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***Good Morning!***

Here are your top 5+ things to know about developments, upcoming events and progress being made on initiatives the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel is undertaking on behalf of all our members.

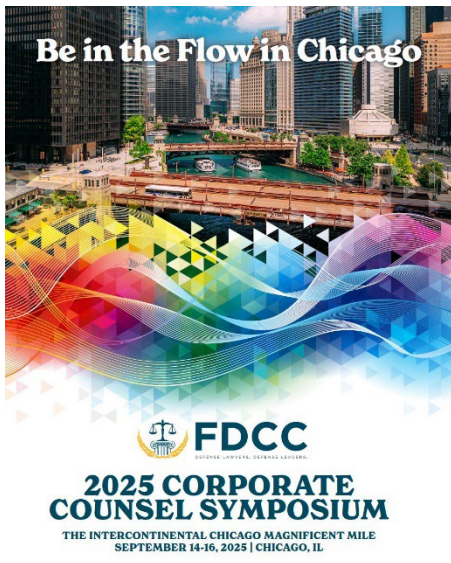


**Scan the QR Code to easily access the registration page for the 2025 Annual Meeting** at the spectacular Stein Eriksen Lodge and its sister property, the Chateau Deer Valley Resort located on the eastern slopes of the Wasatch Mountain Range in Park City, UT.

**While the Stein Eriksen Lodge is now sold out, rooms remain available at the Chateau Deer Valley Resort across the street.** If you need to cancel your room reservation, please contact [Martha Heinze](#), so we can use that reservation for other members who will be registering between now and the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you **July 28 - August 2, 2025** as we "Train with Champions" and "Go for Gold" together!

**#1 Registration Now Open for FDCC's  
Corporate Counsel Symposium**



Are you ready to dive into the current of legal innovation and professional growth? Do you want to explore cutting-edge solutions to today's most complex corporate challenges? Does the thought of deep-dish pizza, world-class architecture, and vibrant city energy inspire you?

Then join us in Chicago at the 2025 **Corporate Counsel Symposium, September 14-16, 2025, taking place at the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel.**

This year, we'll "Be in the Flow in Chicago." Our Convention Co-Chairs [Nicole Benjamin](#), [Chelsey Golightly](#) and [Tim Moore](#) have put together a compelling program, along with the members of the CCS Committee. Drawing from the Federation's wealth of expertise, you'll hear from professionals at the forefront of in-house and outside legal practice. Sessions will cover making the business case for AI usage and practical uses for in-house counsel, trade secret protection strategies, emerging environmental litigation risks, corporate governance in today's climate, and practical approaches to legal operations whether you're leading a team of one or one hundred. Building on the success of last year's format, we'll once again feature dynamic panel discussions to spark lively conversation and meaningful idea exchange. We'll also bring back our signature FedTalks-concise, inspiring presentations designed to leave a lasting impact.

Beyond the informative sessions, you'll find abundant opportunities to connect with colleagues, forge new relationships, and experience the camaraderie that makes the FDCC an unparalleled professional community. Whatever the origin, one thing is certain: at the 2025 Corporate Counsel Symposium, you'll find yourself in the flow of ideas, solutions, and connections that will energize your

practice and prepare you to navigate the currents of today's complex legal landscape with confidence and skill.

We look forward to welcoming and engaging with you in Chicago for the informative CLE sessions and invaluable networking opportunities.

[Click Here for the Brochure](#)

[Click Here to Register for CCS](#)

[Click Here to Make a Hotel Reservation](#)

## #2 FDCC Files Amicus Brief in GA Supreme Court

No. A25A1664

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In the  
Court of Appeals of Georgia

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PHILADELPHIA INDEMNITY INSURANCE CO.,  
Appellant-Defendant,

v.

MARK EUBANKS, ET AL.,  
Appellees-Plaintiffs

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On Appeal from the Superior Court of Floyd County, Georgia  
Case No. 19CV00237

**AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF OF FEDERATION OF  
DEFENSE & CORPORATE COUNSEL**

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The FDCC filed an Amicus Curiae brief in support of the Appellant, Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company on Monday, drafted by FDCC Defense Counsel member [James Dart Meadows](#) of [Balch & Bingham](#) in Atlanta, GA.

