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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.

#1 "Thank You" from the Jackson Family



My Dear FDCC Family,

As you are aware, our family woke up early Friday morning on March 28th to our house on fire. God was watching after us because all my family made it out of the house safely just in time. Emily, Griffin, Graham, and I are extremely overwhelmed with all the love and support our FDCC family has shown us

during these past difficult weeks of our lives. We have received support and love from FDCC friends that we know and from members that we have never even gotten the opportunity to meet. There are no words to express our gratitude and appreciation for everything everyone has done and continues to do for our family. We appreciate all the prayers and words of encouragement more than anyone will ever know or be able to understand.

Losing our home and Bella (Griffin's dog) to the fire has been one of the hardest things we've ever faced—but your support, whether through donations, clothes, toys, books, prayers, meals, patience, hugs, text messages, emails, or simply your presence, have brought light to some of our darkest days. Every item you gave has helped us begin to rebuild—not just our lives, but a sense of hope and stability for our family, especially our two boys. More than the physical things, your love reminded us that we are not alone, and I personally hope everyone in the FDCC knows they are not alone either with whatever difficulties you or your families are currently facing.

We are truly blessed to be surrounded by such a compassionate and thoughtful people. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your kindness will never be forgotten!

We are pleased to inform everyone we recently moved into an extremely beautiful rental home for the next two years that our neighbors convinced our new landlord to rent to us instead of putting their house on the market like they planned. This is a picture of us on the porch the night we moved into our new home! We are moving forward, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Summer Meeting in Park City! Roll Tide Roll!

With love and gratitude,

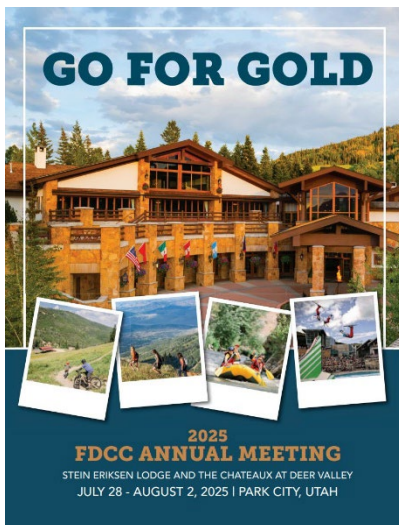
Travis, Emily, Griffin & Graham Jackson

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#2 Have You Registered for the Summer Meeting?



Since last Friday, 56 additional registrations for the Summer Meeting at Stein Eriksen/Chateaux Deer Valley Resort in Park City, UT have been received. **That brings total registrations to 393.** Have you registered yet?

This year, we're ready to "Go for Gold" — and we want you there for every unforgettable moment.

Click on the link for the [brochure](#) and check out all the exciting excursions and events for which you can now register as well. Our Convention Chair [Tiffany Alexander](#) and Program Co-Chairs [Lee Hall](#) and [Kile Turner](#) have put together a spectacular and memorable experience for you and the family! Lee also recorded this [Podcast](#) on the relevant CLE Substantive Law Section and Plenary Sessions, as well as the exciting keynote speakers. As she says "Come for the Convention; Stay for the Programming."

So, get ready to "Train with Champions!"...."Go for Gold!"....and register to secure your spot to ensure that you don't miss the valuable networking

opportunities with your FDCC colleagues and our sponsors, and in sharing this special time with your family.

#3 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!

#4 Law Firm Culture Building Strategies: Video Replay



The FDCC's Law Practice Management Section held an informative roundtable session on how to build and sustain an effective law firm culture. Subject matter experts [Jody Briandi](#) of Hurwitz Fine and [Nick Haigler](#) of Robinson Gray teamed up with culture specialist Kelly Reese at Nick's firm to share proven strategies that can transform law firm environments.

If you missed the session - or would like to share it with your colleagues, please [click here](#) for the video recording.

#5 Consider FDCC Leadership



You're in the FDCC because you've distinguished yourself as a defense leader. Now, we invite you to take the next step in that leadership journey by running for the FDCC Board of Directors.

Serving on the Board is a meaningful way to give back to the FDCC, help shape the Federation's future, and build lasting relationships with fellow leaders. If you have the passion, perspective, and commitment to serve, we encourage you to put your name forward.

Declared candidates will be featured on the FDCC website, published in the Spring *Flyer* and recognized during the Opening Session of the Annual Meeting in Park City. **You may declare your candidacy at any time prior to the Nominating Committee's meeting on Thursday, July 31.**

The leadership summary form is available on the website or by clicking [here](#). To nominate yourself, or if you have any questions...send us an [email](#).

#5.1 Member in the Spotlight:

Steve Pate



Please join us in congratulating FDCC Defense Counsel member [Steve Pate](#) on having taken office as President of the American College of Coverage Counsel at the organization's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL last week.

Steve is also a member of the Global Insurance Department and co-chair of the property insurance group at Cozen O'Connor. Working out of the Houston, TX office, Steve focuses his litigation practice on Directors and Officers insurance matters, business interruption issues, CGL insurance matters, property insurance matters, builders risk matters, commercial general liability insurance disputes, fraud, and various other extracontractual litigation matters. Over a 30-year career in coverage work, he has tried more than 45 first-party extracontractual cases to verdict. He is a frequent author and speaker. He is also a member of

the American Law Institute and an advocate in the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Congratulations Steve, and best wishes for continued success.

#5.2 Unlock the Future of Law: Harnessing the Power of AI



Join your fellow FDCC attorneys and colleagues for an insightful and practical webinar on **Thursday, May 30th, at 2:00 PM ET / 11:00 AM PT.**

This engaging session will showcase powerful demonstrations of how Artificial Intelligence is transforming the legal profession—enhancing productivity, improving accuracy, and driving client success.

Join Jake Nelson, General Manager of Emerging Products of FDCC Platinum Sponsor LexisNexis in discovering how to leverage AI tools for legal research, document review, predictive analytics, and more. Whether you're tech-savvy or new to AI, you'll leave equipped with clear, actionable steps to confidently integrate AI into your practice immediately.

Don't miss this opportunity to position yourself at the forefront of legal innovation. This presentation is open to all FDCC members and their colleagues.

[Please click here to register for the webinar](#)



#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:

- **May 30, 2025 at 2:00PM ET/11:00AM PT: Webinar - Unlock the Future of Law - Harnessing the Power of AI** with Jake Nelson of Lexis Nexis.

[Click here to register.](#)

- **July 28 - August 3, 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...

Steve Pasarow!



We are proud to send hearty congratulations out to FDCC Defense Counsel member Stephen Pasarow today, as he achieved the distinction of receiving the inaugural **Association of Southern California Defense Counsel** Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for 2025. This well-deserved honor recognizes defense attorneys for their exceptional skills, dedication, and remarkable success in defending clients in high-stakes litigation.

Steve is a Director at **Knapp Peterson Clarke, PC** in Glendale, CA, where he specializes in civil litigation with an emphasis on the defense of automobile accidents, commercial transportation, and premises liability cases. He is also a member of DRI, and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) with the rank of Diplomat.

Please join us in sending Steve an email congratulating him for this prestigious achievement:

scp@kpclegal.com

Way to go Steve! We look forward to congratulating you in person but...in the meantime, send you and Sileni our very best wishes. Thank you for being a valued member of the Federation since 2007!



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