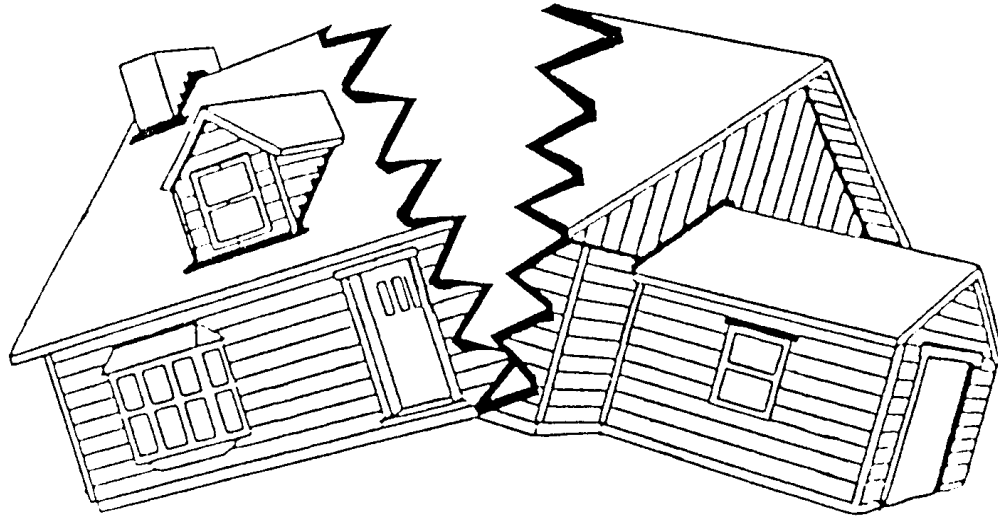


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West Coast Casualty's



Construction Defect Seminar
May 7th, 8th and 9th, 2008



1150 West Magic Way, Anaheim, California 92802

Coral Stern, AIC
President
West Coast Casualty Service, Inc.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar will take place at the world-renowned Disneyland Hotel and Resort.

I can't believe that fifteen years ago, when we first created these seminars, it would have turned into the international event it has now become.

From 40 people in a basement room at a local hotel in 1993 to just under 1600 people last year, we are certainly proud to be the host of America's Largest, America's Favorite and America's Best Construction Defect event.

Many have said that construction defect claims and litigation will slow down and in some cases that has been true, but there is no question that these complex multi-party, multi issue cases have spread throughout the country bringing with them distinct problems unique to their own jurisdictions.

This year we have speakers who have come to speak at our event from all across the USA bringing with them their ideas, experiences, thoughts and possible solutions to the common issues we all face in these claims. I think you will agree that the speakers and respective subjects broached at this year's event represent the most important agenda items currently facing the construction defect community. Our tradition has been to bring speakers to our audience who represent all aspects of the construction defect community who come share their thoughts and experiences on the issues that were first born here in California.

This year we will present a whole host of special features which will be associated with our seminar, some which are discussed in this invitation and many we continue to work on which will be presented at this year's event. Last, but certainly not least, we are once again proud to host West Coast Casualty's "Buy a Banner, Support A Charity" program. "Buy a Banner, Support A Charity" has raised over a million dollars to date for various charities. We are extremely proud to be the vehicle for this worthwhile event.

We're looking forward to an educational, enjoyable and memorable seminar event and I look forward to seeing you in Anaheim on May 7th, 8th and 9th, 2008.

Very truly yours,

West Coast Casualty Service, Inc.

Coral Stern, AIC, President

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Wednesday, May 7th 2008

Seminar Registration 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM
Welcome Remarks

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM
“We’ve Come So far . . . but we have a Long Way to Go”
Alexander Polsky, Esq. David Stern, RPA,
Sandra Bauer, Esq., Joe Kaneda, Esq., Keith Koeller, Esq. and Edward Martinet

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
“Conflicts of Interest in Construction Defect Cases”
Jeffrey S. Kramer, Esq., Barbara Lewis
Dan Cribbs, Esq. and David Wasson, Esq.

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Afternoon Break

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM
“The Benefits and Burdens of the Right
to Repair Statutes in the Western States”
Holly Parrish Bezner, Esq., Holly Davies, Esq.
Bruce Wick, Robert Closson, Esq. and Scott Diaz, Esq.

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM
“Keeping Up With CD Coverage, Many Issues Resolved . . .
But We Still Have A Long Way To Go,”
Neil Selman, Esq., Sheryl Leichenger, Esq., Eldon Edson, Esq.

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Thursday, May 8th 2008

Registration and Breakfast - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Breakfast

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8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

“Recent Court Decisions Which Impact Both the Coverage and the Defense of CD Claims”

Thomas Halliwell, Esq., and Barry C. Vaughan, Esq.

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

“Going Green: Is the Grass Greener on the Other Side?”

Sheila Fix, Esq., Bruce Bergman, AIA, Jay Freedman and Sean Dwyer, Esq.

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Morning Break

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

“Judicial Panel on Complex Litigation”

**Hon. Victoria Chaney, Hon. Nancy Saitta,
Hon. Pendleton Gaines, Hon. James Verellan**

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Awards Presentation

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

“Settlement Strategies and Techniques”

**Hon. Alan Earl, Bruce Edwards, Esq., Gerald Kurland, Esq.
Merv Thompson, Esq. and Ross Feinberg, Esq.**

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

“Complicated And Convolutud: The Chaos of Chapter 40.”

**Elaine Fresch, Esq., Chief Justice Mark Gibbons,
Justice Michael Cherry, Karen Rice and David Lee, Esq.**

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3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Afternoon Break

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3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

“A Trip to the Whine Country”

(or How to Settle a Case When the Insurance Money/Subcontractor is Gone)

Adrienne D. Cohen, Esq., Hon. Stephen J. Sundvold, Ken Kasdan, Esq.

John Thompson, Matt Adler, Ed Schmitt, Esq.

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

“The Rest of the West:

The 5 Things You Need to Know about CO, ID, HI, WA, and OR.”

Mark Scheer, Esq., Dirk Holt, Esq., Sheri Roswell, Esq.

David McLain, Esq., Paul Street, Esq. and David Merchant, Esq.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cocktail Reception

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Friday May 9th 2008

7:30AM - 8:30AM
Registration and Breakfast

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Center Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

*“How current market and economic forces
may impact construction defect litigation”*

Joe Ferrentino, Esq.
Susan Bryan
Jarrett Coleman, Esq.
Toni Johnson
Phyllis Modlin

Center Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

*“Reducing Risk: A New Risk Management
Model for Builders and Subcontractors.”*

Jason Weintraub, Esq.
Maureen Thomas, Esq.
Jeffrey Masters, Esq.

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Morning Break

Center Ballroom

11:00AM – 12:00 PM

*“How has the Jeld-Wen case affected
the CD mediation process?”*

Matthew Argue, Esq.
Alexander Robertson, Esq.
Joyia Greenfield, Esq.
Jeff Harmeyer, Esq.
James Chodsko, Esq.
Michael Carbone, Esq.

South Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

*“ The Most Powerful
Construction Statute in
California: How to
Remodel Your Home
Absolutely FREE!”*

Ian Corzine, Esq.

South Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

*“Slip Sliding Away -- the Unique Dilemma
Provided by Recent Substantial Landslide Litigation”*

Keith Koeller, Esq.
Michael Hearn, Esq.
Hon. Jonathan Cannon (ret.)

South Ballroom

11:00 PM – 12:00 PM

*“New Technologies for Reducing
Construction Defect Claims
& Investigative Costs”*

Michael Martin, Esq.
Michael Sargent, Esq.
Donald MacGregor
Paul Viau

Seminar Speakers



**Matthew W. Argue, Esq. Mediator
One Mediator, Carlsbad, CA**

Matthew W. Argue has over 17 years experience handling all types of real estate, construction and insurance litigation. As head of the Construction Litigation Department with the San Diego law firm of Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch LLP, he handled many cases involving litigation of complex, multi-party construction defect cases. His construction experience includes high-end, custom single family residences, large multiple single-family and condominium tract developments, commercial retail developments and hotel projects. He also represented the plaintiffs in AAS v. Superior Court (2000) 24 Cal. 4th 627, dealing with the “economic loss rule” and ultimately defines the types of physical injury to property required to recover damages in a construction defect case. Since 2004, he has worked as a full-time construction mediator and arbitrator. He is licensed to practice in multiple jurisdictions including California, Nevada, Colorado, Washington and Texas. Mr. Argue is a Panelist of FORUM Dispute Management, an ADR provider dedicated to resolution of real estate, insurance coverage and construction disputes throughout the West.



**Matthew Adler, Claims Consultant
OneBeacon Insurance Co., Glendale, CA**

Matthew Adler has been with OneBeacon over three years and handles construction defect claims of all types, exposures and jurisdictions across the United States. Nicknamed the “coverage guru”, he is a repeat speaker for the West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar. Mr. Adler’s prior history includes many years at The St. Paul Companies and The Zenith. In addition to construction, his experience includes general liability, SIU and workers compensation. Mr. Adler earned his Bachelor degree from Pitzer College.



**Sandra L. Bauer, Esq. Founder
Bauer & Associates, Santa Ana, CA**

Sandra Bauer is the founder of Bauer & Associates, an Orange County, California firm specializing in a wide variety of subcontractor issues as well as construction defect defense. Ms. Bauer's expertise is in representing framers where she is personal counsel for several large corporation Ms. Bauer is very active in the construction industry and is a member of CALPASC and BIA. She is also a board member of the Consumer Housing Alliance (CHA), a group comprised of concerned business owners, subcontractors and other construction industry leaders. Ms. Bauer frequently writes articles for the California Framing Constructors Association, an industry publication and speaks on their behalf at industry events. Ms. Bauer is a member of the Orange County Bar Association and was again elected as the Section Chair for the Construction Law Section of the Orange County Bar Association for 2008 and was named "Who's Who" in the Orange County Bar Journal. She also participates in the Mentor Program at Chapman University School of Law and is an active member of the Southern California Defense Counsel. Ms. Bauer has successfully tried multiple and lengthy construction defect cases, to a very positive result.

Special Added Bonus;

“Salute to Past Speakers Presentation”

West Coast Casualty and the Speakers and Topics Committee will pay special tribute and recognition to all those past speakers who have contributed to the success of West Coast Casualty’s Construction Defect Seminar series throughout this year’s event !

