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#1 First of the Last Things to Do Before Leaving the Office Today



Register for the 2025 Corporate Counsel Symposium!

Calling all Defense & Corporate Counsel...only 7 days left before our room block closes for the FDCC's Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium! We would hate to have you miss this interactive problem solving and networking event on September 14-16, 2025 in the very heart of the windy city at the InterContinental Magnificent Mile Hotel.



Only the Federation can bring together today's subject matter experts and industry leaders to provide you with the opportunity to step into the flow of new ideas, practical solutions, and unparalleled connections.

FDCC's unmatched community spirit fosters not just professional growth with amazing CLE sessions—but enduring camaraderie as well. Before leaving the office for the weekend, please be sure to register and be part of the defense bar's and corporate counsels' premier gathering where meaningful connections and shared experiences advance our profession and create lasting relationships. Our

thanks to Co-Chairs: [Nicole Benjamin](#), [Chelsey Golightly](#) and [Tim Moore](#) for organizing this invaluable conference.

Click on the links for:

- [The Brochure](#)
- [Registration for the CCS Symposium](#)
- [To make your Hotel Reservation](#)
- [Reserve your seat at the Dine Arounds](#)

See you in Chicago!

#2 FDCC Civil "Writes" Monthly Update



Our thanks to our Editor of the Month, [Ann Trivett](#) of [Keating, Bucklin & McCormack](#) in Seattle, WA for this month's issue of Civil "Writes". The monthly newsletter is organized by the FDCC's Civil Rights & Public Entity Substantive Law Section.

Check out this month's issue for:

- Police Body-Worn Video and AI in the Media
- Analysis of the Ninth Circuit's Published Opinion in [Cheairs v. City of Seattle](#), secured by FDCC Defense Counsel member [Tom Miller](#)

- Welcome to FDCC Defense Counsel member [Andrew Rutens](#) of [Galloway Wettermark Rutens, LLP](#) in Mobile, AL as the new Chair of the Civil Rights & Public Entity Section

[Click here to read the entire newsletter](#)

#3 And Now a Word From Our Sponsor:

iDiscovery Solutions



Data Layers of Truth – The Power of Multiple Sources

By: [Jon Hurwitz](#)

Why Single-Source Data Doesn't Hold Up in Litigation.

When people think about digital evidence, they often imagine one clean data extract pulled from a phone or a cloud account. But the reality is: single-source data rarely holds up under scrutiny. In high-stakes litigation, the truth is layered, and the real value comes from how well we can piece together multiple data layers.

Consequently, analysis of a wide variety of digital records: mobile device data, email and messaging logs, CRM platforms like Salesforce, badge access records, location data, etc. is necessary. On their own, each data source offers a narrow view. But when aligned correctly, they can reveal patterns that are hard to dispute, and, just as importantly, hard to fake.

The Power of Completeness.

Layering multiple data sources together ultimately helps create a more complete picture. And in building this complete picture we are able to compare multiple data streams together to reveal both correlation and contradiction. It's not about catching people in lies. It's about stacking and comparing activity from separate systems to get closer to what actually happened. That includes validating consistent records, and flagging inconsistencies that might otherwise go unnoticed.

At the end of the day, people are unreliable narrators, but data doesn't lie, fabricate, or misremember. People do, and that's not an accusation. It's a reality. People don't necessarily even lie on purpose, at least, not always, and misremembering? Humans do that a lot.

[Click here to read the entire article](#)

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#4 New FDCC Podcast Released on What Law Firms Can Do to Support Attorney Well-Being



Originally recorded in May, 2025, this FedSpeaks Podcast is equally relevant today as we focus on what law firms can do to support attorney well being.

Join with FedLife Chair and host of the podcast, [Claire Parsons](#) of [Bricker Graydon](#) as she chats with her firm's colleague Mina Jones Jefferson on the firm's recent merger with another firm and how to bring the cultures of both entities together in a thriving environment. Claire and Mina connect the dots between culture, engagement and employee well being; review the challenges on disconnecting from work while performing well; reducing absenteeism and attrition; the value of employee surveys; and how they translate into mental health for the team members.

[Click here to listen to the Podcast](#)



You can listen to this podcast and the other 288 FedSpeaks podcasts on Spotify, iTunes, Stitcher, the Fed365 app or wherever you get your podcasts.

Find out what over 14,451 listeners have already discovered by downloading and subscribing to these enlightening episodes by, about and for members of the FDCC.

**#5 A Personal Note of Thanks From
FDCC Past President Mills Gallivan**



Mills and Carol Anne Gallivan wish to thank their treasured Federation Friends for their support, condolences and prayers following the recent passing of his father, Harold F. Gallivan, Jr.

Mr. Gallivan recently passed on August 1, 2025 at the age of 98.

[Click here](#) to read the full Obituary.

#5.1 Webinar: Sustainable Mining for Rare Earth Elements

August 21, 2025

10:00AM - 11:30AM PDT

As global demand for critical minerals continues to surge, the mining industry faces increasing pressure to balance resource extraction with environmental and social responsibility. This webinar, presented by FDCC Sponsor Exponent, explores the logistical, environmental, and legal issues involved in sustainable

mining practices for rare earth elements.



