



FDCC

DEFENSE LAWYERS. DEFENSE LEADERS.



A COMMUNITY UNLIKE ANY OTHER



THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN THE FEDERATION OF DEFENSE & CORPORATE COUNSEL

THE FDCC DIFFERENCE

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Membership in the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel is not something one obtains by paying dues or filling out a form. It is earned—through a distinguished career, peer recognition, unimpeachable character, vigorous client service, and a demonstrated commitment to excellence in the practice of law.

Our size is deliberately limited. Our standards are intentionally high. And our community is intentionally exceptional.

The FDCC is an exclusive, invitation-only network capped at 1,200 defense members nationally.

Each member must have:

- At least 8 years of practice experience
- A documented record of skill, integrity, and professionalism
- Peer nomination and rigorous vetting by leaders of the profession

PROGRAMS THAT INSPIRE EXCELLENCE

FIRST-RATE PROGRAMMING, WORLD-CLASS THINKERS

FDCC conferences and events draw International thought leaders, innovators, trial masters and corporate professionals whose experiences challenge, motivate and transform our members.

Our world-class Continuing Legal Education programs are tailored experiences that help members grow as lawyers, leaders and valued members of our industry as well as in their communities.

Members advance their capabilities and continue to differentiate themselves by:

- Attending our meetings, education and plenary sessions, networking events and other activities throughout the year;
- Engaging with their fellow members in any of the 24 Substantive Law Sections in individualized areas of legal specialties, and participating in the Federation's administrative committees;
- Writing articles for publication and distribution to the industry;
- Being part of workshops to master technology in the courtroom and the boardroom with practical legal applications of the latest tools and best practices, and
- Connecting with their peers in Corporate Counsel Roundtables and Law Firm Management sessions, all providing insights into leadership, culture and operational excellence.



A COMMUNITY THAT SHARES, INSPIRES & CONNECTS

SHARING BEST PRACTICES

FDCC members openly share best practices as well as lessons learned, strategies and insights across jurisdictions and industries. Our respected network of shared excellence is driven by personal trust that drives professional relationships and referrals.

The FDCC's "WHY" is "to exist to be the inspired community of the Defense Counsel, exceptional leaders and even better people." Let our "Why" be the "How" you will become an even better lawyer/industry professional with access to your new international network.

GENUINE CONNECTION

Networking within the Federation is genuine, effortless and meaningful.

Members connect throughout the year by regularly attending the:

- Annual & Winter Meetings held each year in spectacular locations. Family members are always welcomed at our events, especially at the Annual Meeting;
- Corporate Counsel Symposium and Insurance Industry Institute;
- Regional dinners, social events and meet ups; and
- Section programming and committee work conducted virtually throughout the year.

As a member of the Federation, you will also have access to the exclusive digital newsroom, the FedSpeaks podcast channel, receive the weekly "Friday 5's" newsletter, be part of the exclusive annual Roster and Membership Directory and have your own biography page on the FDCC website which you can update as your legal career continues to advance.

Members say the FDCC is the strongest professional network they have ever had and that many of their lifelong friends are those they have met within the Federation.



THE MEMBER EXPERIENCE

NEW MEMBERS ARE TRULY WELCOMED

From day one, new members feel the difference:

- You are personally introduced to the membership and all Past Presidents attending the opening plenary session at your first meeting, at which you will also be assigned a host;
- You will receive valuable information and guidance about the FDCC from the Membership Development Committee;
- You will be invited to attend an on-line orientation session with FDCC leadership; and be featured in a new member podcast spotlighting your background, practice and personal interests;
- You can join Substantive Law Sections, committees and programs; and
- You will be connected to leaders, colleagues and peers in our unique segment of the bar and industry.

Since 1936, the FDCC has been known nationwide for its inclusive, welcoming and personal culture, a trait uncommon among professional organizations.

WHAT MEMBERS SAY

- "FDCC is built on relationships—not badges, colors, or pressure."
- "The referral culture is organic and genuine - and the work follows."
- "The collective thought leadership is extraordinary."
- "FDCC keeps me sharp, current, and outward-looking."
- "The quality of relationships is unmatched."
- "Leadership opportunities come early and often."

YOUR INVITATION

FDCC membership is extended only to professionals who demonstrate:

- Excellence in advocacy
- Highest standards of professionalism
- Commitment to Defense & Corporate Counsel and our related communities
- Integrity and character worthy of peer recognition

You have already dedicated your career to excellence. We invite you to join our community to challenge and maximize your full potential, and to provide you with meaningful relationships with professionals of equal caliber. Make the FDCC the next step of your professional journey.

JOIN US. SHARE YOUR INSIGHT. BE INSPIRED. FORM GENUINE CONNECTIONS.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



2027 WINTER MEETING

February 28-March 3, 2027
The Fountainsbleu Hotel
Miami, Florida



2027 ANNUAL MEETING

July 25-28, 2027
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
Banff, Alberta, Canada



2028 WINTER MEETING

February 27-March 1, 2028
Del Coronado Hotel
Coronado Island, California



2028 ANNUAL MEETING

July 30-August 3, 2028
The Westin Frenchmen's Reef
St. Thomas, U.S.V.I