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Seminar Speakers



Bruce M. Bergman, AIA, NCARB, Architect
KPA Associates, Inc., San Diego, CA

Bruce M. Bergman is a corporate officer, managing architect, and founding associate at KPA Associates, Inc., a forensic architecture and design firm in San Diego, California. He received his Bachelor of Science in Architecture from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and is a licensed architect in California, Nevada, and Arizona. Mr. Bergman is a member of the American Institute of Architects, and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. His professional practice in architecture began in 1980. His accomplishments include over 45 residential and commercial design projects involving various phases of architectural services including site planning, design, code compliance, construction documents, ADA compliance, and full-time on-site construction contract administration. Since 1996 Mr. Bergman has specialized in forensic architecture at KPA Associates, Inc. where he provides professional expertise in construction defect litigation investigation, analysis, repair recommendations, mediation, arbitration, and trial exhibits. Mr. Bergman's focus is also analyzing and integrating sustainable building products, technology, and design into architectural solutions.



Holly Parrish Bezner, Esq., General Counsel
California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors
(CALPASC), Sacramento, CA

Holly Parrish Bezner serves as General Counsel for the California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors (CALPASC). In addition, Ms. Parrish Bezner serves as an educational and legislative resource to CALPASC members on such issues as construction defect reform, risk transfer, contract review and negotiations, unfair business practices and more. CALPASC represents over 540 businesses, employing nearly 70,000 people throughout the state. CALPASC advocates for specialty contractors, suppliers and related businesses in the legislative, regulatory and judicial arenas as well as provides education and awareness on complex issues within the building industry. Prior to her position with CALPASC, Parrish Bezner served as Regional Counsel for a large publicly traded homebuilder. Ms. Parrish Bezner has a Juris Doctor from the UCLA School of Law and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and English from the University of California, Davis.



Susan M. Bryan, AIC, ARM, Regional Underwriting Manager
Construction Specialty Excess, AIG Excess Casualty, San Francisco, CA

Ms. Bryan currently acts as the Regional Underwriting Manager for all excess construction liability coverage for the Western Region at AIG/American Home. This includes underwriting both wrap-up and program coverages for a wide variety of developers, contractors and trade subcontractors involved in all types of construction as well as the development of new products and coverages for those risks. Ms. Bryan spent 13 years as an adjuster handling construction defect, complex coverage and severe exposures in the Construction Defect and Major Case Units at Aetna and Royal Insurance Companies. She also spent four years as an insurance broker specializing in program design and placement construction risks including both renewable programs and wraps, working with all size of accounts and routinely consulting throughout the country. Ms. Bryan is routinely consulted for her expertise in coverage issues and has testified as an expert in coverage litigation and spoken at numerous seminars and conferences throughout the country.

Special Added Bonus;

“15 years in the Making . . . ”

An audio visual presentation of the history and news stories of construction defect issues presented throughout this year's event !!!

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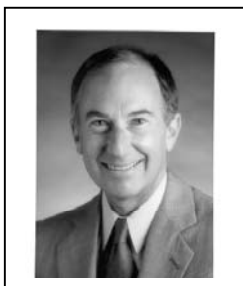
Hon. Victoria Chaney, Judge
Complex Litigation, Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA

On May 13, 1994, Judge Chaney was elevated to the Los Angeles Superior Court and was assigned to Department L, a trial court, in West Branch in Santa Monica where she heard both civil and criminal trials. From January 1995 to December, 1995, she was assigned to Department H in South-Central Branch in Compton, presiding in a criminal calendar and trial court. Beginning January, 1996 through December, 1997, she presided over long cause criminal and civil trials in Department L. Commencing January, 1998 to the present, she transferred from Compton to the Department 19 in the Civil Court House, handling a civil direct calendar. On April 4, 2000, her assignment changed to sitting in the Complex Litigation Program in Department 311 in Central Civil West, handling cases which are designated as complex. In 1990, she was first appointed to the Municipal Court for the Los Angeles Judicial District. As an Assistant City Attorney in the Civil Liability Section of the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, she represented both the City of Los Angeles and its employees in civil litigation. During a leave of absence from the City Attorney, she worked as an associate attorney with Veatch, Carlson, Grogan and Nelson from approximately July 1982 to July 1983. Prior to joining the Office of the City Attorney, she was employed by Dryden, Harrington and Swartz, where she handled files involving general tort litigation insurance coverage disputes, and some business litigation. Between 1986 and 1990, while on the Los Angeles Superior Court Arbitration Panel, she arbitrated more than one hundred cases. Before entering law school, she worked as a nurse at LAC-USC Medical Center and at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.



Hon. Jonathan Cannon (Ret.)
JAMS, Orange, CA

Hon. Jonathan H. Cannon (Ret.) is a member of JAMS where he is a provider of mediation and arbitration services. He is well regarded by both plaintiff and defense counsel, as a knowledgeable and perceptive jurist who quickly gets to the factual and legal issues. He is recognized for his talent at assessing cases -- drawing things together promptly, quickly sizing up the real needs and desires of the parties -- and effecting equitable resolutions. Prior to his 20 years of judicial service on the Orange County trial courts, he was in private practice as a trial attorney for 14 years where he gained a balanced perspective from initially defending insurance companies and later representing plaintiffs in lawsuits against insurance companies. He has successfully settled numerous matters involving contractors, subcontractors, developers, and purchasers and many different construction defect issues including roofing defects, plastering defects, soil substance issues, grading, and mold in single-family and condo projects



Michael P. Carbone, Esq. Mediator
ADR Services, Inc., San Francisco, CA

Michael P. Carbone is a full time neutral with ADR Services, Inc. His practice focuses primarily on construction claims and defects, real estate, business disputes and complex litigation. He has mediated, arbitrated or served as a referee in hundreds of cases. In 2006 he authored a booklet entitled "If It's Broke Let's Fix It: Rectifying Problems in Construction Defect Mediation." He is a member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, past president of The Mediation Society, former Co-chair of the ADR Committee of the State Bar Business Law Section, and an author and frequent speaker on ADR issues. He serves on the mediation panels of most courts in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has been a member of the State Bar of California for 40 years. As an attorney, his practice focused on commercial real estate and general business matters, including litigation of construction, real property, land use, and business cases.

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Hon. Justice Michael A. Cherry, Justice Nevada Supreme Court, Carson City, NV

Justice Michael A. Cherry has been an attorney in Nevada since 1970 and was elected to the Supreme Court in 2006, making him one of its two newest members. While he has had a long career in private practice, he always seemed to have involved himself in some public service within the legal community. He began his career as a Deputy Clark County Public Defender before becoming a partner in the law firms of Manos & Cherry and later Cherry, Bailus & Kelesis. In 1981 Justice Cherry was named as Special Master of the MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litigation and in 1983 he assumed the duties of Special Master of the Las Vegas Hilton Fire Litigation. As Special Master, Judge Cherry served as liaison between plaintiffs' attorneys, defense attorneys and the court during these multi-million dollar cases. His work as Special Master gained him nationwide recognition and the procedures he established are now a part of most mass disaster litigation. Justice Cherry served as an Alternate Municipal Judge for the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson, as well as Justice of the Peace Pro Tem and Small Claims Referee for Clark County. In 1994 he became an instructor for the University of Phoenix, teaching business law and history. Then in 1997 Justice Cherry was named to lead the newly created Clark County Special Public Defender's Office to handle major homicide cases and conflict cases from the county public defender's office. He led a staff of six attorneys and served in that capacity until being elected to Department 17 of the Eighth Judicial District Court in November 1998. Justice Cherry earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in 1966 and a juris doctorate degree from Washington University School of Law in 1969. A native of St. Louis, he is the father of two and grandfather of two. His term ends in 2013.



James E. Chodzko, Esq. Mediator and Arbitrator Law Offices of James E. Chodzko, San Diego, CA

From 1977 to the present, Jim Chodzko has enjoyed a high profile practice throughout the State of California. His practice was devoted to the representation of entities and individuals involved in insurance coverage, legal malpractice, serious personal injury, wrongful death, products liability, business, construction defect, design professional and environmental claims. Mr. Chodzko has extensive trial experience. He has represented property owners, insureds, insurers, developers, design professionals and subcontractors in a wide variety of jury trials. His experience and achievements in jury trials have been marked by his membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates since 1992. Mr. Chodzko has also represented policy holders and insurers involved in pursuing or defending against claims for policy benefits and extra contractual damages. In addition to his own practice Mr. Chodzko has been retained by other persons, lawyers and law firms to consult and provide testimony as an expert witness in a variety of civil disputes. Mr. Chodzko has been a prolific author and lecturer for the Continuing Education of the Bar for the State of California, for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the San Diego Inn of Court, and the American Inns of Court. He has served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of San Diego School of Law teaching classes in civil litigation and trial practice. More recently, Mr. Chodzko has devoted his attention to providing services as a mediator and arbitrator. He serves as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association on its large complex case panel, its commercial dispute panel and its construction industry dispute panel. Mr. Chodzko has served as a Special Master and mediator in a number of civil disputes pending in California, Nevada and Arizona. Mr. Chodzko is a 1972 graduate of Whittier College and received his JD from California Western School of Law in 1977.

Seminar Speakers



Robert V. Closson, Esq.
Summers & Shives, APC, San Diego, CA

Mr. Closson graduated from Shippensburg University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the Western State College of Law in 1986. Following graduation, he initially served as a multi-lines claims representative with Travelers Companies in San Diego before entering private practice in 1987. In 1993, Mr. Closson became a partner in a San Diego insurance coverage law firm and maintained that status until joining Summers & Shives in 2000. He has concentrated his practice almost exclusively in insurance coverage litigation, “bad faith” litigation and the rendering of coverage opinions for insurance carriers. His insurance practice has involved the property and casualty fields of commercial and personal lines policies with an emphasis on construction defect, intellectual property, business litigation and environmental claims. Mr. Closson is admitted to practice before the California state courts and the U.S. District courts for the Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California, the U.S. District court for the District of Colorado, and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Closson lectures both locally and nationally. He is a member of the California State Bar, San Diego County Bar Association and San Diego Defense Lawyers.



