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On behalf of the Annual Meeting Steering Committee, we invite you to join us October 17–21 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis for DRI's 2018 Annual Meeting.

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hub, Union Square, anchors a who's who of world-famous stores just steps from the Marriott Marquis. Over three days of educational programming, encompassing a myriad of topics to enhance your career, awaits you in San Francisco. Highlights include technology, social media, an inside view of the Supreme Court, and a special Saturday half-day program focusing on leadership.

We have planned a week of spectacular speakers, stellar CLE presentations, and plenty of networking events—all just for you.

Those who attend will have the following opportunities:

- **Hear keynote remarks from leading experts on the changing legal landscape**, leadership, current affairs both in the U.S. and abroad, and more.
- **Attend CLE programming on developing legal topics** to stay ahead of the game.
- **Earn up to 12.0 hours of CLE credit**, including 3.0 hours of ethics and health related credit.
- **Strengthen old relationships and develop new ones** while networking with over 1,000 defense attorneys and in-house counsel during the week's activities.
- **Get involved**—join your substantive law committee colleagues for committee business meetings and dine-arounds designed to provide you with leadership and business development opportunities.
- **And much more!**

This is **your** Annual Meeting and we are committed to providing you with programming and activities that will bring value to you and your practice. So join us in San Francisco for what we know will be a memorable and productive experience for one and all. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

TOYJA E. KELLEY, President, 2018–2019
Baltimore, MD

DANIELLE WALTZ, Chair, 2018 Annual Meeting
Charleston, WV

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:30 am–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Law Institute
- 5:00 pm–5:30 pm **Meeting:** 2018 Annual Meeting Steering Committee
- 6:30 pm–9:30 pm DRI Board of Directors Dinner (*Invitation only*)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8:00 am–12:30 pm **Meeting:** DRI Board of Directors
- 12:45 pm–2:45 pm **Meeting:** NEJE Board of Directors
- 1:00 pm–6:30 pm Registration and Exhibit Showcase
- 2:00 pm–3:00 pm **Education:** Corporate Counsel Program (*In-house counsel only*)
- 2:00 pm–3:00 pm **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 3:00 pm–3:30 pm **Meeting:** Corporate Counsel Committee Business Meeting (*In-house counsel only*)
- 3:00 pm–3:30 pm **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 3:00 pm–4:00 pm **Meeting:** Membership Committee
- 3:30 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs
- 3:30 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Law Institute, Program Chairs, and Vice Chairs
- 3:45 pm–4:45 pm **Networking:** Corporate Counsel Reception (*In-house counsel only*)
- 4:00 pm–4:30 pm **Meeting:** Committee Membership Chairs and Vice Chairs
- 4:30 pm–5:30 pm **Meeting:** First Time Attendees Orientation
- 5:30 pm–6:30 pm **Networking:** Reception for New and Prospective Members
- 6:30 pm–8:00 pm **Networking:** Welcome Reception—A Taste of San Francisco! *Hosted by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:00 am–8:00 am DRI for Life—Yoga
- 7:00 am–8:00 am Friends of Bill W.
- 7:00 am–8:00 am **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 7:00 am–8:30 am **Meeting:** State Membership Chairs Meeting
- 7:00 am–8:30 am **SLDO:** Executive Directors Breakfast Program
- 7:00 am–9:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Showcase
- 7:00 am–4:00 pm Registration and Exhibit Showcase
- 8:00 am–8:30 am **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 8:30 am–9:00 am Opening Ceremony and Welcome
- 8:00 am–12:15 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)
- 9:00 am–10:00 am **Keynote Moderated Conversation:** Valerie Jarrett: The Room Where it Happens
- 10:00 am–10:30 am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
- 10:30 am–11:20 am **Main Stage:** Marriage Equality and the Future of LGBTQ Rights
- 11:20 am–12:10 pm **Keynote:** Erik Qualman: Socialnomics—Winning Customers via Social & Mobile
- 12:15 pm–1:30 pm **SLDO:** Leadership Luncheon Featuring Timothy A. Pratt (*Invitation only*)
- 1:20 pm–2:10 pm **Main Stage:** Harassment Prevention 2.0: Best Practices for the #MeToo Era
- 1:30 pm–4:00 pm **SLDO:** National Program for State and Local Defense Organizations
- 1:30 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)
- 2:10 pm–3:10 pm **Main Stage:** Defending Native Nations and Native Businesses: What Matters and Why It Matters
- 3:10 pm–3:30 pm Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
- 3:30 pm–4:30 pm **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 4:00 pm–4:30 pm **SLDO:** Regional Meetings

- 4:30 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 7:00 pm–10:00 pm **Networking:** The Village

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 7:00 am–8:00 am DRI for Life—Pilates
- 7:00 am–8:00 am Friends of Bill W.
- 7:00 am–8:00 am **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 7:00 am–11:30 am Exhibit Showcase
- 7:00 am–4:00 pm Registration
- 7:30 am–9:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Showcase
- 8:00 am–8:30 am **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 8:30 am–9:30 am **Keynote:** Dr. Condoleezza Rice: A Look at Diplomacy and Security Around the World
- 8:00 am–12:30 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)
- 9:30 am–10:20 am **Main Stage:** Behind the Velvet Curtain: The Supreme Court from the Perspective of the Clerks
- 10:20 am–10:45 am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
- 10:20 am–11:00 am **Networking:** Service Project Care Packet Assembly (*All welcome*)
- 10:30 am–1:00 pm **SLDO:** Executive Directors Program and Luncheon
- 10:45 am–11:35 am **Main Stage:** The Future of the Business of Law
- 11:35 am–12:25 pm **Main Stage:** Technology's Effect on the Development of the Law
- 12:30 pm–1:30 pm **Networking:** DRI Veterans Network Luncheon (*Invitation only*)
- 12:30 pm–1:30 pm **Networking:** Women's Networking Luncheon (*Ticketed event*)

