up, or navigating the FDCC Event App, reach out to the FDCC team - we are here to help make your meeting experience smooth and up to date.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Fontainebleau Hotel | 4441 Collins Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33140 | 800-548-8886

www.fontainebleau.com

A landmark of American luxury hospitality since 1954, the Fontainebleau Miami Beach is situated on Collins Avenue along the shores of Miami Beach, recognized consistently among the Top 10 Hotels by Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards in 2025. Renowned for its striking mid-century modern architecture, it blends historic elegance with contemporary sophistication. The hotel provides guests with the ultimate luxury destination, offering world-class hospitality, ocean and city view rooms, fine dining, meeting facilities, spa services and a spectacular multi-pool complex with direct beach access.

The negotiated room rate for the FDCC Winter Meeting is $429 per night, plus a $42 resort fee. The resort fee includes gym access, including daily fitness classes, beach lounge chairs, kayaks and paddleboards (up to 30 minutes), a banana boat ride and two hours of bicycle usage. As the end of February is the hotel's peak season, we strongly encourage you to book your room early to ensure availability and take advantage of this exclusive rate as the prevailing hotel rates may be significantly higher. Our room rate is available until January 26, 2027, or until the room block is fully booked. Check-in is at 4:00 p.m., and check-out is at 11:00 a.m. Valet services are available at the hotel for $75 per day.

After you register, you will receive a link to reserve a room in our room block.

Please note that you must register for the Winter Meeting before booking a room.

THE RESORT HAS MULTIPLE AMENITIES, INCLUDING…

Pool Complex and Beach

There are 10 unique pools with multiple dining options poolside, and Arkadia Day Club, an exclusive adult-only pool. There are 33 lavish cabanas available for rental. Also, enjoy access to the pristine Miami Beach which is literally a few steps away from the hotel providing rental umbrellas, lounge chairs and cabanas.

Fitness Center

Enjoy the modern 5,800 square foot on-property fitness center with spectacular wall to wall windows with views of the pools and Atlantic Ocean and featuring inspired wellness classes, Pilates and state-of-the-art exercise equipment. The fitness center is complimentary and available to all hotel guests.



Sports

Kayaks and paddleboards (up to 30 minutes), a banana boat ride and two hours of bicycle usage are included in the resort fee.

Restaurants

Hakkasan: Enjoy award-winning modern Cantonese cuisine prepared with premium ingredients and an innovative perspective.

Mirabella: Coastal Italian cuisine featuring rich plates from land and sea.

Prime 54: Classic steakhouse with globally sourced cuts, locally harvested vegetables and a striking two-story setting anchored by a glass-enclosed wine tower.

Lapis Spa

The luxurious spa focuses on relaxation, restoration and rejuvenation. This stunning two-level spa harnesses the natural qualities of water to create a shared experience that is both restorative and renewing. Experience thermal therapies and a range of treatments including massages, scrubs, facials, manicures, pedicures and more.

Getting There

With nonstop flights from almost every major city, Miami International Airport (MIA) is 12 miles from the hotel, which is about a 25-minute taxi or Uber ride. Another option is the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), which is 30 miles from the hotel and about a 35-minute taxi or Uber ride. We would encourage you to use a taxi or Uber instead of renting a car to travel to the hotel or if you want to venture off on your own during the week. There is only valet service and no self-parking at the hotel.

Dress Code and Weather

Miami generally enjoys sunny weather in late February, with average daytime highs around 75-80 degrees and evening lows in the 60s. There is a slight chance of rain. Since many of our afternoon activities are outdoors, please pack appropriate clothing including plenty of sunscreen, a hat/visor, and a water bottle.

We recommend business casual attire for the program and business meetings. Most restaurants in the area have a casual dress code, so it's advisable to keep this in mind when planning your attire.

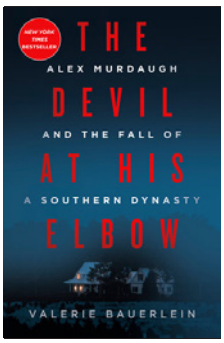
The opening reception on Sunday is come-as-you-are. The President's Reception on Monday will be cocktail attire minus ties for the men. The Beach Night on Wednesday is casual resort attire-wear something comfortable.

Charm



The FDCC started selecting gold charms to commemorate its meetings in 1960. Since then, choosing a specially designed charm has become a tradition to mark your time at the meeting. This year, President Jennifer Johnsen has selected a Flamingo. An iconic symbol of Florida, the flamingo embodies the vibrant spirit and energy of Miami Beach. Charms are specially ordered, so be sure to purchase your charm when you register.

Book Club



The Devil at His Elbow by Valerie Bauerlein, a reporter for the Wall Street Journal uncovers the Murdaugh family's legacy of corruption and power in South Carolina. From the origins of the legal dynasty's founder, Randolph Murdaugh Sr. to Alex Murdaugh's financial crimes and the murders of his wife and son, the book details the unraveling of this influential family's grip on the region through deception and manipulation. Bauerlein, who also attended and reported on the Alex Murdaugh trial, details the investigation, prosecution and conviction of Alex Murdaugh making this a compelling read.

You will also get the added bonus of hearing from Creighton Waters, the lead prosecutor for the Alex Murdaugh trial, who will be presenting on March 2, 2027 as part of the Trial Masters Program!


ROOM NUMBERING:
VERSAILLES TOWER
floors 5-17, room numbers: 61-91
CHATEAU TOWER
floors 4-15, room numbers: 00-60
SORRENTO TOWER
5 digit number beginning with the #3: S 30301-31917
TRÉSOR TOWER
5 digit number beginning with the #2: T 20701-23702
CASUAL DINING & SNACKS
1. Chez Bon Bon - Coffee, Cakes, Patisseries, and Chocolates - Chateau, Lobby Level
2. Vida - All day dining - Chateau, Lobby Level
3. Blade Sushi - Sushi - Chateau, Lobby Level, inside Vida
4. Fresh - Breakfast, Lunch Bites, and Gelato - Poolside Corridor, Lower Level
5. La Côte - Mediterranean Grill - Beach/Poolside
6. Arkadia Grill - Flavorful Pizzas & Burgers, Inspired Cocktails & Beers - Chateau Lobby, Lower Level
SIGNATURE DINING
7. Prime 54 - Innovative Steakhouse - Chateau, Lobby Level
8. Hakkasan - Modern Chinese Cuisine - Lapis 4th Floor
9. Mirabella - Coastal Italian by Michael White
LAPIS SPA | WELLNESS
10. Lapis Spa - Lapis, Lower Level
11. Lapis Hair & Nail Salon - Lapis, Lower Level
12. The Gym - End of Vida Corridor, up at the Ramp
13. Circuit Training - Daily 6:10 AM – 9 AM
14. Yoga - Friday, Saturday, & Sunday at 7 AM
15. FB Bicycles - Far Left Corner of Sea Green Lawn
BARS, NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT
16. Bleau Bar* - Cocktails - Chateau Lobby
17. Glow Bar - Cocktails - Poolside
18. LIV* - Nightclub - Chateau Lobby
19. Arkadia Grill - Flavorful Pizzas & Burgers, Inspired Cocktails & Beers - Chateau Lobby
20. Arkadia Pool Deck/Day Club - 21+
21. BleauLive Stage - Ocean Lawn
22. La Côte - Mediterranean Grill - Beach/Poolside
23. Moët Vending Machine - Moët & Chandon Vending Machine - Next to Chateau Front Desk
24. Beach Event Space
POOLS & BEACH
25. Kids' Pool & Water Slide
26. Oasis Pool
27. Bowtie Pool
28. Bowtie Pool Jacuzzi
29. Arkadia Day Club
30. Tresor Pool & Jacuzzi - 7th Floor
31. Sorrento Pool - 5th Floor
32. Pool Hut
33. Beach Hut - Beach Concessions
34. Banana Boats
SHOPPING
35. Aquamarine - Swimwear, Sunglasses, and Children's Pool Toys - Poolside Corridor, Lower Level
36. Bleau Signature - Branded Fontainebleau Apparel and Gifts - Poolside Corridor, Lower Level
37. Ida and Harry - Designer Women and Men Boutique - Chateau Lobby, Lower Level
38. Lapis Retail - Bath & Body, Active Wear, and Intimates - Inside Lapis Spa
39. Morris & Co. - Gifts, Travel Accessories and Sundries - Chateau Lobby, across from Chateau Front Desk
40. Timeless - Fine Jewelry and Watches - Chateau Lobby
TRÉSOR TOWER
SORRENTO TOWER
CHATEAU TOWER
VERSAILLES TOWER
FONTAINEBLEAU MARINA
ARRIVALS DRIVE
DEPARTURES DRIVE
COLLINS AVE.
CONVENTION CENTER
Ai WEIWEI CHANDELIERS
Chateau Lobby
ARKADIA GRILL
VIDA/BLADE
HAKKASAN
PRIME 54
LIV
Departures Drive
Coastal Events Center
44TH STREET
SOUTH DRIVE ENTRANCE
Pool Access
LAPIS SPA & SALON
The Gym
Lapis Circle
Ocean Lawn
Beach Access
Beach Event Space
Tropez Lawn
Island Cabana
La Côte Lawn
BOARDWALK
MIRABELLA
LA CÔTE
Sea Green Lawn
Beach Access
Beach Access
FONTAINEBLEAU
MIAMI BEACH
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Rideshare Pick-up • Departures Drive
Boarding Pass Kiosk (3) • Near Chateau Concierge
Restrooms -14 locations • 6 - Versailles • 3 - Chateau • 2 - Tresor between Kids' Camp, lower level • 2 - Sorrento • 1 - La Côte
ATM - 6 locations • Near Enterprise Rent-A-Car • Arkadia Grill • Aquamarine • Next to Tresor Front Desk (left of desk) • LIV - 2 locations – inside and outside nightclub
Valet Parking Booth • Arrivals Drive • Departures Drive • South Drive
Handicap Accessible Elevator
Elevator
Smoking Area
Reflect Meeting Room
FB Pets' Park
Refresh Lounge • Lower Level - Versailles
Quiet Area • Lower Level - Sorrento & Trésor
FB Bicycles

MEETING REGISTRATION

The early bird conference registration rate is $2,295 for Defense Counsel members and $1,050 for guests. This rate is available until January 26, 2027; after this date, it will increase to $2,495 for Defense Counsel members.