Adrienne D. Cohen, Esq., Founder
Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen, Santa Ana, CA

Adrienne D. Cohen is the founder and principal of the Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen located in Santa Ana, California and San Rafael, California. Ms. Cohen received her Juris Doctorate from the USC School of Law in 1989 and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA in 1986. She has represented major insurance companies and their insureds since 1989 in the areas of insurance coverage and defense. Ms. Cohen currently serves on the executive committee and as membership chairperson of the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court. She has served as an instructor in the UCI paralegal program, where she taught legal writing, ethics and insurance law. Ms. Cohen is AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine three years in a row.



M. Jarrett Coleman, Esq. Assistant General Counsel
Centex Homes

Prior to joining Centex Homes, Mr. Coleman was a partner in the Dallas office of Cozen O’Connor. Jarrett had a broad-based litigation practice in state and federal courts around the nation, with a focus on complex, high-exposure insurance coverage litigation. Before joining Cozen, Jarrett was with the Houston office of Bracewell & Patterson (now Bracewell & Giuliani). He also served as an intern for United States District Judge Marcia Crone while in law school. Jarrett earned his Bachelor of Journalism degree from The University of Texas at Austin, and his law degree at South Texas College of Law in Houston. He is admitted to practice in the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas. Jarrett is also admitted to practice in front of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Western District of Oklahoma, and the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. Jarrett is a member of the Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, the Dallas Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He has co-authored several articles for continuing education programs and law journals.

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Ian Corzine, Esq. Partner
West & Miyamoto, LLP, Camarillo, CA

Ian Corzine is a Partner of West & Miyamoto, LLP in Los Angeles and Camarillo, California. Mr. Corzine focuses his practice on complex litigation cases involving construction defect, bad faith, and insurance coverage, as well as business, transportation, and general liability litigation. He obtained his Juris Doctorate degree with Honors from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from University of California, Davis. Before practicing law, Mr. Corzine was an executive assistant to the Governor of California and studied public administration during his stint as a California Executive Fellow. During law school, he was chosen by the United States Attorney's Office to work as a student federal prosecutor. After law school, Mr. Corzine was selected as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Hon. Peter A. Nowinski of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. In recent years, Mr. Corzine has authored numerous construction and insurance law-related articles in trade association publications. In addition to being an active trial lawyer, Mr. Corzine is a frequent speaker at CEB events and presentations. In his free time, Mr. Corzine is an avid snowboarder and scuba diver.



Dan Cribbs, Esq.
Chapman, Glucksman and Dean, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Mr. Cribbs is an associate with Chapman, Glucksman & Dean and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Irvine and law degree from Whittier College School of Law in 1994. Since joining Chapman, Glucksman & Dean he has represented General Contractors and Developers of multi-unit projects, as well as high profile, large exposure single family home matters throughout the State of California. His practice also includes the handling of complex tort actions, including mold bodily injury matters. He also has extensive arbitration and mediation experience and has written a number of articles on topics ranging from expert witnesses, scaffolding issues and the ethical prosecution of claims on behalf of clients.



Holly Davies, Esq. Partner
Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP, Phoenix, AZ

Holly Davies, Esq. is a partner at the law firm of Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP, which has offices in southern and northern California, Arizona, and New Mexico. Holly's practice focuses on construction defect, construction contract disputes, and bodily injury litigation on behalf of developers and general contractors in Arizona and New Mexico. Holly was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1993. She attended the University of Arizona College of Law and graduated cum laude in 1997. She is a member of the State Bars of Arizona (1997) and New Mexico (2007). She is a member of the Maricopa County Bar Association and American Bar Association. She also serves on the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel Board of Directors and is a member of the Home Builders Association of Central New Mexico. In addition, she serves as a mentor in association with the Florence Crittenton Girls Home.



R. Scott Diaz, Esq. Associate Counsel
KB Homes

Scott Diaz is an Associate Counsel in the Legal Department of KB Home, a high production homebuilder with nationwide operations. Mr. Diaz is responsible for litigation and dispute resolution for portions of the western region- seven states- and has been with KB Home since 2001. Mr. Diaz formerly practiced with Cooper, White and Cooper as well as Sedgwick., Detert, Moran and Arnold in San Francisco, California. His practice focused on commercial litigation with an emphasis on defending residential and commercial construction developers, contractors, and design professionals in real estate and construction-related litigation. Mr. Diaz received his B.S. from the University of Colorado- Boulder, and his J.D. degree from the University of San Francisco.

Seminar Speakers



Sean P. Dwyer, Esq. , Partner

Havkins Rosenfeld Ritzert & Varriale, LLP, Mineola, NY

Mr. Dwyer is an accomplished litigator and trial attorney specializing in defending casualty and professional liability claims and their coverage issues. He has appeared as trial and appellate counsel in all state and federal jurisdictions in the New York area on behalf of a variety of primary and excess insurance carriers. In addition, Mr. Dwyer has served as defense counsel-of-choice for several hospitals in the New York region. Over his twenty-year career, Mr. Dwyer has tried hundreds of civil and criminal matters with many proceeding to verdict. Beyond his extensive litigation experience, Mr. Dwyer has developed a growing practice consulting architects, builders and contractors on the technical and legal aspects of green building construction methods in both commercial and residential projects. Mr. Dwyer is a member of the United States Green Building Council and a LEED Accredited Professional. In addition to providing guidance to construction professionals and developers, Mr. Dwyer has advised insurance carriers on risk management and coverage issues arising from green building methods. Mr. Dwyer earned his Juris Doctor from New York Law School in 1987. He is a member of the Order of Barristers and received the Professor Vincent LoLordo Award for Excellence. He received his B.A. from Manhattan College. He is admitted to practice in New York, and before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey. Before entering private practice, from 1987 to 1993, Mr. Dwyer was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney by New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. After serving in the Trial Division, Mr. Dwyer was appointed Investigative Counsel to that office's elite Labor Racketeering/Organized Crime Strike Force. During this tenure, Mr. Dwyer was also appointed as a Special Assistant Attorney General for New York State. Since 1993, Mr. Dwyer has served as trial counsel for several law firms and insurers, specializing in the defense and trial of complex civil litigation matters. Mr. Dwyer has presented training programs in green building for construction and insurance professionals across the country and has previously presented seminars on sustainable construction issues at national conferences. His legal presentations in both green building and trial advocacy have been recorded for national distribution for attorneys pursuing continuing legal education certification.



Hon. Allan R. Earl, Judge

Nevada District Court, Las Vegas, NV

Judge Allan Earl was appointed to the bench by Governor Kenny Guinn on December 5, 2000. Prior to joining the Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Earl served for 25 years as a partner in the law firm of Galatz, Earl & Associates in Las Vegas, where he specialized in Personal Injury Trial Advocacy. Judge Earl earned a bachelor of science degree, Cum Laude in 1965 from Brigham Young University, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law in 1968. He served as a law clerk to the Nevada Supreme Court from 1968 to 1969 and was admitted to the Nevada State Bar in 1968. Judge Earl is a former member of the Western Trial Lawyers Association, the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and was a Lawyer's Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference from Nevada. As an author, the judge has written numerous articles and was appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court to a Select Committee to redraft the Discovery Rules under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. He is a former member of the Standing Committee of Federal Local Practice Rules for the District Court. In 1994 he was appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court to the Board of Bar Examiners, a position he currently holds.

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Eldon S. Edson is a partner with Selman Breitman LLP and specializes in the handling of complex litigation matters in both the trial courts and courts of appeal, including the litigation of insurance coverage and related extra-contractual matters, construction claims, commercial/business claims and environmental tort claims. Mr. Edson attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where he graduated in 1988. He received his Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1993. Mr. Edson is a regular speaker at seminars and on panels on various legal topics, including insurance coverage issues and environmental tort issues. His speaking engagements include, the American Bar Association; the West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar; the Annual MC2 Consultants Seminar; The Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Seminar; and The Association of Southern California Defense Counsel Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Seminar. He has also spoken extensively to businesses, trade groups and various insurance industry groups. Mr. Edson has been involved with numerous appeals, resulting in published legal decisions.



Bruce Edwards, Esq. Mediator
JAMS, San Francisco, CA

As one of JAMS most experienced attorney mediators, Bruce has significant expertise in handling complex, multi-party cases with an emphasis on construction, business, environmental and traumatic personal injury matters. As mediator and trainer at JAMS, Bruce relies on his extensive experience while he was in private practice with the Sedgwick, Detert, firm where he litigated product liability, medical malpractice, construction defect, environmental and toxic tort cases. Bruce has mediated in excess of 1,500 cases in 35 states. An author of JAMS Protocol for Mediating Complex Construction Defect Litigation, Bruce has also conducted mediation training from Florida to California. Bruce received his Juris Doctorate from Hastings College of Law in 1981 and his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of California at Davis. Bruce is a member of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution.



Ross Feinberg, Esq. Mediator
JAMS, Orange, CA

Ross W. Feinberg, Esq. is a member of JAMS where he is a provider of mediation and arbitration services. He specializes in disputes involving complex construction defect, homeowners association, and real estate issues. He has been involved in mediations totaling over \$375 million of recoveries and is a well-known advocate of ADR who is respected by all sides. For more than 22 years, Mr. Feinberg has effectively represented parties in construction defect litigation and related class actions. He is widely recognized for his ability to initiate open communication with all parties, leading to constructive resolutions. Mr. Feinberg has received numerous national and local awards from homeowners association organizations and has been honored with West Coast Casualty's prestigious Jerrold S. Oliver Award of Excellence (the "Ollie" Award), named after the former JAMS neutral.



Joe Ferrentino, Esq. Partner
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Joe Ferrentino is a partner of Newmeyer & Dillion LLP in Newport Beach, CA and has a civil litigation practice encompassing complex actions in the areas of business, construction, real estate, governmental tort, products liability and insurance. Mr. Ferrentino has been counsel for developers in some of the most complex and publicized construction defect and soils cases in Orange and San Diego Counties. He has tried several of these actions and has argued matters before the Court of Appeal. Mr. Ferrentino is a member of the California State Bar, the Orange County Bar Association, and the Robert Banyard Inn of Court. Mr. Ferrentino received his B.S. from Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo and his J.D. from Loyola Law School.