Key Takeaways:

- **Navigating Legal and Permitting Challenges:** A deep dive into the legal complexities surrounding project development, including environmental siting, permitting hurdles, and an exploration of the Supreme Court's

decision clarifying the scope of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews.

- **The Role of Social License:** Understanding how community engagement and social responsibility are becoming central to mining operations, with legal implications tied to public perception and local impact.
- **Geopolitical Shifts in Mining Strategy:** A discussion on how international relations and political dynamics are influencing where mining occurs, including the potential for reshoring operations to the U.S.
- **Exploring Untapped Geographies:** Insights into emerging exploration zones and previously overlooked mineral types, highlighting the need for innovation in geological research and resource mapping.

Join us for an overview of the challenges and opportunities shaping the future of rare earth mining.

[Click here to register for the webinar](#)



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#5.2 Welcome to Our New Members!



Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newly admitted members:



Robert Jude DelPriore is Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel with **Mid-America Apartment Communities** (MAA) in Germantown, TN where he has oversight of all legal, risk management, insurance and commercial functions.

Prior to his current responsibilities, Robert was a Partner in the securities department of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, where he worked extensively with real estate investment trusts.

He and his wife **Sara Hall** reside in Memphis, TN.





Jennifer A. Welch is a Partner with **Cranfill Sumner, LLP** in Raleigh, NC where she is the chair of the firm's Insurance Law & Coverage practice group. She regularly advises clients on a wide array of insurance coverage issues involving both first and third-party coverages, including commercial general liability coverage, commercial and personal auto coverage, homeowners' coverage, professional liability coverage, and property coverage. She has represented insurers in numerous declaratory judgment actions in both state and federal courts, and she has also authored numerous publications and given many presentations on various insurance coverage issues.

Jennifer also routinely handles cases involving insurance bad faith, premises liability, motor vehicle negligence, and homeowners' association disputes. She has particular experience and interest in handling uninsured and underinsured motorist claims and has an in-depth understanding of the intricacies of the laws governing such claims.

Jennifer is a Raleigh native. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, exercising, gardening, and spending time with her husband, **Matt**, and their two daughters, Grayson and Caroline.

Welcome Aboard!

#5.3 What's On the Docket



Please register and mark your calendar to attend the following FDCC events of relevant and timely substantive content:.

- **September 14-16, 2025: Corporate Counsel Symposium** at the InterContinental Hotel in Chicago, IL. Co-Chairs: [Chelsey Golightly](#), [Nicole Benjamin](#), and [Tim Moore](#), Click on the links for the [Brochure](#) and to [Register](#).
- **November 5-7, 2025: Insurance Industry Institute** at the Westin Times Square Hotel in New York City. Co-Chairs: [Sarannah McMurtry](#) and [Jeff Van Volkenburg](#). Registration coming soon.
- **February 24-28, 2026: Winter Meeting** at the [J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort](#) in Scottsdale, AZ: **"Together We Rise From the Valley"**. Convention Chair: [Frank Ramos](#); Program Chair: [Micalann Pepe](#).
- **July 26 - 31, 2026: Annual Meeting** at the [Corinthia Hotel in Lisbon, Portugal](#): **"A Mosaic of Memories in Lisbon"**. Convention Chair: [Lee Hall](#); Program Chair: [Alycen Moss](#).

- **February 28-March 4, 2027: Winter Meeting** at the [Fountainbleu Hotel, Miami Beach, FL.](#)
- **July 25-30, 2027: Annual Meeting** at the [Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Alberta, Canada.](#)

...and finally, Have a Nice Day...

Bob Allen!



At the recent 2025 Annual Meeting at the Chicago Hotel InterContinental, the Fellows of the [American College of Coverage Counsel](#) (ACCC) elected Bob Allen of [The Allen Law Group](#) as their Secretary-Treasurer. Under the terms of progression, Bob will become President of the ACCC in 2027.

The ACCC, established in 2012, is the preeminent association of U.S., Canadian and Bermudian lawyers who represent the interests of insurers and policyholders. ACCC Fellows include many of the prominent members of the insurance law bar. Membership is limited and by invitation only.

Bob is Board Certified in both Insurance Law and Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Bob's practice is primarily focused in representing parties in trial court and appellate proceedings in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation in Texas and beyond, ranging from standard personal lines coverages to sophisticated

corporate/professional policies and reinsurance treaties. He also serves as a mediator, arbitrator, umpire, and expert witness in insurance, bad faith, reinsurance and attorneys fees disputes.

Please join us in congratulating Bob on his election to the leadership of the ACCC by sending him an email to:

bob.allen@theallenlaw.com

Congratulations Bob. We wish you, Paige and the family all the very best for continued good health, success and happiness in the years ahead.

Thank you for being a valued member of the FDCC since 2000!



Why FDCC?

"To be the inspired community of vetted defense counsel, exceptional leaders and even better people."