The rate for Corporate and Industry members is $299.

The Spouse/Family or Significant Other rate is $1,050.

The rate for Emeritus Members and their guests is $950.

We encourage you to register online promptly to secure your preferred afternoon activities. Visit the FDCC website at www.thefederation.org for the online link. Alternatively, you can use the downloadable "hard copy" registration form, also available on the FDCC website. Registrations mailed will be processed in the order they are received, and selected activities may not be available. Registrations may also be faxed or scanned and emailed with a credit card payment. Excursions and tours do need to be completed online following any type of registration.

Once registered, you will receive a link to help you reserve a room in our discounted room block. Rooms are limited, and the block will fill up quickly, so please make your room reservations promptly. You cannot book a room until you have completed your convention registration.

On-Site Check-in and Registration

The FDCC Registration and Hospitality Desk will be open for registration and information outside the main meeting rooms during the following hours:

Saturday, February 27	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sunday, February 28	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday, March 1	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, March 2	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Name Badges Required

Your FDCC name badge is your "ticket" for entry and is required for all FDCC events, both on-site and off-site.

The name badges are color-coded as follows:

White	FDCC members and family
Blue	FDCC members – first-time attendees and family
Green	FDCC members – second-time attendees and family
Yellow	Non-FDCC members, guests, and family
Orange	Guests under 21 years

CANCELLATION POLICIES

For cancellations received before January 28, 2027, a full refund of registration fees, less a $125 administrative fee will be issued.

For cancellations received after January 29, 2027, but before February 13, 2027, a refund of registration fees, less 50% of the registration fee per person will be issued.

For cancellations received after February 13, 2027, no refunds will be issued.

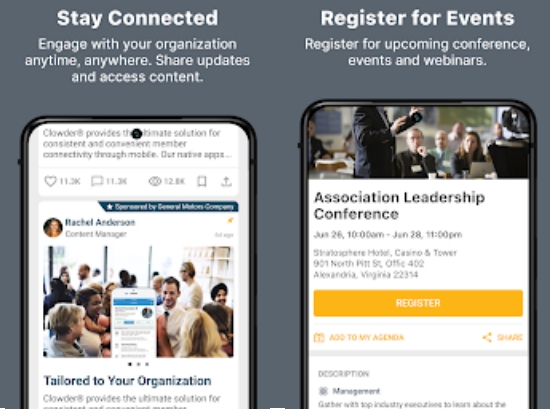
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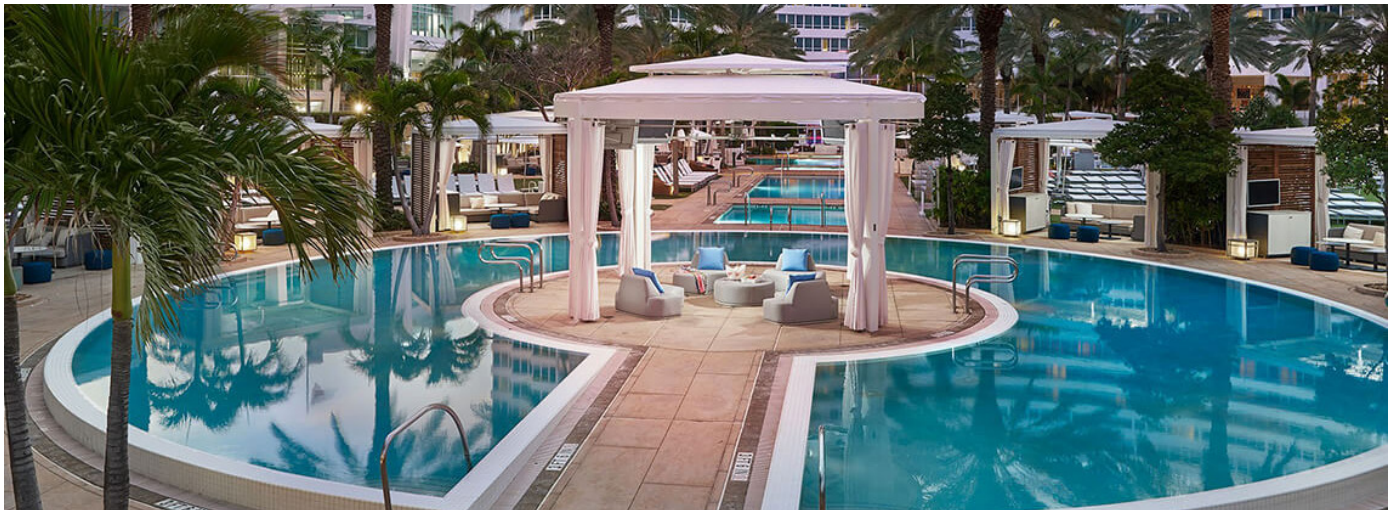
We recommend downloading the FDCC365 App to get updates from FDCC throughout the year, especially before and during meetings. During the meeting, the app will open directly to the meeting schedule, allowing you to track meeting and excursion times and locations, including any last-minute changes. You can also report your CLE through the app.

The app is also fun! It lets you connect with and communicate with members, and share pictures with your FDCC friends, like Facebook or Instagram.

GET IT ON Google Play

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FDCC Alcohol Policy

The FDCC's policy states that alcohol should be served at FDCC functions only to attendees 21 years of age or older. FDCC members and/or guests who bring individuals under 21 to the Convention will be expected to cooperate in enforcing this policy and ensuring that such underage individuals understand it.

Special Accommodations

The FDCC is happy to accommodate any of its members or guests who require assistance. If you need any accommodation, including ADA access, special meals, or other assistance, please notify the FDCC staff in advance of the meeting, and we will do everything possible to accommodate you.

Reservation of Rights

Although the Convention team plans every aspect of the meeting well in advance, some things are beyond our control. Therefore, the FDCC reserves the right to change the schedule, location, topics, speakers, and/or activities.





Excursions

We have planned a variety of fun and exciting afternoon activities. Please enjoy this opportunity to experience Miami's history, art, distinctive character, and scenic beauty.

Except where noted, all prices are per person, and at least one FDCC host will accompany the group participating in the activity.

Group sizes are limited, so we recommend booking early. If your preferred activity is booked, you can apply onsite to be a stand-by. In this case, please meet at the scheduled time and location for the activity, and we will accommodate you if space becomes available.

Cancellations or changes can only be made in accordance with the FDCC policy. Refunds for excursions can only be made if the vendor refunds the FDCC. Any refunds for excursions are issued after the meeting concludes.

AFTERNOONS ON YOUR OWN

Each day will be filled with education, excursions, evening events, and fellowship. If you choose to spend an afternoon on your own or with family and friends, the following are a few alternatives to consider.



Luxury Shopping in the Miami Design District

Discover one of Miami's premier luxury shopping destinations in the Miami Design District, located just 15–20 minutes from the hotel. This vibrant neighborhood is home to an exceptional collection of internationally renowned fashion houses and designer boutiques including Dior, Chanel, Hermès, and Louis Vuitton, as well as fine jewelers, contemporary art galleries, and striking public art installations. Stroll through beautifully landscaped streets while exploring flagship stores featuring the latest collections from the world's most prestigious brands. Between shopping excursions, enjoy lunch at the upscale cafés and acclaimed restaurants including Michelin-starred Le Jardinier. Its blend of luxury, art, architecture, and dining makes it one of Miami's most distinctive destinations.

Pool and Beach Escape at the Hotel

Spend an afternoon enjoying the hotel's pools and direct access to the Atlantic Ocean offering the ultimate resort experience. The hotel's expansive poolscape features multiple pools, private cabanas (for rent) and lounge seating with food and beverage service. Just steps from the property, Fontainebleau's private beachfront area provides direct access to the ocean, where you can enjoy warm waters and sweeping views of Miami Beach. The beach services, which include chair and umbrella rentals as well as food and drink options, make it easy to spend the afternoon by the water without leaving the resort.

Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science

This world-class museum combines interactive science exhibits with spectacular experiences, including a 500,000-gallon Gulf Stream Aquarium, where visitors can view sharks, rays, and tropical marine life from multiple levels, and the state-of-the-art Frost Planetarium, featuring immersive 360-degree presentations that explore everything from the wonders of the universe to the mysteries of Earth's oceans. It is the only museum in the United States to house an aquarium, planetarium, and science museum under one roof, and it is located just 8 miles from the Fontainebleau Miami Beach—approximately a 15- to 20-minute drive.



The Bass Museum of Art

Opened in 1964 and set within an original 1930s Art Deco building, The Bass is dedicated to presenting contemporary art that reflects the present world, creates meaningful experiences for the museum's diverse audiences and brings new thought to the unique cultural context of Miami Beach. The Museum is located 7-10 minutes from the hotel and is open Wednesday-Sunday.

Deep Sea Fishing

Experience some of South Florida's world-class deep-sea fishing off Miami Beach. Charter excursions can be arranged through the Fontainebleau concierge.

Foundation Fundraiser

The FDCC Foundation, which supports our groundbreaking CLE and other notable programs, will announce its fundraising initiatives in the Friday 5s for the Winter Meeting. The Foundation Board is grateful for the support of our FDCC Members and looks forward to everyone's participation in supporting its fundraising goal at the upcoming Winter Meeting.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:00 AM	-	11:00 AM	Officers Meeting
11:00 AM	-	12:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
2:00 PM	-	5:00 PM	Registration
2:00 PM	-	3:30 PM	Admissions Committee Meeting
3:30 PM	-	5:00 PM	Projects and Objectives Meeting
5:00 PM	-	6:00 PM	State Representative Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 AM	-	5:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM	-	9:00 AM	Finance and Budget Meeting
8:00 AM	-	9:00 AM	Diversity Committee Meeting
9:00 AM	-	10:00 AM	Membership Development Committee Meeting
9:00 AM	-	10:00 AM	Membership Recruitment Committee Meeting
9:00 AM	-	10:00 AM	FDCC Foundation Meeting
10:00 AM	-	3:00 PM	FDCC Board of Directors Meeting
3:15 PM	-	3:45 PM	New Member and Past President Reception (Invitation Only)
3:45 PM	-	4:30 PM	New Member Orientation (Invitation Only)
5:00 PM	-	6:00 PM	Opening General Session • Welcome, Past Presidents and New Members • Museum of Miami Resident Historian, Dr. Paul George, “The History of Crime in Miami”
6:00 PM	-	7:00 PM	Welcome Reception

MONDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 AM	-	9:00 AM	Breakfast
7:00 AM	-	5:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM	-	8:50 AM	Substantive Section Programming • Forecast: Clear Skies, Cloudy Claims–A Modern Insurance Coverage Boot Camp Day 1: Claim Inception to Coverage Determination • International Crossroads: The Intersection of Regulatory and Litigation in the Products and Medical Device Space • Behind the Appellate Bench: A conversation with Judge Kansas R. Gooden
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MONDAY, MARCH 1			
1:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Little Havana Food Walking Tour
1:00 PM	-	4:00 PM	Guided Horseback Riding
1:00 PM	-	5:00 PM	Sightseeing Cruise of Biscayne Bay
1:00 PM	-	5:00 PM	Vizcaya Museum & Gardens
1:30 PM	-	4:00 PM	ESi (Engineering System, Inc.) Visit (Free)
1:30 PM	-	4:30 PM	Cocktail Making Class
1:30 PM	-	4:30 PM	Biscayne Bay Boat Tour
6:30 PM	-	10:00 PM	President's Celebration – Pérez Art Museum Miami
TUESDAY, MARCH 2			
7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM	5K Fun Run/Walk
7:30 AM	-	9:00 AM	Breakfast
7:00 AM	-	5:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM	-	8:50 AM	Substantive Section Programming • Forecast: Clear Skies, Cloudy Claims–A Modern Insurance Coverage Boot Camp Day 2: When the Claims Handling is the Catastrophe • Is that REALLY Discrimination? Recognizing, Responding, and Reducing Risk • The Power and Punishment of Powder: Defending Talc Claims in US Courts
8:45 AM	-	9:00 AM	Section Meet and Greet
8:50 AM	-	9:00 AM	Break
9:00 AM	-	10:25 AM	Plenary Session • Trial Masters "Tale of Two Trials" Part I: The Murdaugh Murder Trial • Trial Masters "Tale of Two Trials" Part II: The Johnny Depp Defamation Trial
10:25 AM	-	10:35 AM	Break
10:30 AM	-	11:30 AM	Spouse Hospitality
10:35 AM	-	12:00 PM	Plenary Session • Trial Masters "Tale of Two Trials" Part III: Murder, Defamation and the Modern Jury Trial Lessons from Murdaugh and Depp
12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM	Corporate Counsel Luncheon
12:30 PM	-	5:30 PM	Golf Tournament
12:45 PM	-	5:00 PM	Cooking Class-Latin
12:55 PM	-	3:00 PM	Wynwood Buggy Tour
1:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Guided E-Bike Tour
1:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Art Deco Food Walking Tour
1:30 PM	-	4:30 PM	Cocktail Making Class
1:30 PM	-	4:30 PM	Biscayne Bay Boat Tour
7:00 PM	-	11:00 PM	Dine-Around



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3			
7:30 AM	-	9:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	-	8:50 AM	Substantive Section Programming • Seeing Isn't Always Believing: How Deepfakes, Altered Video, and AI are Reshaping Litigation • Tort Reform on the Move: Transportation and Premises Claims in Florida, Georgia, and Beyond • When the Structure Fails: Legal, Engineering, and Risk Lessons from Catastrophic Construction Losses
9:00 AM	-	10:50 AM	Plenary Session • Business Meeting • Case Study: Data Breach at a Law Firm
10:50 AM	-	11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM	-	12:00 PM	Plenary Session • Keynote: Fireside Chat with Florida Governor Jeb Bush
12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM	Women's Forum and Diversity Committee Luncheon
1:00 PM	-	5:00 PM	Superblue Miami and the Rubell Museum
12:45 PM	-	5:00 PM	Cooking Class-Italian
1:00 PM	-	4:00 PM	Guided Horseback Riding
1:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Little Havana Food Walking Tour
1:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Guided E-Bike Tour
1:00 PM	-	5:00 PM	Sightseeing Cruise of Biscayne Bay
2:00 PM	-	3:00 PM	Salsa Dancing Class
7:00 PM	-	10:00 PM	"Havana Nights" on the Lawn

SECTION MEETINGS

During our meeting, we have reserved rooms in our beautiful conference center for sections to meet on their own if desired. We have availability beginning Sunday, February 28th through Wednesday, March 3rd.
Please email kim@thefederation.org with your time and date request to receive confirmation.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

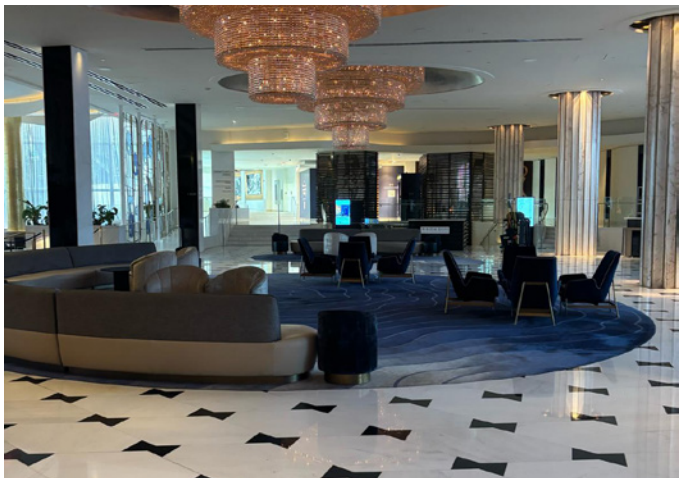
Saturday, February 27

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Sunday, February 28

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Finance and Budget Meeting
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5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Meeting Kickoff and Keynote Address by Museum of Miami Resident Historian, Dr. Paul George**

Our Winter Meeting begins with recognizing our past presidents, meeting new members and a welcome address, followed by a warm and relaxed gathering on the Fontainebleau Rooftop with the Miami skyline as a breathtaking backdrop. Museum of Miami Resident Historian, Dr. Paul George, a Miami native, author and former college professor, will explore the colorful and often notorious history of Miami's underworld, from mobsters and drug smugglers to the high-profile crimes that shaped the city's culture, legal system, and global reputation.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Welcome Reception**

This open-air reception on the Fontainebleau Rooftop offers the perfect backdrop for reconnecting with colleagues and friends. As flights arrive throughout the day, members can ease into the week with signature cocktails, fine wines, and hors d'oeuvres.