Seminar Speakers



Sheila E. Fix, Esq. Partner
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A partner of Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman, Sheila E. Fix specializes in complex multi-party civil litigation with a primary focus on the construction industry. Her clients include real estate developers, home builders, and Fortune 500 companies. Recognized for her creative case management techniques and firm grasp of technical issues, Ms. Fix also counsels national builders on risk management issues in all phases of the construction process. Ms. Fix's transactional practice includes negotiation and drafting of construction contracts, disclosure statements and notices for real estate transactions, and residential leases. Ms. Fix began her legal career as Judge Advocate in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps during which time she tried over 100 cases, including 20 jury trials. A Captain (O-6) in the Navy Reserves, Ms. Fix serves as the Commanding Officer of the Navy Reserve Legal Service Office Northwest in Washington State and previously acted as the legal advisor to the Third Naval Construction Brigade and First Naval Construction Division for the entire West Coast.



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Jay Freedman is a partner with Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, a business and real estate law firm with offices in Newport Beach and Walnut Creek, California. He is licensed to practice in California and Colorado. Mr. Freedman's practice includes construction and business litigation and he specializes in the representation of residential developers and general contractors in complex business and construction disputes. He has extensive experience in all aspects of construction matters and has been the lead attorney representing the developer in numerous, multi-million dollar cases. He has participated in seminars and trade conferences on a variety of topics relating to construction risk and green building, including at PCBC and the Building Industry Show, and has been published in *Smart Business*, the *California Real Estate Journal* and *Builder & Developer* magazine, including "When Green Goes Wrong." Mr. Freedman is also a member of the Quality Construction and Sustainable Building Committee of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County chapter.



Elaine K. Fresch, Esq. Partner
Selman Breitman, Los Angeles, CA

Elaine K. Fresch is the managing partner of the construction defect department in both California and Nevada. Ms. Fresch's primary focus over the last 20 years has been in the area of construction defect litigation representing primarily developers and general contractors as well as all types of subcontractors. One of her primary goals has been to develop ways to aggressively defend her client in a cost-effective manner, including formatting and operating successful joint defense agreements. Ms. Fresch has had the rare opportunity of trying complex construction defect cases. Additionally, Ms. Fresch has an established equine law practice both advising clients on their contracts and releases and litigating matters ranging from personal injury claims to contract claims. Ms. Fresch attended UCLA, where she graduated *cum laude*. She was a member of Pi Gamma Mu. She received her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law. She is admitted to practice before all California State Courts, the Central District of the United States District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Fresch is also admitted to practice in Nevada. Ms. Fresch handles cases throughout California and Nevada. Ms. Fresch has been invited to speak at numerous seminars on a variety of topics related to the construction industry and the defense of construction defect cases. Ms. Fresch was selected as one of Southern California's "Super Lawyers" for 2006 and 2007 and was the recipient of a special award at the 2006 West Coast Casualty CD Seminar recognizing her commitment to the industry. Recently, Ms. Fresch was featured in *Forbes* magazine in their Outlook – Los Angeles Legal section regarding her expertise on construction issues. She was the 2002 recipient of the Syhre Award for her commitment to service and education within the construction law industry. She frequently writes articles and commentaries on recent changes in construction law.

Seminar Speakers



Hon. Pendleton Gaines, Judge
Superior Court of Arizona for Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ

Judge Gaines was appointed to the Superior Court of Arizona for Maricopa County in 1999. He manages a regular, civil calendar and is also assigned to the Maricopa County, Arizona, complex civil litigation court pilot project initiated by the Arizona supreme court in January, 2003. Judge Gaines is a graduate of the University of Arizona (B.A. 1967) and the University of Virginia School of Law (LL.B. 1969). He practiced with the Phoenix firms of Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes (1969-1989) and Fennemore Craig (1989-1999) in banking, real estate, securities, products-liability and personal injury and death litigation for national and local clients. Judge Gaines is a Fellow of the American and Arizona Bar Foundations. He serves on the Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review and on the State Bar of Arizona committees on civil practice and procedure and professionalism course oversight. He is a member of the American Bar Association (judicial division and section of litigation); the National Conference of State Trial Judges (committees on jury management and business and commercial courts); and the American College of Business Court Judges. Judge Gaines is a former member of the Defense Research Institute, American Trial Lawyers' Association and Securities Industry Association (Law and Compliance Division) and is an honorary member of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel.



Hon. Justice Mark Gibbons, Chief Justice
Supreme Court Of Nevada, Carson City, NV

Justice Mark Gibbons was unopposed in his election to the Nevada Supreme Court and assumed the bench in January 2003. Justice Gibbons attended the University of California at Irvine and obtained his Bachelor's Degree. He continued his education at Loyola University School of Law in Los Angeles, California, and received his Juris Doctor in law. Justice Gibbons was involved in the private practice of law in Las Vegas, specializing in real estate related litigation, until his election to Department 7 of the Clark County District Court in November 1996. In the six years Justice Gibbons was on the district court bench, he presided over 120 civil/criminal jury trials including thirteen murder cases. Justice Gibbons served as presiding judge of the civil division of the Clark County District Court in 1998. In 2001 Justice Gibbons was unanimously elected Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County. He served as Chief Judge until he assumed his duties as a Supreme Court Justice. He also chairs the Interim Specialty Court Funding Committee. Justice Gibbons began his term as Chief Justice on January 7, 2008.



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After receiving her B.A. in 1979 from Dickinson College, Ms. Greenfield attended California Western School of Law, receiving her J.D. in 1982 and is admitted to the California Bar, as well as the U.S. District Court and Southern District Court of California. Ms. Greenfield is a member of the Order of Barristers, San Diego County Bar Association, San Bernardino County Bar Association, State Bar of California and American Arbitration Association. She was elected and served as Treasurer on the Board of the San Diego Defense Lawyers. She is a current member of the San Diego County Superior Court CMO Committee and an active member and volunteer for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Ms. Greenfield has served as an Arbitrator and has served on several occasions as a Judge Pro Tem. She has an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Greenfield has handled numerous multi-million dollar cases on behalf of developers throughout California and has conducted several seminars in the areas of construction defect litigation.

Seminar Speakers



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Thomas L. Halliwell is a partner at the law firm of Chapman, Glucksman and Dean in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Halliwell's practice focuses on the representation of developers and general contractors in construction defect lawsuits. He is the editor of Chapman, Glucksman & Dean's "*Recent Developments in California Construction Defect Litigation*," which reviews recent cases and legislation that impact California construction defect litigation. Mr. Halliwell received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, and his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School. He has been a speaker on issues relating to construction defect, coverage, mold and class action litigation.



Jeff G. Harmeyer, Esq. Partner
McAtee Harmeyer LLP, San Diego, CA

Jeff Harmeyer has been involved with commercial and residential construction litigation matters for over 17 years. He worked in the construction litigation departments at the San Diego law firms of McInnis, Fitzgerald, Rees, Sharkey & McIntyre and Higgs, Fletcher & Mack before starting his own firm in 1998. He represents general contractors, architects, engineers, subcontractors and material suppliers in all aspects of construction related disputes. Mr. Harmeyer is a recognized leader in developing the law applicable to construction litigation.



Michael A. Hearn, Esq.
Law Offices of Michael A. Hearn, Irvine, CA and Denver, CO

Michael A. Hearn established his law firm in 1979 and has been a specialist in the construction defect litigation and land movement cases since the early 1980's. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Delaware in 1974 and received his Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law in 1979. For more than 22 years, Mr. Hearn has specialized in representing the owners of real estate against Developers, contractors and government agencies for alleged construction deficiencies and landslide claims. His law firm in California has represented more than 250 projects. While most of these projects involved construction defect claims, most recently he has become an industry leader in prosecuting landslide claims. Current landslide cases include slides in La Jolla, Pomona, Yorba Linda, Dana Point and Anaheim. Mr. Hearn has been an invited panelist for many legal workshops and seminar. Additionally, he has published articles both locally and nationally on the subject of construction defect litigation and new legislature concerning that issue. Mr. Hearn's office in Denver has been instrumental in making new law through the Court of Appeals, as well as being significantly involved in the legislative process where new laws are being generated annually concerning this field.



Jonathan Dirk Holt, Esq. Partner
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Jonathan Dirk Holt is a partner at the law firm of Scheer & Zehnder LLP, where he focuses his practice in the areas of complex civil litigation, including construction defects, insurance defense and coverage, contract and business disputes, copyright infringement, personal injury, tort defense, premises liability and professional and products liability. Mr. Holt is admitted to practice in Federal and State Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington, Oregon State Courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals in the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Holt is a member of the Oregon and Washington State Bars, American Trial Lawyers Association, the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Association, the Multnomah Bar Association and the King County Bar Association, where he was a member of Legislative Committee from 2003 to 2004. Mr. Holt received his B.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1992 and his *Juris Doctor* degree from the University of Denver, College of Law in 1998 where he was a recipient of the Chancellor's Scholarship.

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Toni Johnson, Senior Vice President
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Toni Johnson has joined Beecher Carlson Insurance Services, LLC as Senior Vice President, Construction Practice Leader, Northern California. In her role as Northern California's Construction Practice Leader, Toni is responsible for driving the growth of the construction practice including the expansion of the residential and mixed use practice. In addition, Toni is charged with designing, implementing and managing a national affordable housing practice. Toni's expertise with complex accounts includes the oversight of designing program placement and risk management programs for her clients. Prior to joining Beecher Carlson, Toni most recently acted as a Client Executive and Residential Controlled Insurance Program Zone Leader, responsible for construction-related sales in Marsh's San Francisco office and throughout the zone. In addition, Toni's previous experience includes a role as chief risk officer for a large residential and commercial builder, as well as an officer for a construction-focused risk management solutions firm. Toni has also held key roles for several insurance companies and as a construction producer at a large commercial brokerage. She has developed creative risk transfer programs that have reduced costs, enhanced value, and increased client control of their risk management programs. She is also a trusted resource to several leading construction focused law firms, and is a sought-after speaker to the risk management and insurance construction industry. Toni is an active volunteer in her community, including board membership to the San Francisco Symphony and executive board member to Girls Incorporated, a national non-profit organization.