In the matter of *Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company v. Mark Eubanks, et al.*, the issues on appeal pertain to the trial court's failure to abide by a statute of repose, resulting in a significant undermining of the predictability of the civil justice system, upon which Georgia residents, businesses, nonprofits, insurers, and other organizations rely when making decisions that involve liability

risks; and the effective denial of due process to the Appellant by allowing the insurer to be joined into the underlying action very late in the case.

After denying the defendants due process, the lower court compounded the error by assigning liability to insurance defendants who provided insurance policies outside the time of the alleged abuse in the underlying action, thus failing to properly examine fundamental and long-established principles of insurance coverage law. Indeed, the lower court's refusal to merely permit the insurers to engage in discovery to determine whether their policies covered the Plaintiffs' claims is unsupported by law, reason or fairness.

Our thanks to Dart and to [Bill Vita](#), Chair of the [FDCC's Amicus & Public Policy Committee](#) for leading this important filing on behalf of our industry and Federation members.

[Click here to read the Amicus Brief](#)

**#3 Corporate Counsel Roundtable on the Use of AI**

**July 16, 2025 at 12:00PM ET / 9:00AM PT**



AI is coming to our companies, but we must control its arrival. We must consider AI's impact on confidentiality, privilege, and other concerns.

In this Roundtable, we will discuss the AI tools we are using or reviewing. The possibilities include billing review, contract drafting, and other legal functions.

**Tim Moore** (Corium, Inc.) will moderate. In-house lawyers are invited to join us in what will surely be an interesting talk. And remember, FDCC Corporate Counsel Roundtables are safe spaces; only inside lawyers can attend.

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

#### #4 The AI Paradox: How the Biggest Critics are Best Poised to Use It

By Frank Ramos



What I perceive to be a paradox in the use of AI by lawyers is that our most experienced lawyers, some of whom express the most hesitation when using AI, are ironically the best situated to use it. Let me explain.

I use AI to brainstorm many aspects of my case—what documents to request, what interrogatories to propound, what request for admissions to ask, what questions

to ask in deposition, how to prepare clients for deposition, what arguments to raise at a hearing, what case themes and theories to rely upon, what questions to ask prospective jurors, what to say in the opening, what to argue in the closing, what to ask in directs and crosses, etc.

When I prompt AI on these topics, I rely on my experience to evaluate the output. For example, I will work with AI to prepare a deposition outline when deposing a product liability expert. I have deposed many product liability experts. That experience allowed me to evaluate the proposed topics, lines of questions, and styles of questions AI recommends. And that experience serves as a prism for me to accept or reject each portion of AI's output. For example, this is a good topic to address with the expert. This other one is not. This line of questioning is effective. This other one is not.

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

**Frank Ramos** is an FDCC Defense Counsel member and a Partner with **Goldberg Segalla** in Miami, FL, where he focuses his practice on retail, product liability, premises liability, trucking, insurance, and commercial disputes. He also provides counsel, defense, and strategic guidance to retailers, developers, restaurants, fitness chains, hotels, resorts and other hospitality businesses.

#### **#5 FDCC Members in the Spotlight:**

**Jamie Jones & Marisa Trasatti**

"Defense Lawyers. Defense Leaders." has always been more than just the tag line of the FDCC, or definitional of the many vetted and premier members of our organization. This past week, we saw those words come into in action once again

when two of our Defense Counsel Members were named to lead their respective state bar associations. Please join us in congratulating them!

### **Jamie Jones**



Jamie Jones is a partner at Friday, Eldredge & Clark LLP in Little Rock, and was officially sworn in as president of the Arkansas Bar Association during the organization's annual meeting in Hot Springs, AR. Her practice is in civil litigation and she serves on her firm's Management Committee.

She has been an active member of the Arkansas Bar Association since she earned the highest score on the Arkansas Bar Exam in 2003.

Over the years, Jamie has served in a wide range of leadership roles, including as a tenured delegate in the House of Delegates, a member of the Board of Governors and chair of numerous committees. She is also a two-term former board member and current Fellow of the Arkansas Bar Foundation. "Jamie's passion for service is at the heart of everything she does," the Association said in its announcement. Her dedication has also earned her several leadership awards from the organization.