This first evening is designed for fellowship and camaraderie. Whether catching up with old friends or meeting new faces, the reception marks the start of meaningful conversations and connections that will continue throughout the meeting. Dress is casual—"come as you are"—so members can step straight from travel into a welcoming environment that sets the tone for the days ahead. Feel free to book dinner at the hotel or at one of the many restaurants in Miami Beach after the Reception.

Monday, March 1

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Breakfast**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Registration**

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM **Substantive Section Programming**

Forecast: Clear Skies, Cloudy Claims - A Modern Insurance Coverage Boot Camp Day 1: Claim Inception to Coverage Determination

Extra Contractual Liability, Insurance Coverage, Professional Liability, Property Insurance

A panel discussion featuring insurance industry members, counsel, and experts exploring the essentials in handling CAT claims, from inception to conclusion. The program will address triage and early investigation, coordination with independent adjusters and experts, coverage evaluation under pressure, handling these fast-paced and dynamic claims to avoid litigation arising from the investigation of the property claim.

Panelists
Susan M. Dimond – Roberts Perryman, P.C.
William Klein – YA Group
Gregory P. Varga – Robinson & Cole LLP

International Crossroads: The Intersection of Regulatory and Litigation in the Products and Medical Device Space

Products Liability, International, Drug and Medical Device

As products liability and medical device cases increasingly span multiple countries, legal professionals must navigate divergent regulatory regimes while managing parallel litigation risks. This program will address the critical challenges that arise when regulatory investigations, agency enforcement, and product liability claims converge, from the perspectives of in-house counsel, external counsel domestically and abroad, and engineers providing expertise in these matters.

Panelists
Nicholas Benetatos, Ph.D – Exponent
Rachel A. Cooper – McMillan LLP
Madison Dini – Michelman Robinson
Christof Guadig – Oppenhoff
Paul C. Vitrano – Waev Inc.



Behind the Appellate Bench: A conversation with Judge Kansas R. Gooden

Appellate

A candid conversation with former FDCC member Judge Kansas R. Gooden. This session offers an inside look at how appellate judges analyze cases, deliberate with colleagues, and reach decisions. Gain insight into the factors that influence appellate outcomes-from legal reasoning and judicial philosophy to panel dynamics and procedural strategy-and learn how advocates can tailor their briefs and arguments to resonate more effectively with the court.

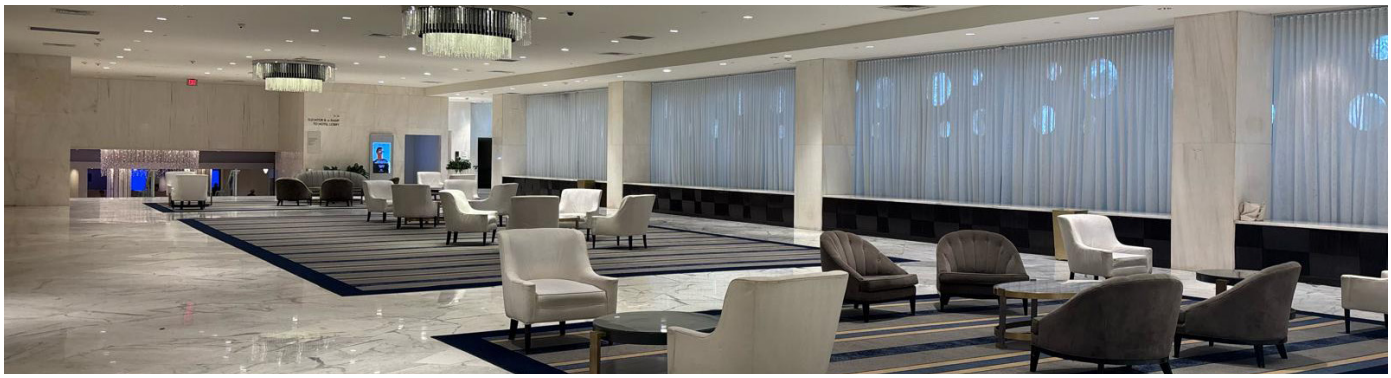
Panelists
Caryn L. Bellus – Kubicki Draper
Judge Kansas R. Gooden – Florida Third District Court of Appeal

9:00 AM – 10:05 AM **Plenary Session**

Welcome, Introduction of Sister Organizations, National Anthem performed by Vivian Valls and Color Guard

Why Business and Commercial Courts Matter: Lessons from Judge Michael Hanzman following Surfside and Beyond

Using the Surfside/Champlain Towers South litigation – a nearly $1 billion settlement in a class-action lawsuit arising out of a condominium collapse in Surfside, FL as a case study, Judge Michael Hanzman, the former Complex Business Litigation Division Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, will walk through the case and explore how specialized business courts and dockets can help judges, defense



counsel, mediators, and clients resolve catastrophic and complex commercial cases. Attendees will learn about the opportunities and flexibility these courts can provide that are not always available in other courts, and how practitioners can take advantage of them to resolve tough cases.

Panelists
Michael A. Hanzman, retired judge – Bilzin Sumberg
Robert E. Sumner IV – Butler Snow LLP
Geoffrey C. Haslam – Christensen & Jensen, P.C.
C. Bailey King, Jr. – Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Book Club

10:05 AM - 10:15 AM Break

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM Plenary Session

The Future of Learning Law in the AI Era: Preserving Judgment, Skill, and Advocacy as AI Reshapes the Profession

This program starts with a hard question: how do we develop truly capable young lawyers when AI is quietly doing more and more of the work that used to train them? The discussion will examine what may be lost when research, contract reviews, discovery requests, motion papers, document analysis, and case evaluation migrate from junior lawyers' desks to AI tools. The concern is not simply whether AI will make lawyers more efficient, but whether it may produce a generation of attorneys who are highly capable with technology but thinner on judgment, writing depth, factual analysis, case strategy, and professional confidence. Drawing on the themes of Matt Beane's The Skill Code, the panel will explore how lawyers actually develop expertise and what happens when technology separates novices from the experts who traditionally trained them.

The program will then turn to practical solutions. How should law firms, legal departments, and law schools redesign workflows, supervision, and AI use so that early-career lawyers still receive the repetitions, feedback, and responsibility necessary to become trusted counsel? The panel will also address the client's perspective on value in an AI-driven era: what work corporate clients will still view as valuable, necessary, and payable to outside counsel, and what work may no longer be compensated in the same way if AI technology can perform it more efficiently. The goal is not to resist AI, but to use it in a way that enhances lawyer development rather than hollowing it out. The panel will consider the issue from multiple perspectives, including legal education, trial practice, corporate legal leadership, and even medicine, where similar questions exist about how young professionals develop judgment and skill in a technology-driven world.

Panelists
Jimmy B. Wilkins – Watkins & Eager PLLC
Wilton V. Byars, III – Daniel Coker
Ruth K. Fredericks, M.D. – FMOL Health (video)
Jeff Kelsey – IMC Logistics
Or Cohen Sasson, PhD – University of Miami

Discovery Remix: Dancing Off the Beaten Path

Unlock the power of outside-the-box discovery in civil litigation. This session will show you how to leverage public records requests, cull data from electronics, and use social media to advance your case. You will learn to harness innovative discovery techniques to unearth crucial information. Prepare to live el loco descubrimiento and master the art of finding and using hidden gems in your cases.

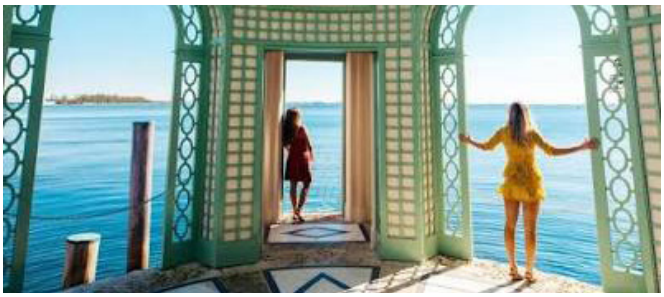
Panelists
Andrew Keck - Lineal
Theodore (Teddy) Brown, CPA/CFF, CFE, MAFF/CVA – iDiscovery Solutions
Alonzo D. Washington - Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC
Teresa J. Dumire - Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC
Nathaniel M. Jordan - Yoder Ainlay Ulmer & Buckingham
Joshua Janow - SMI Aware

Monday Activities

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM **ESi Miami Engineering & Visualization Lab Tour**

Go behind the scenes at ESi's state-of-the-art Miami facility for an unparalleled, hands-on experience where forensic engineering meets cutting-edge technology. This interactive tour invites attorneys to engage directly with the advanced tools shaping today's complex and high-stakes litigation, including 3D laser scanning and drone data capture, industrial CT imaging, and high-impact visualization. Through live demonstrations and real-world case studies, you'll see firsthand how evidence is analyzed, incidents are reconstructed, and technical findings are transformed into compelling, jury-ready visuals for mediation, arbitration, and trial. Collaborate with ESi's forensic engineers and scientists to explore how data, engineering, and immersive technologies like virtual reality come together to strengthen litigation strategies, sharpen expert narratives, and elevate your defense strategy and execution. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

PRICE: FREE



1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Guided Vizcaya Museum and Gardens**

Step through the gates of one of America's most breathtaking estates and discover the extraordinary vision that gave birth to Vizcaya. Perched on the shores of Biscayne Bay with sweeping views of the water, this magnificent Italian Renaissance-style villa and its lush formal gardens feel like a world apart—a secret corner of Europe hidden in the heart of Miami. The private tour is led by a dedicated guide bringing the gardens and the ornate Main House vividly to life. You will come away with a deep appreciation for the creativity and ambition of the visionaries who built this one-of-a-kind estate and new ways of seeing the world around you. Grab and go lunch can be purchased at the Vizcaya Café and Shop.