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Joseph Kaneda, a member of the California State Bar since 1992, the Nevada State Bar since 1996, and the Arizona State Bar since 2006, is a partner in the law firm of Feinberg Grant Mayfield Kaneda & Litt, LLP. He graduated from the University of California, Irvine in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Art History. Mr. Kaneda received his Juris Doctor degree from McGeorge School of Law in May, 1992. Mr. Kaneda is also a member of the Federal Bar for the Central District of California, Orange County Bar Association, Clark County Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, and Nevada Trial Lawyers Association. In 2006 and 2007, Los Angeles Magazine named Mr. Kaneda as a Southern California Super lawyer, an honor bestowed upon the top 5% of all lawyers in Southern California. Mr. Kaneda devotes his practice to the representation of homeowners and consumers throughout California, Nevada and Arizona.



Kenneth S. Kasdan, Esq., Senior Litigation Partner
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Kenneth S. Kasdan, Esq., is the senior litigation partner of Kasdan Simonds Riley & Vaughan LLP ("KSRV") in Irvine, California, where he specializes in Construction Defect litigation, representing condominium associations, single family homes and homeowners associations. Mr. Kasdan is recognized as one of the nations top legal experts on construction defects. Under his guidance, KSRV has become one of California's leading Construction Defect law firms, with numerous offices throughout California and in Phoenix, Arizona. KSRV has recovered over \$430 million for its clients in construction defect litigation. Mr. Kasdan is admitted to practice in California and Arizona. He is an active member of several professional and trade organizations, including the American Bar Association Construction Industry Forum and Litigation Sections, Orange County Bar Association, San Bernardino County Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, and Mariposa County Bar Association. Mr. Kasdan sits as Judge Pro Tem, Orange County Superior Court, is a member of the Orange County Superior Court Judicial Arbitration Panel, and is a published writer and speaker.

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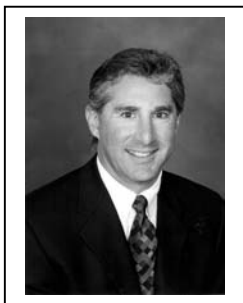
Keith Koeller, Esq. Founding Partner
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Mr. Koeller is the founding partner of the law firm of Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck LLP, which has specialized in the representation of developers and general contractors in both residential and commercial construction defect litigation for over 20 years. Mr. Koeller graduated from the University of Southern California, Magna Cum Laude in 1978 and from Loyola Law School in 1981. He is AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. He is the past Chair of the Orange County Bar Association Construction Law Section. He was the proud recipient of the Larry Syhre Commitment to Service Award in 2003 and nominated to receive the Jerrold S. Oliver Award of Excellence in 2002. Mr. Koeller has been a featured speaker at numerous seminars concerning construction defect issues including West Coast Casualty, MC Consultants, Mealey's, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Orange County Bar Association, and CEB. Mr. Koeller and his firm have played prominent roles in the development of cutting-edge legal developments concerning express indemnity, joint defense agreements, additional insured issues, class action certification, and efficient judicial management of construction defect cases. Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2006 and we are most grateful to everyone in the construction defect community who has shared in and contributed to our success.



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Jeff is a co-managing partner with Kramer, DeBoer, Endelicato & Keane, LLP, practicing out of the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices of the firm. He has been actively involved in the defense of residential and commercial subcontractors in construction defect and construction site accident cases venued throughout California. Jeff is also involved in defending studios, production companies, concert venues, professional sports teams, auxiliary entertainment industry clients and transportation claims in personal injury cases. He serves as a professional mediator/arbitrator with Alternative Resolution Centers and serves as a mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court. He has spoken at a number of prior West Coast Casualty Seminars.



Gerald A. Kurland, Esq. Mediator
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Jerry Kurland is consistently named by the Daily Journal as one of the leading neutrals in California, including the publication's 2007 list of the state's Top 40 Neutrals. He has settled thousands of disputes and is known for his ability to efficiently and successfully resolve the most complex cases, which usually involve many parties and claims and almost always include difficult insurance issues. His construction experience includes virtually every type of project – commercial, residential, high rises, municipal buildings, schools, pipelines, flood control channels, roadways, hotels, hospitals, and university and sports facilities. The settled disputes include construction defect, environmental remediation, landslides, inverse condemnation, and breach of contract, mechanic's lien, cost overrun, delay, disruption, and loss of productivity claims. Jerry received his legal education at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review, and graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA, where he also served as Student Body President.

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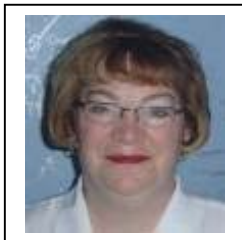
David Lee, Esq. Founder
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David Lee is the founding member and managing shareholder of the Nevada and Arizona firm of Lee & Russell, a Professional Corporation. Mr. Lee graduated with honors from the University of Southern California, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Language in 1991. He then attended Pepperdine University School of Law and received his Juris Doctorate from that institution in 1994. Mr. Lee is a member of the Federal and State Bars of California and Nevada, and has appeared before the Nevada Supreme Court. Mr. Lee has focused his practice in California, Nevada and Arizona on the representation of "target" defendant contractors (*master developers, subdivision developers and general contractors*) in construction defect related claims. Mr. Lee tried to verdict the first construction defect case in Southern Nevada. Mr. Lee has also served as one of the Bar's representatives (on behalf of developers and general contractors) on committees to improve pre-trial and trial procedure for construction defect cases in the State of Nevada.



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Sheryl W. Leichenger is a partner in Selman Breitman and specializes in the handling of complex litigation matters, including insurance coverage and related extra contractual matters, emphasizing third-party insurance coverage, construction and environmental matters, professional liability, underwriting disputes, and commercial/business claims. Ms. Leichenger received her Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, in 1992. Ms. Leichenger is a member of the American Bar Association (Litigation section) and is a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel. Ms. Leichenger is a regular speaker at seminars and on panels regarding insurance coverage issues throughout the United States. She has also spoken extensively to businesses, trade groups, and various insurance industry groups throughout California, Illinois and Arizona.



Barbara Lewis, Senior Vice President
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Ms. Barbara Lewis is a Senior Vice President with XL Insurance America. She has extensive background in Property Casualty Insurance. Currently, Ms. Lewis provides oversight and management of XL America's Audit and Compliance department, XL America's framework for internal controls to monitor Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and is launching XL America's Claim Training effort. Her extensive experience includes oversight and management of complex general primary, umbrella, excess coverage issues, construction defect, pharmaceutical, toxic torts, product liability and environmental exposures, claims operational reviews, reserve trend analysis, primary and direct excess claims handling including investigation, analysis, resolution of complex coverage and damage issues, litigation management and effective expense control. Ms. Lewis consults for XL Insurance on an international basis regarding U.S. Casualty Claims Trends and Construction Risk Analysis. Prior to joining XL Insurance of America in 2003, Ms. Lewis worked in the casualty claims arena for 30 years handling and/or managing primary and excess insurance claims, complex coverage and damage litigation, automobile and general liability, professional liability and construction defect claims. Ms. Lewis has served as Litigation Supervisor and Complex Claims Director on a nationwide basis. Ms. Lewis holds a AIC designation from Insurance Institute of America and Casualty Claim Law Associate designation from the American Educational Institute. She is currently working on her SCLA designation. Barbara has served as committee member and is invited to participate on panels for various insurance industry and legal associations. Ms. Lewis has published commentary and presentations for industry continuing education forums.

Seminar Speakers



**Michael G. Martin, Esq. Partner
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Michael G. Martin is a partner at the Glendale office of Graves & King LLP. Mr. Martin has been representing developers, general contractors, and subcontractors for the past 14 years through insurance, self-insured programs, and the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) program. A graduate of San Francisco State University and University of La Verne College of Law, Mr. Martin has successfully defended clients in trials involving construction defect claims, employment discrimination claims, and criminal matters. He is a member of the Southern California Defense Committee and Los Angeles County Bar Association.



**Edward Martinet, AIC, CPC, Chairman and Founder
MC Consultants (mc² Consultants, CE Prime, mc³ Consultants, and
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Mr. Martinet is Chairman of the Board of MC Consultants. Ed guides the direction and scope of MC Consultants' corporate mission. He sets the agenda, presides over corporate proceedings and is responsible for establishing corporate policy. Mr. Martinet brings over three decades of construction and consulting experience to MC Consultants. His career in construction includes residential, commercial, and industrial projects valued at more than \$350 million. His forensic consulting experience spans thousands of cases, hundreds of depositions, and more than 50 trials. Mr. Martinet also holds the designation of Certified Professional Constructor (CPC) from the American Institute of Constructors (AIC) and is a member of the AIC National Board of Directors.



**Donald W. MacGregor, ICBO/ICC Certified Building Inspector
Bert Howe and Associates, Anaheim, CA**

Mr. MacGregor is a licensed General Contractor with a highly developed understanding of the dynamics involved with contractor/developer/subcontractor interface, the conditions influencing results as well as design and construction requirements. Mr. MacGregor is actively involved in onsite analysis and documentation of existing conditions; analysis and interpretation of related construction documents and subcontract agreements; reporting; graphic presentations; and participation in expert meetings and mediations and settlement negotiations. As an ICBO/ICC Certified Building Inspector (IBC and UBC), Mr. MacGregor applies a diverse background in the construction industry to the field of forensic investigation. Mr. MacGregor has been the project manager for numerous forensic cases involving developers, general contractors and subcontractors for thousands of residential units in California, Arizona and Nevada. Mr. MacGregor has successfully participated in dispute resolution mediation, arbitration, and settlement procedures on numerous occasions and he has testified in deposition in both Nevada and California, and in trial in California as expert on construction defects, cause, liability, cost of repair, standard of care, and standard of practice.



**Jeffrey D. Masters, Esq., Partner
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Jeffrey D. Masters is a partner in the Litigation Department and co-chair of the Development Risk Management Practice Group at Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP. He represents owners, developers, homebuilders, investors, contractors and lenders in complex insurance coverage, construction defect and real estate litigation matters. He also has extensive experience structuring and implementing insurance and risk management legal programs for projects of all sizes. Mr. Masters is a frequent lecturer and authors articles for real estate industry groups and he is co-author of the educational materials and co-instructor for several of IRMI's seminar series on risk management and insurance. He served as a member of the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) Construction Dispute Resolution Task Force. Mr. Masters is rated AV, the highest rating available, by Martindale-Hubbell, which facilitates the peer review rating process for lawyers. He is a graduate of UCLA School of Law and UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management.

