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Good Morning!

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

#1 Happy Memorial Day Weekend



*A solemn sunrise at the American Cemetery near the beaches of D-Day
in Normandy, France*

Bob & Erin Christie, the FDCC's President & First Lady, the Officers, Board of Directors, and all of us here at FDCC Headquarters wish you and your family a wonderful Memorial Day weekend as we honor and remember the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the U.S. military.

**#2 FDCC Foundation Awards 2022 Barb
Currie Diversity Scholarship
By: Deb Varner**



Deb Varner & Ned Currie



Ned Currie & Muhammad Ali Ilahi

The Finger Lakes Region of New York is majestic. Known for its natural beauty, wineries, quaint towns and beautiful lakes, this region of New York provided the perfect backdrop for the presentation of the Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship. Credit cannot be taken by the author for setting up the presentation in this beautiful location, rather, credit should be given to the Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship Committee, the FDCC Foundation Board and the many contributors for continuing the selection of amazing recipients of the scholarship.

Cornell University is located on the south end of the Cayuga Lake, the longest of the five Finger Lakes. Susan Currie, FDCC Member Ned Currie's sister, coordinated the ceremony in the Ezra Cornell Room of the County Library. It's graduation weekend at Cornell and things are busy.

Muhammad Ali Ilahi is the recipient of this year's scholarship. You were introduced to him in the recent edition of the [Flyer](#). Presented with many options, Ali will be attending Penn State University Law School in the Fall.

Ali has a passion for helping others who might not be as fortunate as he is. His first experience with the American legal system was the presentation of his asylum application with the USCIS. Ali was a persecuted religious minority ([Ahmadiyya](#)) from Pakistan. He filed all the necessary paperwork and represented himself in front of the asylum officer for an interview that lasted for almost three hours. It was this process that inspired him to follow immigration law and international humanitarian law as a career.

Having had the opportunity to meet other Barb Currie Scholarship Recipients over the years, the experience in meeting Ali yesterday was once again fulfilling. As an FDCC Member and the President of the Foundation, I

encourage every member to [become a Foundation Fellow](#) and donate to the Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship Fund. Together, we are changing the lives of these recipients. If you have not had a chance, read “Now Look What You’ve Done” in the [Flyer](#). Through his interviews with past recipients, FDCC's Executive Director Bernie Heinze captures the positive impact that the Foundation, the FDCC Members and the scholarship has had on these deserving individuals.

The Foundation and the FDCC continue to set the standard in paying it forward. Don't sit on the sideline.

[Deb Varner](#) is President of the FDCC Foundation, and a Partner with [Varner & Van Volkenburg](#) in Clarksburg, WV.

#3 Sixty Seconds in Seattle



Ahoy FDCC Members!

Ready to experience the extraordinary?

Enjoy an afternoon power boat excursion for 4, with a picnic lunch included, **all to benefit the FDCC Foundation!** Date to be determined by the winner and used during the Seattle Annual Meeting. An experienced captain will be provided. The photos say it all.

Tickets can be purchased for the tax deductible amount of \$100.00 per ticket by clicking on the red bar below. A drawing for the winning ticket will be held on July 26th at the Annual Meeting. Tickets will also be available the first day of the meeting at the Registration Desk as well.

****Donated by Bob and Erin Christie****

Registration is now open for the the FDCC's Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, July 25-30, 2022. [Click Here to see the mini-Agenda.](#) After registering for the meeting, you will then receive a code with which to make your hotel reservations. Register now to take advantage of the early-bird discount - by [clicking here.](#)

**Click here to purchase your raffle tickets for the
Christie's Boat Excursion**



**#4 Congratulations to Our New
Emeritus Members**



H. Mills Gallivan



Mike Lucey & his new "Associates"

We are privileged to advise that FDCC Defense Counsel Members H. Mills Gallivan and Mike Lucey have each been elevated by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to the honored status of Emeritus Member within the Federation.

[Mills Gallivan](#) is the founding Partner of [Gallivan White & Boyd](#) in Greenville, SC and a Past President of the FDCC during 2016-2017. He is also the host of the "Mondays with Mills" podcast series on the FedSpeaks channel, available wherever you get your podcasts. He continues the active practice of law and is a highly sought after Mediator.

[Mike Lucey](#) recently retired from the active practice of law as a renowned Employment attorney, founder of the Employment Law Practice Group and a Partner in the San Francisco office of [Gordon and Rees](#), where he had practiced for over 42 years. However, as you can see by the photo above, Mike continues offering his valuable mentorship to young Associates seeking his guidance. Mike was also President of the FDCC between 2009-2010.

Please join us in congratulating Mills and Mike on receiving this honorary membership status within the FDCC!

#5 Who Can You Nominate?

**Let's Fill Our New
Member Bucket!**



Start: August 1, 2021 at 0 nominees

Where are we now?
227
nominees!