PRICE: $75



1:00 PM - 4:30 PM **Little Havana Food Walking Tour**

Little Havana offers an authentic taste of one of Miami's most vibrant and historic neighborhoods. This guided walking tour blends Cuban culture, rich history, and exceptional cuisine, providing a memorable afternoon that is as educational as it is enjoyable. Stroll along the iconic Calle Ocho, where you'll discover the neighborhood's fascinating heritage, shaped by generations of Cuban immigrants who transformed Little Havana into the cultural heart of Miami. Along the way, sample a variety of local favorites, including freshly made Cuban sandwiches, savory empanadas, croquetas, and café Cubano. You will also experience the lively atmosphere of Domino Park, colorful street art and local cigar craftsmanship.

PRICE: $175

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Mixology Masterclass with Danilo Bozovic**

What is in your glass has a history far richer than you might imagine—and master mixologist Danilo Bozovic is here to tell it. In this hands-on masterclass, Bozovic takes you on a spirited journey from the cocktail's earliest origins in the 19th century all the way to the craft cocktail renaissance of today, shaking and stirring the classics that defined each era along the way. You will taste your way through history—from the elegant gin fizz to the bold, adventurous craft creations of the modern bar—while learning the techniques, the stories, and the science behind each drink. Whether you are a seasoned cocktail enthusiast or a curious beginner, you will leave with new skills, new knowledge, and a much deeper appreciation for what is in your glass.

PRICE: $235



1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Sightseeing Cruise of Biscayne Bay**

There's nothing quite like experiencing Miami from the water, and this cruise offers a relaxing way to experience the stunning waterfront views of Biscayne Bay. The 90-minute cruise showcases Millionaire's Row, the homes of the rich and famous as well as Miami's Skyline, Port of Miami, and Fisher Island. Experience the spectacular views on the upper deck with the fresh ocean breeze or the air-conditioned lower salon.

PRICE: $85

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Horseback Riding at Virginia Key Beach Park**

Ride through one of Miami's beautiful natural settings on a one-hour guided horseback tour through the enchanting trails of Historic Virginia Key Beach Park. Your guide will share the park's remarkable history including its significant role in Florida's civil rights story and introduce you to its native wildlife along the way. The ride goes into the water so please bring appropriate footwear. A weight restriction of 250 lbs. applies.

PRICE: $230



1:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Biscayne Bay Boat Tour**

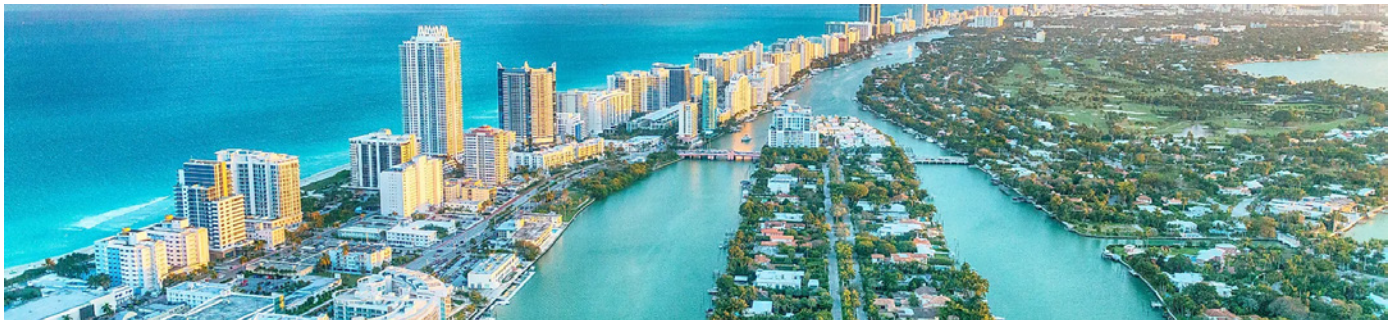
Experience a private two hour guided tour aboard a six-passenger high performance RIB boat through the hidden gems of Biscayne Bay. Learn about the history and the people that have shaped Miami past and future. Throughout the tour, experience exclusive access to the legendary Stiltsville houses which stand literally in the middle of Biscayne Bay, rumored to have served as Prohibition-era speakeasies to the exclusive Starr Island, Cape Florida Lighthouse as well as marine life. There are so many beautiful views and opportunities for photographs. This fast-paced boat ride may not be suitable for individuals with back/neck issues.

PRICE: $250



6:30 PM - 10:00 PM **President's Celebration at the Pérez Art Museum Miami**

Join us for a memorable evening at the world-renowned Pérez Art Museum Miami, where world-class contemporary art and breathtaking waterfront views of Biscayne Bay create an exceptional setting for an evening of fellowship. Guests will enjoy cocktails surrounded by the museum's stunning exhibits, featuring modern and contemporary art. Dinner will be served on the museum's waterfront terrace offering panoramic views of the Bay and Miami's sunset. Buses will provide round-trip transportation between the hotel and the museum for all attendees. Cocktail attire is appropriate, but ties are not required.



Tuesday, March 2

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM **FDCC 5K Fun Run/Walk:**

The Fun Run is back! Join your fellow members for a fun and competitive 5K along the Miami Beachwalk. T-shirts will be provided for participants. Prizes for the top three female and male finishers. Sponsored by iDS.

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Breakfast**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Registration**

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM **Substantive Section Programming**

Forecast: Clear Skies, Cloudy Claims-A Modern Insurance Coverage Boot Camp Day 2: When the Claims Handling is the Catastrophe

Extra Contractual Liability, Insurance Coverage, Professional Liability, Property Insurance

A panel discussion bringing together insurance industry professionals, coverage counsel, and subject matter experts to examine best practices for handling CAT claims with an eye toward avoiding bad faith exposure and bad faith set ups. The program will explore effective claims handling strategies, documentation and communication protocols, and decision making frameworks that promote good faith outcomes, reduce disputes, and, where the claims handling was a catastrophe, how to minimize exposure to extra contractual and bad faith liability.

Panelists

Thomas J. Costello III – Best, Vanderlaan & Harrington
Barbara A. O'Donnell – Hurwitz Fine P.C.
Michael A. Montgomery – Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP
Andrew W. Johnson, P.E., S.E. – ESi

Is that REALLY Discrimination? Recognizing, Responding, and Reducing Risk

Employment, Premises Liability

Panelists

Brian H. Leinhauser – MacMain Leinhauser PC
Jean Ohman Back – Schwabe
Shannon O' Connor Berube – Textron, Inc.

This session offers a practical, case-driven exploration of conduct frequently alleged to be discriminatory in the workplace and in public-facing interactions. Through an examination of recent decisions and pending cases, our panel and attendees will engage in real-time analysis of where the line falls between lawful conduct and actionable discrimination or retaliation. Participants will leave with sharper instincts for spotting potential claims and concrete strategies for counseling clients through high-risk situations before they escalate.

The Power and Punishment of Powder: Defending Talc Claims in US Courts

Toxic Tort, Environmental

Talc litigation sits at the volatile intersection of science, emotion, and outsized verdicts. This session cuts through the noise to examine how defense counsel are confronting plaintiff-driven narratives, challenging questionable science, and responding to the growing risk of punitive damages. A candid look at what's working-and what's not-when defending talc claims before judges and juries.

Panelists

Jennifer E. Adams - Deutsch Kerrigan LLP
Moira H. Pietrowski - Roetzel & Andress
Sabrina Mizrachi – The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.
Kat Frazier – Kirkland & Ellis
Allison Stock, PhD, MPH, MS – JS Held

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM **Section Meet and Greet-Outside Plenary**

Have you wondered how you can get more involved in the FDCC? Join fellow FDCC members for a meet and greet to explore the available Sections, learn about each Section's focus, and sign up to become a Section member.

8:50 AM - 9:00 AM **Break**

9:00 AM - 10:25 AM **Plenary Session**

Welcome and Introduction of Trial Masters Program

Trial Masters "Tale of Two Trials" Part I: The Murdaugh Murder Trial

Panelists
Nicolas L. Haigler – Robinson Gray
S. Creighton Waters – Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

Creighton Waters serves as Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General and Chief Attorney for the South Carolina State Grand Jury, where his work has focused on complex white-collar crime and public corruption for more than two decades. He gained national attention as the lead prosecutor in the 2023 double-murder trial of Alex Murdaugh, a once-prominent Lowcountry lawyer convicted of killing his wife and son and exposed as the architect of a years-long, multimillion-dollar fraud scheme against clients and colleagues. Mr. Waters will discuss the investigation and trial strategy behind what has been called South Carolina's "trial of the century," including the use of financial-crime evidence to prove motive, managing an intense media spotlight, and lessons for lawyers trying high-profile, circumstantial cases.