Seminar Speakers



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David M. McLain is a founding member of Higgins, Hopkins, McLain & Roswell, LLC, a firm which specializes in construction defect and general civil litigation throughout Colorado. Mr. McLain received his undergraduate degree from Colorado State University, graduating cum laude, and his law degree from the University of Denver College of Law. He has a general civil litigation practice with an emphasis on the defense of complex construction defect lawsuits on behalf of developers and general contractors. Mr. McLain is sought out by developers, general contractors, and subcontractors to consult on risk avoidance and risk management strategies. Mr. McLain is a regular speaker at seminars regarding construction defect litigation in Colorado. In addition, he is proud to serve as an instructor for the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Denver's Quality Construction Certification program.



**David B. Merchant, Esq.
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Dave Merchant heads the Maui office of Barker Martin, P.S., a regional construction defect and civil litigation firm with offices in Washington, Oregon, and Hawaii. An attorney since 1992, Mr. Merchant has extensive experience in civil litigation, residential and commercial construction litigation, and condominium governance issues. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University with high honors in 1988 and his law degree from the University of Washington School of Law in 1992, where he was also a member of the Washington Law Review. Mr. Merchant was a founder and the initial president of the Washington Homeowners' Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and protecting homeowners with respect to construction defect issues and other legal concerns. He has lectured at the University of Washington School of Law and testified before the state legislature regarding condominiums and construction defects, has worked with local news agencies and community organization to educate the public regarding construction defects, and has been a frequent CLE speaker on a variety of topics.



**Phyllis Modlin, Claims Account Specialist
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Phyllis Modlin is a Claims Account Specialist with Markel Underwriting Managers, Inc. in Walnut Creek, California where she handles complex construction defect claims for developers and general contractors on a nationwide basis. Ms. Modlin received her B.A. from University of California at Santa Barbara and her J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of the Law. For the past 15 years, she has developed extensive experience in handling and managing construction defect claims under both Commercial General Liability and Wrap policies with a focus on coverage, risk transfer, liability and litigation management.



**Alexander S. Polsky, Esq. Mediator
JAMS , Orange, CA**

Alexander S. Polsky has been involved in the real estate, building and construction industry since 1971 when he handled marketing and development for Michigan regional builder Crosswinds Development. As a real estate broker he has marketed or sold residential and commercial real estate, and as a litigator he has represented developers and subcontractors. He has been a member of BIA in Michigan and California. In 1992 Alex committed his practice to mediation and arbitration and in 1994 he joined JAMS where he is now a member of the Owners group. Alex has participated in the resolution of over one thousand complex commercial, real estate and residential construction disputes throughout the United States. He has handled a multitude of public projects, high-rise construction, delay claims, real estate errors and omissions, claims against architects and claims against and between insurers due to his in depth knowledge of matters relating to insurance coverage and bad faith. He finds he is most successful when he is selected early in the dispute process and permitted to manage the discovery and settlement process and when he is hired as a project neutral during the course of commercial construction projects.

Seminar Speakers



**Karen Rice - National Construction Defect Claim Manager
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Karen Rice is the National Construction Defect Claim Manager for OneBeacon Insurance (OBI) in Glendale, CA. Prior to joining OBI in October of 2004, she was the AVP of National Construction Defect claims and Western States ACE Risk Management claims with ACE USA. Ms. Rice is the President of the Construction Defect Claim Manager Association and the past Chair of the Speakers and Topics Committee for the Annual West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar. She has been a frequent lecturer at various CD seminars throughout the country, including Defense Research Institute, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, West Coast Casualty Annual Construction Defect Seminar, Mealey's, and the American Bar Association. Ms. Rice earned her Bachelor degree from University of California at Santa Barbara and her Masters in Business Administration from the University of LaVerne.



**Alexander Robertson, IV, Esq. Partner
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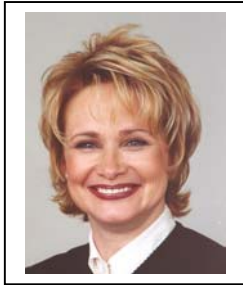
Alexander Robertson, IV is the senior partner of Robertson & Vick, with offices in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Albuquerque. The firm specializes in construction defect, commercial construction claims, mold and class action litigation. Mr. Robertson is admitted to the Bar in California, Nevada, Texas and Colorado, and is admitted *pro hac vice* in Florida and Illinois. Alex has served as a construction industry arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association since 1997 and in 2004 began successfully mediating construction defect and real estate disputes in California and Nevada. Recently, Alex joined Forum Dispute Management's distinguished panel of construction mediators. Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Robertson had extensive experience in the construction industry in both field and management positions with a large heavy engineering contractor. He has focused his practice on construction defect litigation over the past 20 years for both defendants and plaintiffs. He is an accomplished lecturer and author. During the past ten years, Alex has handled hundreds of high profile mold cases, amongst them, Ed McMahon, Erin Brockovich, Ted Nugent, and other celebrities. Many of his cases have been featured in local and national media, including CBS News "48 Hours", CBS News "Early Show", ABC News "Prime Time Live", The Wall Street Journal, ABA Journal and Forbes Magazine. Mr. Robertson is a member of the Global Alliance for Hospitality Attorneys (GAHA) and has represented numerous resorts, hotels and casinos, as well as public entities involving construction and mold claims.



**Sheri H. Roswell, Esq.
Higgins, Hopkins, McLain & Roswell, LLC, Denver, CO**

Ms. Roswell is a founding member of Higgins, Hopkins, McLain & Roswell, LLC. For the past fifteen years Ms. Roswell's practice has focused on the defense of a complex construction defect lawsuits on behalf of developers, general contractors and other construction professionals. Ms. Roswell's practice also frequently includes providing consulting and risk management services to clients in both residential and commercial construction matters. Ms. Roswell's clientele includes a variety of construction professionals, from Fortune 500 companies to single contractor entities. Ms. Roswell received her undergraduate education at the University of Colorado, School of Business in Boulder, Colorado and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver, College of Law. Ms. Roswell speaks locally and nationally on topics pertinent to the construction industry; lecturing to attorneys, construction professionals, and insurance organizations.

Seminar Speakers



**Hon. Nancy M. Saitta, Justice
Nevada Supreme Court, Carson City, NV**

Justice Saitta currently sits on the Nevada Supreme Court after a very successful career in the Eighth Judicial District Court where she was the chairman of the Complex Litigation Division of the Court. Prior to her judicial appointment, she was a Senior Deputy Attorney General where she served as the Children's Advocate for the State of Nevada. Judge Saitta began her legal career in 1984 in Detroit, Michigan. She taught at Wayne State University in the Criminal Justice Department and at the American Institute for Paralegal Studies. Justice Saitta has also been an arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange Arbitration Panel. Justice Saitta retains membership in several local national children's advocacy organizations and was appointed by the governor to the Nevada State Juvenile Justice Commission in 1996. She developed the Complex Litigation Division of the Eighth Judicial District Court, which was recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) as Program of the Year (2003). Her other awards and honors include: the "For the Children" award presented by the Office of the Attorney General in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Nevada's children and the District Attorney Outstanding Service Award, and the Child Advocate of the year (2001). Justice Saitta earned her Bachelor of Science Degree, Magna Cum Laude in 1983 from Wayne State University where she completed her Juris Doctor in 1986. Justice Saitta was named one of the top 500 judges in the US by Lawdragon.



**Michael D. Sargent, Esq.
Graves & King, LLP., Riverside, CA**

Michael D. Sargent is a partner in the Riverside County office of Graves & King, LLP and a California Real Estate Broker. Prior to entering the practice of law, Mr. Sargent gained practical construction experience spending several years working for construction contractors. Mr. Sargent has successfully litigated complex, multi-party residential construction defect cases through trial, arbitration and mediation. Mr. Sargent's practice areas include residential and commercial construction defect, personal injury matters, including exposure to toxic substances, construction site and automobile accidents, subrogation claims, municipality defense and general business matters.



**Mark P. Scheer, Esq. Managing Partner
Scheer & Zehnder LLP, Seattle, WA and Portland, OR**

Mark P. Scheer is the founding partner at Scheer & Zehnder LLP, where he has a thriving litigation practice and focuses on complex and commercial litigation. He is admitted in Federal and State Court, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court, and he has tried cases in admiralty, collapse coverage, construction, breach of contract, construction defect, property insurance/bad faith, civil forfeiture, subrogation, personal injury, wrongful death, criminal prosecution and professional and products liability. In addition to speaking at numerous regional, national and international conferences and seminars and giving presentations to various insurers, businesses, trade groups and professional associations on a variety of legal topics, Mr. Scheer has appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America*, discussing a product liability case in which he was lead counsel. Mr. Scheer has received his "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest peer based rate indicating very high to preeminent legal abilities and highest ethical rating. Mr. Scheer has also been selected by Washington Law & Politics magazine as one of their *Super Lawyers* for 2007. Mr. Scheer is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Loss Executive Association, the Defense Research Institute and the Maritime Lawyers Association. Mr. Scheer is also a member of the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association ("WSTLA") and the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers ("WDTL"), and he currently serves as a Trustee on the Board of Directors for WDTL. In addition to his admission to the Washington Bar in 1986, Mr. Scheer is also admitted to practice in the state of Oregon and Alaska. He has handled and managed cases in multiple jurisdictions, and he has tried cases and argued appeals in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Mr. Scheer received his J.D. from the University of Oregon Law School in 1986 and his B.S. in Rhetoric and Communication from the University of Oregon in 1982.

Seminar Speakers



Edward Schmitt, Esq.

Koeller, Nebecker, Carlson and Haluck, LLP, Irvine, CA

Ed Schmitt emphasizes the representation of developers and general contractors in construction related disputes. He enjoys the challenges of assisting clients to achieve solutions to complex problems within the circumstances of the client's goals in the marketplace. It is necessary to keep all factors in mind while working toward solutions that protect the client's immediate interests in litigated matters and complement the long-term vision clients may have with the business relationships they value. Mr. Schmitt has lived in California for 45 years. Prior to attending law school at Hastings College, Mr. Schmitt worked in the sport fishing business in southern California. He is a certified mediator trained at the Strauss Institute for Mediation. In his time away from the practice, Mr. Schmitt enjoys coaching youth activities, political humor, boating, camping and shooting sports. He enjoys fishing all types of water. He finds special rewards in teaching kids about the art and responsibility of fishing and preserving the resources that allow us to enjoy our California environment.