Before Mills Gallivan and Mike Lucey became Emeritus Members, they also went through the FDCC's thorough vetting process, just like the rest of us, to become admitted to the only legal trade association comprised of defense and corporate counsel and insurance industry professionals who are above and beyond others within our industry.

In order to sustain our professional network of the defense bar and corporate and industry executives, the FDCC's

Membership Recruitment Committee continues looking for others worthy of the FDCC's brand. Since our Annual Meeting at The Greenbrier in 2021, that effort has seen 227 professionals nominated for membership.

Please help us further enhance the bench strength of the Federation by nominating a worthy colleague or client today. It's easy: Just email their name and contact details to: liz@thefederation.org and we will take it from there! If you are also able to find someone to second the nomination, that will speed up the process.

Thank you. We are so close to our goal of 250 nominees...let's celebrate that achievement at this year's Annual Meeting in Seattle!

#5.1 Welcome Our New Member



The FDCC is proud to announce the following Defense Counsel has been admitted into the Federation this week.

Please join us in welcoming them!

- [J.C. Roper](#) is a Partner with [Drew Eckel & Farnham](#) in Atlanta, GA where he focuses his practice in workers' compensation defense litigation representing corporations, employers, insurers, and self-insured corporations. J.C. has substantial trial and appellate experience before the State Board of Workers' Compensation throughout the state of Georgia and in all Georgia state courts, representing Fortune 1000 and small-medium sized businesses defending workers compensation claims

Welcome Aboard!

#5.2 What's on the Docket? FDCC's Upcoming Events



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

- **July 25 - 30, 2022: FDCC's Annual Meeting** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Seattle, WA. [Click here to register.](#)
- **August 16-17, 2022: FDCC Virtual Deposition Boot Camp** - 10:00am to 6:00PM ET. Register by emailing: danielle@thefederation.org.
- **October 16-18, 2022: FDCC's Corporate Counsel Symposium** at the Downtown Marriott in Philadelphia, PA. Registration coming soon.
- **November 9-11, 2022: FDCC's Insurance Industry Institute (I-3)** at the Sheraton Times Square Hotel in New York City, NY. Registration coming soon.
- **February 19 - 23, 2023: FDCC's Winter Meeting** at the Omni Hotel in Nashville, TN.
- **July 23 - 28, 2023: FDCC's Annual Meeting at The Broadmoor Resort & Hotel** in Colorado Springs, CO.
- **February 25 - 29, 2024: FDCC's Winter Meeting at the Vinoy Renaissance Hotel** in St. Petersburg, FL



**...and finally...
Have a Nice "Wedding" Day
Caitlin Gifford!**



Caitlin is an FDCC Corporate Counsel Member, and Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary with [TMS International](#) in Horsham, PA.

And later today, Caitlin will be marrying her "best friend," Officer George Rusinko, with the Newtown Borough, PA Police Department at the historic [Glasbern Inn](#) in Fogelsville, PA.

Caitlin reports the lucky couple will then be off to Barbados for their honeymoon...but promises to be back in time to attend the FDCC's Corporate Counsel Symposium, October 16-18, 2022!

Please join us in extending our congratulations and very best wishes to

Caitlin and George for a wonderful wedding and a lifetime of happiness in the years to come.

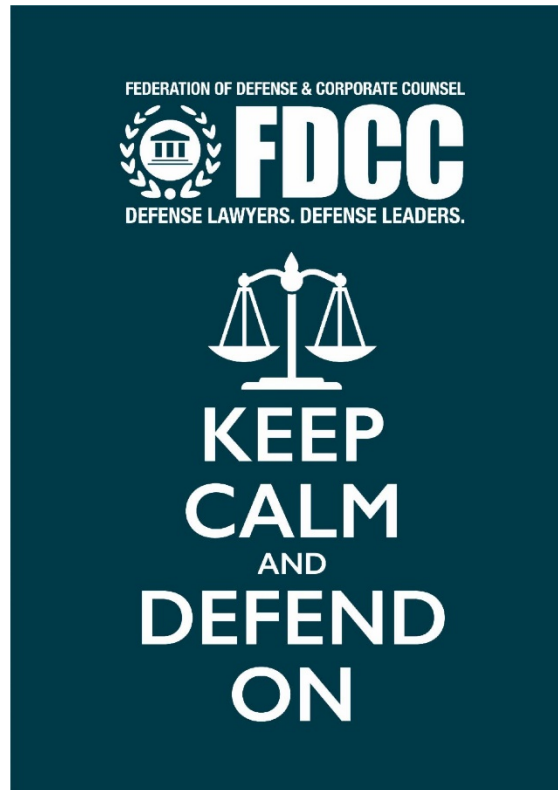
Here's Caitlin's email...although she may not be getting back to you right away!

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