### **Marisa Trasatti**



[Marisa Trasatti](#) (right, pictured with Justice Angela M. Eaves of the Maryland Supreme Court) assumed the gavel and role as President of the [Maryland State Bar Association](#). Marisa practices with [Bowman and Brooke, LLP](#) where she focuses her practice on defending high-profile clients against matters involving life sciences, product liability, toxic tort, premises liability and commercial claims. She also serves as General Counsel at Sciton, the world's largest California-based founder-owned medical laser and light manufacturer.

In addition to being a Senior Director on the FDCC Board, Marisa is active in numerous prominent local and national bar associations. She holds a Governor-appointed position as a Commissioner on the Maryland Judicial Disabilities Commission and was recently elected as a Representative to the ABA House of Delegates. In addition to her legal practice, she has authored several notable articles and presented on various legal topics, including alleged human trafficking in the hospitality industry, social inflation, GDPR, crisis management, privacy/cybersecurity, preemption, and learned intermediary defenses.

**#5.1 Help Us Collect Baby Supplies  
for New Moms in Utah**



Thanks to FDCC Defense Counsel [Attie Carville](#) at [Laborde Siegel, LLC](#) and the FedServes Committee for organizing a **Federation Community Baby Shower** at the Summer Meeting in Park City, UT, to collect items for new parents with the United Way of Northern Utah's Welcome Baby program who are in need in support.

Many families in the local community with newborns are in need of essential baby items that are frequently requested but rarely available. Click on the link for the [Wish List](#) and **have your items sent directly to FDCC President Heidi Goebel, Goebel Anderson PC; 405 S Main St, Suite 200; Salt Lake City, Utah 84111**. Stay tuned for more details and join us at the Summer meeting to help stuff the items into diaper bags for the new Moms.

The mission of FedServes is to touch the lives of people who live in the communities where our meetings are held, and to leave a positive mark through our efforts. Your support is greatly appreciated. Additional details to come!

## #5.2 What's On the Docket



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

- **June 26, 2025 at 2:00PM ET / 11:00AM PT: FedTalks: Diversity Talks Roundtable** moderated by [Carolyn Ramos](#) and [Alonzo Washington](#).  
[Click here to register.](#)
- **July 16, 2025 at 12:00PM ET / 9:00AM PT: Corporate Counsel Roundtable on the use of AI** with [Tim Moore](#) of Corium. For FDCC Corporate Counsel Members Only. [Click here to register.](#)
- **July 28 - August 2, 2025: Annual Meeting** at the [Stein Eriksen Lodge & The Chateaux at Deer Valley](#) in Park City, UT. "Go for Gold" with Convention Chair: [Tiffany Alexander](#) and Program Co-Chairs: [Lee Hall](#) and [Kile Turner](#). [Click here to register.](#)
- **September 14-16, 2025: Corporate Counsel Symposium** at the InterContinental Hotel in Chicago, IL. Co-Chairs: [Chelsey Golightly](#), [Nicole Benjamin](#), and [Tim Moore](#), Registration coming in Spring 2025.
- **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 in Summer 2025.
- **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...

**Jeanne Loftis!**



Jeanne is an FDCC Defense Counsel member and a Shareholder-in-Charge at [Bullivant Houser](#) in Portland, OR. Jeanne is nationally recognized and has a proven track record after trying 25+ cases to verdict as First Chair.

Her practice is focused on complex mass tort, employment, and product liability litigation, with participation ranging from a key leader of a national trial team to defending cases in collaboration with other defendants. She has successfully defended hundreds of products cases involving asbestos, breast implant, pelvic mesh, medical drug, and other medical device liability claims. In her "spare" time, Jeanne is involved in a number of community activities, including with the

Inclusive Catholic Education of Oregon, Inc. (Founder, 2015-Present),  
championing inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities.

And today she is celebrating her birthday! Please join us in sending Jeanne an  
email:

[jeanne.loftis@bullivant.com](mailto:jeanne.loftis@bullivant.com)

Happy Birthday Jeanne...and our very best wishes to you and Blair for continued  
good health, success and happiness in the years to come. Thank you for being a  
valued member of the Federation since 2023!



### **Why FDCC?**

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