Neil Selman, Esq. Founding Partner

Selman Breitman LLP, California and Nevada

Neil Selman is the founding partner of Selman Breitman LLP, a law firm with offices in California and Nevada. An honors graduate from the University of Southern California and the USC School of Law, he has been a member of the bar since 1974. Mr. Selman focuses on insurance-related matters, including the representation of insurers in coverage/extra-contractual matters, with an emphasis in the first and third-party property/casualty area, construction, environmental and entertainment industry issues, and professional liability coverages. He has represented clients in California Department of Insurance matters and has authored and provided advice regarding policy forms and endorsements. Mr. Selman also defends insureds and other litigants in all types of cases, including toxic substance litigation, and served as regional and national coordinating counsel for various defendants. He has published numerous articles and both conducts and speaks at a wide range of seminars on insurance and litigation issues.



Paul S. Street, Esq. General Counsel

Building Materials Holding Corporation, Boise, ID

Paul S. Street is Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Building Materials Holding Corporation (NYSE BLG), one of the largest providers of residential construction services and building materials in the U.S., serving the homebuilding industry through two subsidiaries: SelectBuild and BMC West. He is responsible for the legal affairs of the Company and administrative functions at its administrative services center in Boise, Idaho. He served as general counsel and corporate secretary of the Company in private practice prior to joining the Company in 1999. Mr. Street is a member of the Idaho State Bar and the American Bar Association. He serves as a member, and formerly the Chairman of, the Governing Council of the Business and Corporate Law Section of the Idaho State Bar. Mr. Street also holds memberships in the American College of Real Estate Attorneys and the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals. He is past-Chairman of the Board of United Way of Treasure Valley, and past-Chairman of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Street received his undergraduate degree from Albertson College of Idaho (1970) and received his law degree from the University of Washington (1973). He clerked for Justice Henry McQuade of the Idaho Supreme Court (1973 – 1974) and was a member of the law firm of Moffatt Thomas Barrett Rock & Fields (1974 – 1999).

Seminar Speakers



**David Stern, R.P.A., Vice President
West Coast Casualty Service, Inc., Westlake Village, CA**

Dave Stern joined West Coast Casualty Service, Inc. in 1993. Dave has in excess of 29 years of diverse claims experience spanning the insurer, self-insurer, third party administrator and independent adjusting arenas. Dave's experiences include the handling of multimillion dollar, multi-line exposures throughout the United States, Canada, Austria and the United Kingdom. At present, Dave's practice is devoted primarily to the handling of construction defect claims and litigation. He regularly represents the insurer and self insured interest of developers, general contractors, design professionals as well as specialty trade subcontractors that are involved in the construction of single family homes, multi-unit condominium projects and commercial/industrial projects throughout the western region of the United States. Dave has spoken at many seminars, acted as an expert in many cases and is regularly consulted on coverage matters.



**Hon. Stephen Sundvold, Judge
Orange County Superior Court, Complex Civil Litigation Panel
Santa Ana, CA**

Judge Stephen Sundvold has been a member of the Orange County Superior Court since 1990. He has served on the Complex Civil Litigation panel of that Court since 2000. The Panel handles complex litigation including Construction Defect cases, class actions and environmental cases. He was an experienced trial lawyer prior to taking the bench and is a member of ABOTA. He managed the legal department for a major insurance carrier for 15 years. He is a Graduate of The University of San Diego School of Law, *magna cum laude*. He was born and raised in Southern California. His passions in life include Single-action Cowboy Shooting and settling cases.



**Maureen E. Thomas, Esq. Legal and Risk Management Counsel
Building Materials Holding Corporation ("BMHC"), San Diego, CA**

Maureen E. Thomas is the legal and risk management counsel for Building Materials Holding Corporation ("BMHC"). BMHC is one of the largest providers of residential building materials and integrated construction services in the United States operating through two subsidiaries, SelectBuild and BMC West. Recently listed on Fortune's "*100 Fastest Growing Companies*"; Ms. Thomas' responsibilities include: litigation management; risk assessment and prevention; and acquisition due diligence and integration. Maureen also serves as one of the company's liaisons to the homebuilding industry. Prior to joining BMHC, Ms. Thomas spent ten years at Pulte Homes. As Pulte's Vice President and Associate General Counsel, her responsibilities included nationwide management of complex claims and litigation. Ms. Thomas began her legal career as a trial attorney at the Dykema law firm in Detroit, Michigan where she represented owners, general contractors and subcontractors in construction disputes. She is a frequent speaker at seminars across the county on topics involving construction defect litigation, defect prevention strategies and related construction contract and insurance coverage issues.



**John J. Thompson, Assistant Vice President
HDI-Gerling America Insurance Company, Glendale, CA**

John J. Thompson began his insurance career in 1982 with AIG, followed by 13 years with CIGNA Property and Casualty. John joined HDI-Gerling America in 1999 and is an Assistant Vice President and the Branch Claims Manager. Mr. Thompson concentrates on construction defect cases nationwide, but also supervises product liability, general liability, toxic tort, mold bodily injury and property damage claims in all of the states. As past President of the Construction Defect Claims Managers Association (2004-2007), Mr. Thompson was instrumental in fostering carrier cooperation and knowledge, which is paramount to successfully handling construction defect claims. In his free time, Mr. Thompson has volunteered as a center soccer referee for the last 10 years as well as being a board member and director for a local girl's softball organization.

Seminar Speakers



Merv R. Thompson, Esq. Mediator
The Law Office of M. R. Thompson, San Diego, CA

Merv R. Thompson attended Georgetown University School of Foreign Science and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Oregon. In 1972, he received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. In 1974, Mr. Thompson joined the firm of Higgs, Fletcher & Mack after working for the San Diego Superior Court as a legal research attorney. He became a partner in 1979 and subsequently developed expertise in the areas of personal injury, construction injury (peculiar risk of harm), construction defect, geotechnical litigation, and environmental law. In 1991, Mr. Thompson left Higgs, Fletcher & Mack to form his own firm. He acts as a Special Master to the Superior Court regarding complex litigation cases. Mr. Thompson has extensive experience as an independent mediator, Special Master, and/or arbitrator in a wide range of matters including construction defects, environmental law, personal injury, products liability, coverage and bad faith litigation. Mr. Thompson is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the San Diego County Bar Association, the California State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. In 1997 he received the Jerrold S. Oliver Award for Excellence for outstanding service and contribution to the construction defect community.



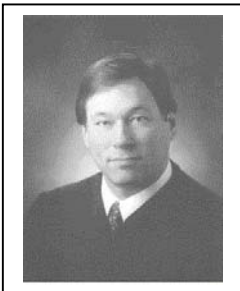
Paul S. Viau, California General Contractor, ICC-Certified Building Inspector, Bert Howe and Associates, Anaheim, CA

Mr. Viau is a licensed California General Contractor, ICC-certified building inspector, and a certified water-damage restoration and microbial remediation technician. As a construction manager and consultant he has managed and coordinated remediation, repair, and construction of single family and multi-family residential dwellings. As a project manager focusing on forensic investigations, Mr. Viau is commonly tasked with investigation of existing conditions and as-built construction, analysis of construction documentation and code requirements, determination of causal and corrective measures, and preparation of repair protocols and detailed cost estimates for single family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial projects.



Barry Vaughan, Esq.
Kasdan, Simonds, Riley & Vaughan LLP, Irvine, CA

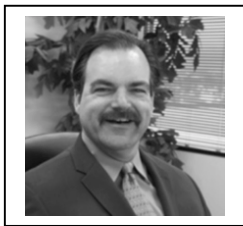
Barry Vaughan is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and a partner in Kasdan, Simonds, Riley & Vaughan LLP at its home office in Irvine, California. Mr. Vaughan has been practicing law in various state and federal courts in Colorado and California since 1981. He has a broad background in a wide variety of various kinds of civil litigation, ranging from western water rights through civil RICO to motion picture finance, to name a few. In the construction defect arena, he has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in southern California for over a decade.



Hon. James R. Verellen, Commissioner
Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I, Seattle WA

Commissioner James Verellen has sixteen years experience as a Court Commissioner for Division I of the Washington State Court of Appeals. His duties as commissioner include deciding 60 to 85 appeals per year on their merits, ruling on 40 to 50 motions for discretionary review of various trial court rulings, assisting in the selection of appeals for oral argument before three-judge panels, and resolving a wide variety of procedural and substantive motions on all aspects of appellate practice. He obtained his undergraduate degree at Washington State University and his law degree from Willamette University College of Law, where he was a member of the law journal. Following a clerkship at the Washington State Court of Appeals, Commissioner Verellen spent 14 years in private practice before he was appointed as a Commissioner at Division I. His law practice included a broad range of commercial, business and real estate law. In addition to fulfilling his duties as a commissioner, Commissioner Verellen has served as a pro tem judge in the King County Superior Court.

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**David B. Wasson, Esq. Partner
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David B. Wasson is a partner in Palumbo Bergstrom's firm's Irvine, California office. His practice includes personal injury defense, construction defect litigation, insurance bad faith, Lemon Law and commercial warranty litigation, products and professional liability and business litigation. He has served as counsel to major insurance companies, governmental entities, developers and contractors. David serves as an arbitrator with the Better Business Bureau's Autoline program, as well as serving as Judge Pro Temp and arbitrator in Los Angeles County. He also has extensive litigation experience including jury and bench trials. David received his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1988 and a B.S. and Masters Degree from California State University Fullerton. David is a member of the State Bar of California, and is admitted in the United States District Courts in both the Central and Southern Districts, a member of the Orange County and California Bar Association.