Trial Masters "Tale of Two Trials" Part II: The Johnny Depp Defamation Trial

Camille Vasquez is a trial lawyer and partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, who concentrates her practice on defamation, media, and crisis-management litigation. She rose to international prominence in 2022 as a key member of Johnny Depp's trial team in his televised defamation lawsuit against Amber Heard, where her cross-examinations and closing arguments became a widely discussed example of modern courtroom advocacy in the social-media age. In this program, Ms. Vasquez will reflect on strategy and preparation in "bet-the-reputation" defamation cases, including witness examination in a high-intensity media environment, managing client narrative inside and outside the courtroom, and practical lessons for trial lawyers handling cases where public opinion, reputation, and legal proof collide.

Panelists
Dee Cohen Katz – Walsworth LLP
Camille M. Vasquez – Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

10:25 AM - 10:35 AM **Break**

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM **Spouse Hospitality**

10:35 AM - 12:00 PM **Plenary Session**

Trial Masters "Tale of Two Trials" Part III: Murder, Defamation and the Modern Jury Trial—Lessons from Murdaugh and Depp

Building on their headline-making verdicts, this panel brings together Creighton Waters, lead prosecutor in the Alex Murdaugh double-murder trial, and Camille Vasquez, lead defense counsel on Johnny Depp's defamation trial team, alongside seasoned FDCC trial attorneys. Together, through candid discussion of strategy, jury research, evidence, trial technique, and ethics, the panel will explore how to investigate, prepare, and try high-stakes cases when cameras, social media, and public opinion are all in the room with you.

Panelists
Moderators
Madison Dini – Michelman Robinson
Melanie R. Cheairs – Mayer LLP

Panel
S. Creighton Waters – Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Camille M. Vasquez – Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Anita Modak-Truran – Butler Snow LLP
Linda J. Knight – Spencer Fane LLP
Nick Lanza – Lanza Law Firm, P.C.
Joseph R. Falasco – Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC
Stuart Simon – American Jury Centers
Nicole J. Benjamin – Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

Tuesday Activities

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **In-House Counsel and Corporate Members Luncheon**

Gather for a luncheon designed for in-house counsel only. This event offers an opportunity to connect with fellow in-house counsel to share insights and strengthen professional relationships. The luncheon provides a unique opportunity for meaningful conversation and networking as well as a chance to exchange perspectives, deepen connections, and enjoy camaraderie within the FDCC community.

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM **Golf Tournament at Crandon Golf at Key Biscayne**

Enjoy a day of friendly competition and breathtaking scenery at Crandon Golf at Key Biscayne, one of South Florida's premier championship golf courses. Host to a prestigious PGA Champions Tour event for 18 years, it is considered one of the most beautiful courses in Florida nestled between the sparkling waters of Biscayne Bay and tropical landscapes. Players should expect standard course policies on attire and pace of play. There will be a $25,000 hole in one prize, other awards, and the coveted FDCC trophy for the Top Foursome. Transportation, a box lunch and non-alcoholic beverage station are included. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

PRICE: $365 | RENTAL CLUBS: $85

12:45 PM - 5:00 PM **Latin Flavors: A Hands-On Culinary Experience**

Experience the vibrant flavors of Miami through a hands-on Latin-inspired cooking class celebrating the region's rich culinary heritage. Guided by professional chefs, you'll prepare authentic dishes ranging from empanadas to paella using fresh ingredients while learning traditional techniques and recipes. This interactive experience offers the perfect blend of culture, creativity, and conversation as you cook alongside your friends. Afterward, relax and enjoy the delicious meal you've prepared together, making this a memorable taste of Miami.

PRICE: $285



12:55 PM - 3:00 PM **Wynwood Art District Electric Buggy Tour**

Experience the vibrant energy of Miami on a guided electric buggy tour through the Wynwood Art District, home to one of the largest collections of street art in the world. Wynwood is a vibrant open air gallery featuring hundreds of large scale murals, colorful graffiti art and installations created by internationally acclaimed artists. Your guide will share the stories behind the artwork, explain the artists' techniques and how murals continually evolve as new works replace old ones. The leisurely buggy provides an ideal way to experience Miami's thriving art scene outdoors.

PRICE: $135

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM **E-Bike Tour: The Best of Miami Beach**

Learn as you discover Miami Beach's rich history and world famous Art Deco architecture on two wheels for a two hour guided electric bike tour. As you ride on the flat terrain, your guide will take you through Miami Beach's Art Deco district along Ocean Drive, the bohemian charm of Española Way as well as the Miami Botanical Gardens while bringing each neighborhood to life with the rich local history. Suitable for all levels of cyclist.

PRICE: $185



1:00 PM - 4:30 PM **South Beach Art Deco Food Walking Tour**

Explore the iconic South Beach Art Deco District on a guided food walking tour that combines Miami's celebrated architecture, culinary traditions, and vibrant cultural history. Located along the famed Ocean Drive and surrounding streets of Miami Beach, this historic neighborhood is home to one of the largest collections of Art Deco architecture in the world, featuring beautifully preserved buildings known for their bold colors, geometric designs, and distinctive 1930s and 1940s style. As you stroll through this legendary destination, you'll learn the stories behind the architecture while discovering the diverse flavors. The tour offers a taste of the city's culinary influences, from Latin and Caribbean flavors to classic Miami favorites, while highlighting the people, history, and traditions that shaped South Beach.

PRICE: $170

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Mixology Masterclass with Danilo Bozovic**

What is in your glass has a history far richer than you might imagine—and master mixologist Danilo Bozovic is here to tell it. In this exclusive, hands-on masterclass, Danilo takes you on a spirited journey from the cocktail's earliest origins in the 19th century all the way to the craft cocktail renaissance of today, shaking and stirring the classics that defined each era along the way.

You will taste your way through history—from the elegant gin fizz to the bold, adventurous craft creations of the modern bar—while learning the techniques, the stories, and the science behind each drink. Danilo's expertise and passion make even the most complex cocktail feel approachable, and his storytelling makes the history of drinking culture genuinely fascinating. Whether you are a seasoned cocktail enthusiast or a curious beginner, you will leave with new skills, new knowledge, and a much deeper appreciation for what is in your glass. This one fills up fast—sign up early.

PRICE: $235

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Biscayne Bay Boat Tour**

Experience a private two hour guided tour aboard a six-passenger high performance RIB boat through the hidden gems of Biscayne Bay. Learn about the history and the people that have shaped Miami past and future. Throughout the tour, experience exclusive access to the legendary Stiltsville houses which stand literally in the middle of Biscayne Bay, rumored to have served as Prohibition-era speakeasies to the exclusive Starr Island, Cape Florida Lighthouse as well as marine life. There are so many beautiful views and opportunities for photographs. This fast-paced boat ride may not be suitable for individuals with back/neck issues.

PRICE: $250

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM **FDCC Dine Around**

No trip to Miami is complete without a few outstanding meals at the city's award-winning restaurants, so get together with your favorite FDCC friends, invite some new friends and make a reservation. Whatever option you choose, you'll enjoy a night of great food, fellowship, and fun.

Wednesday, March 3

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM **Substantive Section Programming**

Seeing isn't Always Believing: How Deepfakes, Altered Video, and AI Are Reshaping Litigation

Civil Rights, Transportation

With the increasing ease and use of artificial intelligence, and the smart phone in everyone's hand, how reliable is video, and how does that non-reliability impact litigation with a focus on civil rights litigation, law enforcement and transportation.

Panelists

Matthew L. Hinkle – Coots, Henke & Wheeler
William Neale, M. Arch – JS Held
Jamie Jones Walsworth – Friday Eldredge & Clark LLP
Megan M. Coluccio – Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice

Tort Reform on the Move: Transportation and Premises Claims in Florida, Georgia, and Beyond

Premises, Transportation

This program will examine how recent waves of tort reform are reshaping transportation and premises liability litigation across key jurisdictions. Using Florida's HB 837 as a starting point and comparing emerging trends in states such as Georgia and Texas, the panel will explore changes to comprehensive fault, negligent-security and premises standards, medical-expense proof, and bad-faith exposure. Through a focused case study and practical discussion, attendees will gain concrete strategies for claim evaluation, discovery, and motion practice that can be adapted to defense of transportation and premises claims nationwide.

Panelists

Whitney Lay Greene – Chartwell Law
Brian Cano – Fee, Smith & Sharp LLP
Jennifer Smith Thomas – Rumberger | Kirk
Maxwell Brusky – Transdev North America
Matthew W. Bailey – Irwin Fritchie Urquhart Moore & Daniels LLC



When the Structure Fails: Legal, Engineering, and Risk Lessons from Catastrophic Losses

Construction

High-profile construction failures-such as collapses, façade failures, and major jobsite incidents-trigger immediate legal, engineering, and reputational crisis for all stakeholders. This panel uses recent catastrophic construction losses as case studies to explore how these events are investigated, analyzed, litigated, and resolved, with a focus on the intersection of engineering/forensic work and legal strategy. Panelists will address evidence preservation, expert involvement, regulatory investigations, civil and potential criminal exposure, and the insurance coverage challenges that follow. The program will also examine how contracts, insurance, and indemnity provisions allocate (or fail to allocate) risk, and offer practical guidance on managing technically complex disputes and positioning high-exposure cases for favorable resolution.

Panelists

Jacob J. Liro – Wicker Smith O'Hara McCoy & Ford P.A.
Denise M. DePekary – Weber Gallagher LLP
Jose Fouz, MSc, CCP – J.S.Held LLC
Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick – Island Facades LLC



9:00 AM - 9:55 AM **Business Meeting**

9:55 AM - 10:50 AM **Plenary Session**

Case Study: Data Breach at a Law Firm

This session uses a realistic "fraudulent transfer plus data exposure" case study to explore how a law firm and its insurer client navigate a business email compromise that both diverts settlement funds and exposes confidential client data across multiple jurisdictions. Through a timed walk through of the first 72 hours, a multidisciplinary panel—breach counsel, coverage counsel and broker, managing partner, and insurer representative—will address incident response, ethical duties under the ABA Model Rules and how cyber, crime, and professional liability policies respond when funds and client information are at risk. Attendees will leave with practical tools including an incident response playbook, coverage checklists, and model cybersecurity policies that can be adapted for their own organizations.

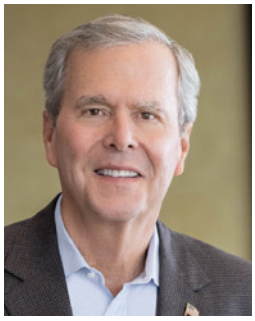
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Laura Zaroski, JD, RPLU - Gallagher
Troy A. Bozarth – Hepler Broom LLC
Brian C. Bassett – Traub Lieberman
David T. Vanalek – Richmond National Insurance
Hunter McMahon – iDiscovery Solutions

10:50 AM - 11:00 AM **Break**

11:00 AM - 11:55 AM **Plenary Session**

Closing Keynote: Fireside Chat with Florida Governor Jeb Bush



Panelists

Governor Jeb Bush
Miranda L. Soto – Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

Florida Governor Jeb Bush will join FDCC member Miranda L. Soto for a wide-ranging fireside chat on education reform, leadership, and crisis management in government. Drawing on his two terms as governor and his subsequent work as a national advocate for higher academic standards and accountability, Governor Bush will discuss lessons learned from spearheading bold education reforms, including navigating political resistance, tracking the results of reforms and building durable coalitions for change. He will also share candid insights on decision-making under pressure, leading through controversy, and managing crises in the public arena—offering practical takeaways for lawyers and business leaders who must guide institutions through periods of intense scrutiny and rapid change.

Wednesday Activities

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **Professional Women's Forum and Diversity Committee**

The Professional Women's Forum and Diversity Committee invite you to a luncheon at a beautiful offsite location, that will provide attendees with an opportunity to connect and exchange ideas and explore strategies for fostering inclusive workplaces and strengthening the next generation of leaders. Through meaningful conversation and networking, attendees will gain valuable insights regarding the power of diverse perspectives and meaningful professional connections.

PRICE: $TBD



12:45 PM - 5:00 PM **Italian Flavors: A Hands-On Culinary Experience**

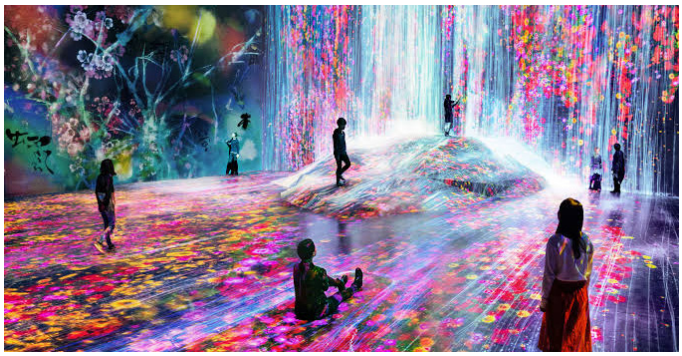
Savor the flavors and traditions of Italy in an immersive hands-on cooking class celebrating the art of Italian cuisine. Discover the secrets behind beloved Italian dishes as you work with fresh ingredients, authentic recipes, and time-honored techniques inspired by Italy's diverse culinary regions. Guided by professional chefs, you'll learn how to create classic flavors, from perfectly balanced sauces to traditional dishes that showcase the simplicity and elegance of Italian cooking. After preparing your creations, gather to enjoy the delicious meal you've made and celebrate the flavors of Italy in true Italian style.

PRICE: $285

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Sightseeing Cruise of Biscayne Bay**

There's nothing quite like experiencing Miami from the water, and this cruise offers a relaxing way to experience the stunning waterfront views of Biscayne Bay. The 90-minute cruise showcases Millionaire's Row, the homes of the rich and famous as well as Miami's Skyline, Port of Miami, and Fisher Island. Experience the spectacular views on the upper deck with the fresh ocean breeze or the air-conditioned lower salon.

PRICE: $85



1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Superblue Miami and the Rubell Museum**

Discover two of Miami's premier art destinations with a visit to Superblue Miami and the Rubell Museum, located just across the street from one another. Superblue offers an immersive contemporary art experience where large-scale installations use light, sound, and technology. Rather than simply viewing art, you become part of the artwork as you move through innovative experiences designed to inspire curiosity, reflection, and your sense of awe. Across the street, the Rubell Museum showcases one of the world's most significant collections of contemporary art, including Keith Haring, Jeff Koons, and Jean-Michel Basquiat, as well as internationally recognized artists across painting, sculpture, photography, and mixed media. This unique excursion provides an unforgettable look at Miami's art scene that has established the city as a global destination for contemporary art. A voucher towards the purchase of lunch at Jon & Vinny's at the Rubell Museum will be provided.

PRICE: $165

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Horseback Riding at Virginia Key Beach Park**

Ride through one of Miami's beautiful natural settings on a one-hour guided horseback tour through the enchanting trails of Historic Virginia Key Beach Park. Your guide will share the park's remarkable history including its significant role in Florida's civil rights story and introduce you to its native wildlife along the way. The ride goes into the water so please bring appropriate footwear. A weight restriction of 250 lbs. applies.

PRICE: $230



1:00 PM - 4:30 PM **E-Bike Tour: The Best of Miami Beach**

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PRICE: $185

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM **Little Havana Food Walking Tour**

Little Havana offers an authentic taste of one of Miami's most vibrant and historic neighborhoods. This guided walking tour blends Cuban culture, rich history, and exceptional cuisine, providing a memorable afternoon that is as educational as it is enjoyable. Stroll along the iconic Calle Ocho, where you'll discover the neighborhood's fascinating heritage, shaped by generations of Cuban immigrants who transformed Little Havana into the cultural heart of Miami. Along the way, sample a variety of local favorites, including freshly made Cuban sandwiches, savory empanadas, croquetas, and café Cubano. You will also experience the lively atmosphere of Domino Park, colorful street art and local cigar craftsmanship.

PRICE: $175



2:00 PM - 3:00 PM **Salsa Dancing - Move Like Miami**

Salsa dancing is woven into the cultural fabric of Miami, and no visit to Miami is complete without experiencing it firsthand. The salsa dancing class will be held at the hotel and is open to everyone. Don't worry if you are a solo attendee, you will still be able to participate. Under the guidance of a professional instructor, you will learn the foundational steps, turns, and rhythm that define this iconic Latin dance style. Best of all, the moves you master here will serve you well at our "Havana Nights" Party later in the evening where the dance floor will be waiting for you to show off your moves.

PRICE: $65

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM **"Havana Nights" on the Lawn - Our Last Night!**

Join us as we celebrate the last night with our outdoor "Havana Nights" on the Lawn. We will enjoy a relaxed and casual evening outside with a dinner buffet along with a DJ as well as cigar rolling and salsa dancing. This is our final gathering, where we will enjoy the beautiful ocean air and spend time with friends before returning to our busy lives.



FOOD AND DRINK

While it is impossible to create a comprehensive list of all the fantastic restaurants in the Miami area, here are a few options worth trying. Many of these restaurants are helmed by award-winning chefs, and, not surprisingly, they are often booked well in advance. Therefore, plan ahead and make a reservation.

Azabu Miami Beach
Upscale Japanese restaurant known for sushi, robata grilling, and an intimate omakase counter.

161 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-276-0520

Blue Ribbon Sushi Bar & Grill
Elegant Japanese restaurant featuring sushi, sashimi, and grilled specialties.

336 21st St, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-800-0404

CVI.CHE 105
Award-winning Peruvian restaurant famous for fresh ceviche and seafood.

1245 Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-534-8651

Call Me Gaby
Italian coastal restaurant with handmade pasta and Mediterranean seafood.