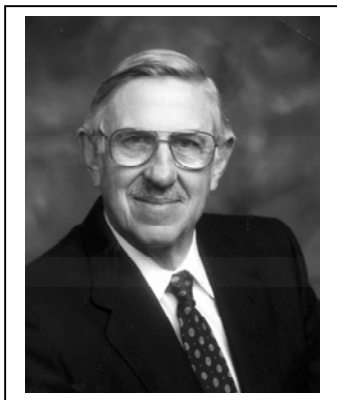
**Jason Weintraub, Esq., Vice President & General Counsel
DRI Companies, Irvine, CA**

Jason Weintraub is Vice President and General Counsel of DRI Companies, one of the largest residential and commercial roofing subcontractors on the West Coast. Prior to joining DRI, Mr. Weintraub practiced law as a litigator at the Howard Rice Law Firm, and at Horvitz & Levy LLP. Mr. Weintraub has extensive experience in tort litigation, including complex and class action product liability/defect matters. Mr. Weintraub has served as a presenter at numerous continuing education seminars, including those covering issues such as product liability, construction defect law, insurance coverage, and complex civil litigation. An article written by Mr. Weintraub concerning the effective use of the discovery process recently appeared in California Litigation Magazine. In 2006, Mr. Weintraub was selected by his peers as a "Rising Star" lawyer in the *2006 Southern California Super Lawyers Edition Magazine*, published in conjunction with *Law & Politics* and *Los Angeles Magazine*. Mr. Weintraub received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), and he received his undergraduate degree in political science from Stanford University.



**Bruce Wick, Director of Risk Management
California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors
(CALPASC),**

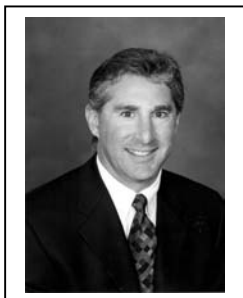
With over 25 years of risk management and insurance experience, Bruce Wick is an industry leader and educator on issues critical to the construction industry. His expertise in the areas of workers' compensation, Cal/OSHA, construction defect, general liability and workplace safety make him a frequently sought presenter throughout California. Mr. Wick is known for his ability to translate complex construction legislation and regulations into understandable and usable workplace information for business owners and managers. His most recent seminars cover topics such as SB 800, Cal/OSHA and safety programs as well as claims handling for general liability and workers' compensation. A problem-solving approach is a hallmark of Mr. Wick's role in the construction industry, which has led to his involvement in projects to improve construction risk management such as wrap disclosure checklist and the CBIA Wrap booklet. Additionally, he sits on several Cal/OSHA advisory committees and has been instrumental in the area of improved protection against falls on construction sites. Mr. Wick also is a frequent contributor of articles to various publications and trade journals on construction-related issues.



Hon. Jerrold S. Oliver (1934 - 1996)

The Jerrold S. Oliver Award of Excellence

Each year, West Coast Casualty’s Annual Construction Defect Seminar recognizes an individual who is outstanding or has contributed to the betterment of the construction defect community. This person is recognized at the seminar and receives a plaque citing his or her achievement. This award has been named after the late Judge Jerrold S. Oliver who was truly a “founding father” in the alternate resolution process in construction defect claims and litigation. His loyalty and commitment to this community were beyond mere words. The award, affectionately referred to as the “Ollie” is presented each year at our seminar to someone who has invoked the same spirit of commitment, loyalty and trust for the betterment of the entire construction defect community. This year, we asked 1900 members of the construction defect community to nominate someone whom they believed to be deserving of this award and the top nominees are:



Gerald Kurland
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Santa Monica, CA



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Please take a moment of your busy day to help us select who is deserving of this year’s “Ollie”.

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Along with the recognition of the award is a donation in the winner’s name to Habitat for Humanity as well as a local charity



**Larry Syhre
(1948-1998)**

The Larry Syhre Commitment to Service Award

This award, named in honor of Larry Syhre (1948-1998), former claims manager of the Brea branch office of C.N.A., is awarded on a yearly basis to a claims professional who has dedicated themselves to providing ongoing service and commitment to the construction defect community.

Along with the recognition of the award is a plaque in the winner's name as well as a donation to The Larry Syhre Foundation. The Larry Syhre Foundation was established in Larry's name and its proceeds benefit an assortment of charities including The PADRE Foundation. PADRE sponsors children at diabetes camps where they meet other children learning to live with the same challenge. PADRE also funds research towards curing diabetes. Project HOPE School is another beneficiary of The Larry Syhre Foundation *and* is dedicated to advancing the academic standing of Orange County's homeless children. Each morning, children are bused from motels and shelters to HOPE school in Orange where teachers provide a high-level education in an environment that: promotes a love of life and learning; integrates positive life experiences to enhance their self-esteem; and challenges each student to have a high expectation of themselves. The Foundation also gives the annual Larry Syhre Memorial "*Cool to Care*" Award at Larry's high school in Webster, South Dakota.

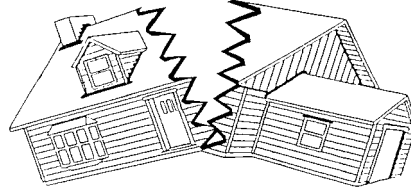
This year's Larry Syhre Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on **June 2, 2008** at the Yorba Linda Country Club.

For further information regarding the Larry Syhre Memorial Golf Tournament, please contact:

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Who Has the Best Construction Defect Photo ?



1st Prize – For the best photo selected. A Table for ten (10) at the 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar, plus a digital camera for each person at that table

2nd Prize – Five (5) admissions at the 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar, plus a digital camera for each of the five

3rd Prize – Two (2) admissions at the 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar, plus a digital camera for each of the two.

See next page for contest rules and deadlines

The Rules

We're looking for funny photo's, photo's that clearly display a construction defect that challenges common sense and the odd-ball photo involving a construction defect.

You may not use a photo which is identifiable (i.e. one which contains an address, a project name, the name of a case or claim, etc.) or is one that is involved in current ongoing litigation at the time of the contest selection process.

The photo submitted must be an original photo and not edited using any software. Manipulation of images, either film or digital, should be limited only to conventional darkroom techniques or basic sharpening and cropping of the photo to make the original image clearer or distinctive. Images should contain only the subject matter as originally seen through the viewfinder.

Double exposures, digitally stitched photos and images containing any manipulated or added content should not be entered and will not be accepted. No slide entries will be accepted. Still grabs from video will not be accepted.

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The Legal Stuff

By entering the 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar Photo Contest, entrants grant West Coast Casualty Service, Inc. the right to publish and use submitted photographs in print or electronic form to promote the competition. Reproduction of entries will include photographer credit unless otherwise directed not to do so.

Entrants agree that if their submission is selected as a winner, they grant the 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar the right to display their photograph(s) at the 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar. Exhibition of entries will include photographer credit.

Winners may be required to provide original source material, slides, digital files or negatives, for reproduction at the seminar and for exhibition prints.

West Coast Casualty Service, Inc. staff will determine entry eligibility. The 2008 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar's Speakers and Topics Committee shall determine the first, second and third place winners of the contest.

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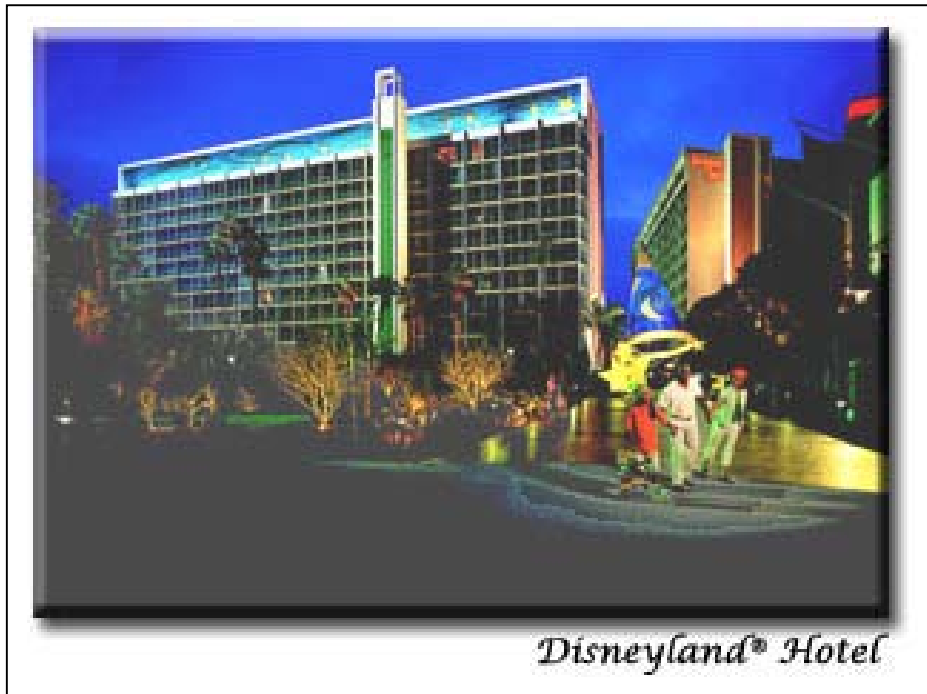


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West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar has applied for MCLE credits from 16 State Bars. Some level of approval is expected from each individual state bar which will include ethics credits

CPCU and RPA CE

West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar has applied for CE credits from the Society of CPCU and the Registered Professional Adjusters (RPA) program. Some level of approval is expected from the CPCU and RPA.

Insurance Department Continuing Education Credits (CE)

West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar has applied for continuing education credits from 40 different State Insurance Departments requiring continuing education for adjusters, agents and brokers and we are awaiting approval (Various state insurance departments require us to inform all interested parties that an application for CE credits does not guarantee approval which is subject to the various insurance departments rules, guidelines and regulations). However, in all past events some level of approval has been received.

Refunds

A full refund will be provided to those who request same up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first day of the seminar. There will be no refunds within fifteen (15) days of the first day of the seminar.

Handicap Accessibility

West Coast Casualty encourages and seeks participation from all members of the physically challenged community. In that regard, West Coast Casualty will only agree to hold its events at sites and locations that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title 21 of the California Administrative Code. Please contact West Coast Casualty for any special needs or requirements.

Cancellation

West Coast Casualty assumes no liability in the event a speaker is unable to attend and reserves the right to replace any speaker at West Coast Casualty's sole discretion.

West Coast Casualty Service certifies that this activity conforms to the minimum standards for approved educational activities prescribed by those states and organizations from which West Coast Casualty seeks continuing education accreditation.

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(Table registration is for 10 individual guests and sponsor gets its name on reserved table at lunch)

Please attach a list for table registration with the name of each guest
and his/her organization to this registration form

By Mail _____ Check Enclosed (Please make check payable to West Coast Casualty Service, Inc.)

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**May 2, 2008 will be the last day to pre register,
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Please return this registration form by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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We're looking forward to seeing you in Anaheim
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