22 Washington Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-531-4800

Carbone Miami
Luxury Italian-American restaurant with theatrical service and iconic dishes.

49 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
212-254-3000

Casa Tua
Romantic Italian restaurant in a historic Mediterranean villa.

1700 James Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-673-1010

Españolita Miami Beach

Spanish restaurant serving tapas, paella, and Iberian dishes.

441 Española Way,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-813-7415

Estiatorio Milos
Upscale Greek restaurant specializing in Mediterranean seafood.

730 1st St, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-604-6800

Forte dei Marmi
Refined Tuscan restaurant inspired by Italy's Versilia coast.

150 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-276-3095

Gigi Rigolatto
Italian cuisine with coastal Mediterranean influences

1685 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-359-7580

Il Pastaiolo
Italian restaurant celebrated for handmade pasta and sauces.

1130 Collins Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-362-0152

Joe's Stone Crab
Historic institution famous for Florida stone crab claws.

11 Washington Ave
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-673-0365

Los Fuegos by Francis Mallmann
South American restaurant specializing in open-fire cooking.

3201 Collins Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33140
786-655-5600

Lucali
Renowned pizzeria famous for handmade pies and calzones.

1930 Bay Rd, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-429-4145

MILA
Rooftop restaurant blending Mediterranean and Asian flavors.

1636 Meridian Ave Rooftop,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-706-0744



Macchialina
Neighborhood Italian restaurant with rustic handmade pasta.

810 Alton Rd, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-534-2124

Michael's Genuine
American eatery serving locally sourced comfort food.

130 NE 40th St, Miami, FL 33137
305-676-0894

Motek South Beach
Mediterranean restaurant serving Israeli-inspired dishes.

2701 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33140
786-953-1850

Nobu Miami
Globally recognized Japanese restaurant known for black cod miso.

4525 Collins Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33140
305-695-3232

Orange Blossom
Farm-to-table American bistro offering brunch and seasonal dishes.

2000 Collins Ave #7,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-304-1090

Osteria Positano
Italian restaurant inspired by the Amalfi Coast.

1200 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-278-3401

Pane e Vino
Charming Italian restaurant with handmade pasta.

1450 Washington Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-535-9027

Pao by Paul Qui
Asian-inspired restaurant with creative tasting menus.

3201 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33140
786-655-5600

Prime 112
Chef-driven boutique steakhouse offering an innovative menu and high-energy environment.

112 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-532-8112

Pubbelly Sushi
Creative Japanese-Latin fusion sushi restaurant.

1424 20th St, Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-353-2724

Santorini by Georgios
Greek restaurant serving Mediterranean seafood.

101 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-672-6624

Smith & Wollensky
Waterfront steakhouse known for dry-aged steaks.

1 Washington Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-673-2800

Sola Miami Beach
Modern coastal restaurant serving seafood.

1000 Collins Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-709-3955

Stubborn Seed
Michelin-starred restaurant offering a tasting menu, bar, beer & wine, cocktails, and dessert.

101 Washington Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-322-5211

Sushi Bichi
Japanese sushi restaurant offering fresh sashimi.

7330 Ocean Terrace,
Miami Beach, FL 33141
305-397-8749

Tambourine Room by Tristan Brandt
Michelin-starred tasting menu restaurant.

6801 Collins Ave,
Miami Beach, FL 33141
305-876-6555

The Drexel
Mediterranean restaurant serving grilled meats.

1436 Drexel Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
786-685-4172

Tropezón Miami
Spanish-inspired gin bar and tapas restaurant offering small plates and creative cocktails.

512 Española Wy,
Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-763-8042

ATTRACTIONS

In addition to the afternoon tours and events, you are welcome to explore the city and enjoy its attractions, which are listed below.

LESS THAN 5 MILES FROM THE FONTAINEBLEAU

Miami Beach Boardwalk (0.1 Miles) The Miami Beach Boardwalk runs directly behind the hotel and stretches for miles along the dunes and oceanfront. It invites guests to walk, jog, or stroll past lush sea grape trees and sweeping Atlantic views.



The Bass Museum of Art (2 Miles) The Bass showcases contemporary art through bold, thought-provoking exhibitions in a restored Art Deco building. It draws guests into an intimate space that champions innovative international creativity.

Miami Beach Botanical Garden (2.5 Miles) The Miami Beach Botanical Garden cultivates a lush, tropical oasis of native and exotic plants in the heart of the city. It offers a tranquil retreat with palm groves, a Japanese garden, and a serene reflecting pool.



Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach (2.5 Miles) The Holocaust Memorial honors the memory of victims through powerful sculpture and contemplative garden spaces. It immerses visitors in a moving experience of remembrance and reflection.

New World Center (2.5 Miles) The New World Center, designed by Frank Gehry, serves as the campus of the New World Symphony and hosts concerts and outdoor "WALLCAST" projections. It anchors a cultural scene that celebrates orchestral artistry in a striking modern setting.

Lincoln Road Mall (2.5 Miles) Lincoln Road Mall features a pedestrian promenade of retail shops, sidewalk cafés, and galleries in a lively open-air setting. It energizes visitors with people-watching, public art, and casual dining.

Española Way (3 Miles) Española Way preserves a charming Mediterranean-style village of pastel buildings, restaurants, and boutiques. It immerses guests in a romantic, festive atmosphere full of character.



Art Deco Historic District (3.5 Miles) The Art Deco Historic District preserves the world's largest collection of 1930s-era architecture along Ocean Drive and the surrounding streets. It invites visitors on a self-guided stroll through pastel facades, neon signage, and iconic design.

South Pointe Park (5 Miles) South Pointe Park offers landscaped green space, walking paths, and panoramic views of the ocean and the cruise ship channel at the southern tip of Miami Beach. It provides a relaxing setting for families and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

5 - 10 MILES FROM THE FONTAINEBLEAU

Jungle Island (6 Miles) Jungle Island houses exotic birds, primates, and other wildlife alongside interactive animal encounters. It provides a dynamic, family-friendly adventure on the causeway between Miami and Miami Beach.



Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science (7 Miles) The Frost Science Museum presents interactive exhibits, a planetarium, and a three-level aquarium. It engages families with hands-on displays that spark curiosity about science and nature.

Bayside Marketplace (7 Miles) Bayside Marketplace features waterfront shopping, dining, and live entertainment along Biscayne Bay. It energizes visitors with a lively blend of boat tours, music, and casual fare.

Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (7 Miles) The Adrienne Arsht Center hosts Broadway shows, concerts, ballet, and opera in a landmark performing arts complex. It anchors a cultural scene that celebrates world-class live performance.

Kaseya Center (7 Miles) The Kaseya Center serves as the downtown arena home of the Miami Heat and a venue for major concerts and events. It delivers a vibrant, competitive atmosphere that unites sports and entertainment fans.

Maurice A. Ferré Park (7 Miles) Maurice A. Ferré Park offers landscaped waterfront green space anchored by the Frost Science Museum and PAMM. It provides sweeping bay views and a relaxing setting for a downtown stroll.

10 - 20 MILES FROM THE FONTAINEBLEAU

Miami Seaquarium (10 Miles) The Miami Seaquarium presents marine life through exhibits and aquatic shows on scenic Virginia Key. It captivates guests with manatees, sea turtles, and interactive marine experiences.

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens (11 Miles) Vizcaya preserves a 1916 Italian Renaissance-style villa surrounded by formal gardens and bayfront grounds. It immerses visitors in European-inspired architecture, fountains, and lush landscaping.

Coconut Grove (12 Miles) Coconut Grove offers a bohemian waterfront neighborhood of boutiques, sidewalk cafés, and marinas. It invites guests into a relaxed, tree-shaded village with a distinctive artistic character.

Coral Gables / Miracle Mile (13 Miles) Coral Gables centers on Miracle Mile, a stylish district of shops, restaurants, and Mediterranean Revival architecture. It draws visitors into an elegant, walkable setting known as "The City Beautiful."

Venetian Pool (13 Miles) The Venetian Pool features a historic spring-fed swimming lagoon carved from coral rock with waterfalls, caves, and Mediterranean styling. It offers a one-of-a-kind, picturesque setting for a refreshing swim.

Crandon Park, Key Biscayne (14 Miles) Crandon Park spans a barrier-island beach with calm waters, nature trails, and family-friendly amenities. It rewards visitors with soft sand and tranquil ocean views.

Matheson Hammock Park (15 Miles) Matheson Hammock Park offers a man-made atoll pool, mangrove trails, and panoramic skyline views across Biscayne Bay. It provides a scenic, laid-back setting for swimming and picnicking.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (16 Miles) Fairchild cultivates an expansive collection of tropical plants, palms, and flowering trees across themed garden settings. It showcases the lush beauty of subtropical flora through immersive walking paths.

Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park (16 Miles) Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park preserves a historic lighthouse, sandy beaches, and nature trails at the tip of Key Biscayne. It challenges and rewards outdoor enthusiasts with biking, fishing, and coastal views.



Zoo Miami (18 Miles) Zoo Miami houses a diverse array of animal species in cageless, open-air habitats across a sprawling campus. It provides a dynamic wildlife experience that educates and entertains visitors of all ages.



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