- 1:00 pm–2:30 pm **SLDO:** National Program for State and Local Defense Organizations
- 1:30 pm–2:30 pm **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 1:30 pm–4:00 pm **Education:** DRI International™ CLE Program
- 1:30 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)
- 2:30 pm–3:00 pm **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 4:00 pm–4:30 pm **Meeting:** DRI International™ Business Meeting
- 5:30 pm–6:30 pm **Networking:** Networking Reception

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 7:30 am–8:30 am DRI for Life—Yoga
- 7:30 am–8:30 am Friends of Bill W.
- 7:30 am–9:00 am **Meeting:** 2019 Annual Meeting Steering Committee
- 8:00 am–9:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 am–12:00 pm Registration
- 9:00 am–9:40 am **Main Stage:** Lawyers and Leadership: A Guide to Success
- 9:40 am–10:25 am **Main Stage:** Leadership in the Face of Disaster
- 10:25 am–10:35 am Refreshment Break
- 10:35 am–11:20 am **Main Stage:** Be the Light (*Ethics session*)
- 11:20 am–12:00 pm **Main Stage:** Embracing Diversity in Your Law Firm: A How-To for Firms Large and Small
- 12:45 pm–4:00 pm **Meeting:** DRI Board of Directors
- 6:00 pm–10:30 pm **Networking:** A Celebration of Leadership—DRI Honors Its New President, Board Members and Top Volunteers (*Ticketed event*)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Alternative Dispute Resolution *(Ethics session)*

ADR Missteps: Avoiding Ethical Traps at Mediation

From white waivers and persuasive puffery, to fraudulent misstatements and nondisclosure of material facts, this interactive panel session will provide important ethical tools for your next mediation. What rules actually regulate lawyer ADR conduct? What are your ethical obligations to the various parties during a mediation? Our experts will answer these questions and share their insights on important professional responsibility topics.

SPEAKERS **Ernest H. “Hank” Jones II**, Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney PLLC
Chrys A. Martin, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
John C. Trimble, Lewis Wagner LLP

Aviation Law

Navigating NTSB Investigations in the Aftermath of Aviation Crashes

When aviation crashes occur, the blue and yellow NTSB jackets descend on the scene and their investigation often occurs simultaneously with civil litigation and discovery. Our panel of distinguished former and current in-house counsel, including former general counsel for the NTSB, will discuss the peculiar rules that aviation clients must follow in assisting the NTSB's investigation and in engaging in hearings. The panel will highlight many of the difficulties of coordinating

litigation defense strategies with concurrent investigative efforts and discuss the best practices to avoid potential issues that might arise from this inherently unique and complicated process.

MODERATOR **Thomas W. Tobin**, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

SPEAKERS **Sherry J. Ortiz**, Senior Vice President, Airline Claims Manager for United States Aircraft Insurance Group (USAIG)
Marc A. Nichols, General Counsel and Company Secretary, Saab Defense and Security USA
David K. Tochen, LeClairRyan, recently retired General Counsel of the NTSB

Corporate Counsel

(This session is open to in-house counsel only.)

Responding to Government Requests for Information: Exploring Methods of Cooperation

In today's climate of government investigation and involvement of multiple government agencies, cooperation with governmental requests for information is often evaluated in light of the organization's culture and risk tolerance. Should the organization take an adversarial, arms-length, or cooperative approach to responding to requests? Should the organization take an active role to try

to guide the control of the discovery? What are the potential pitfalls and unforeseen consequences of cooperation and can a cooperating organization cease its cooperation and stand its ground? This experienced panel of in-house counsel will discuss the strategic considerations involved in cooperating with agency counsel.

MODERATOR **Lisa J. McCraw**, Assistant General Counsel, Litigation, Deere & Company

SPEAKERS **Jennifer Hamilton**, Head of Global Evidence/eDiscovery Team, John Deere Worldwide Headquarters
Veronica M. Lei, Counsel in the Litigation and Legal Compliance Group, Eli Lilly and Company
Peter R. Wilson, Director & Expert Counsel, Commercial & Government Litigation, Walgreen Co.

Diversity and Inclusion

Cross-Cultural Competency: Using Mindfulness to Create and Cultivate Diversity and Resilience in the Workplace

Explore how mindfulness training can foster more compassion and courage in your life and in the workplace. We'll explore how to recognize biases and create strategies for new ways of being in our increasingly diverse world, in the courtroom, and in the world at large.

SPEAKER **Alisa J. Gray**, Tiffany & Bosco PA



Global Entry Travel Program Offered at the Annual Meeting

Are you tired of waiting in long lines to get through airport security? DRI would like to help with that at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in learning more and participating in this program, please make notation on the registration form or online at dri.org. **Note:** You must be registered for the Annual Meeting to participate in the onsite program.

2018

Employment and Labor Law and Insurance Law

Sexual Harassment Claims in the #MeToo Era

This panel will address the handling of sexual harassment claims from the perspective of a well-known employment plaintiffs' attorney, a defense attorney, and a coverage attorney. Topics discussed will include what effect media coverage has had on the value of settlements, how employers have adapted in this environment, and what role EPLI coverage plays in this litigation.

SPEAKERS **Stacy L. Fode**, Brown Law Group
Matthew S. Foy, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP
Lawrence A. Organ, California Civil Rights Law Group

Wednesday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

First-Time Attendee Orientation (See page 18.)

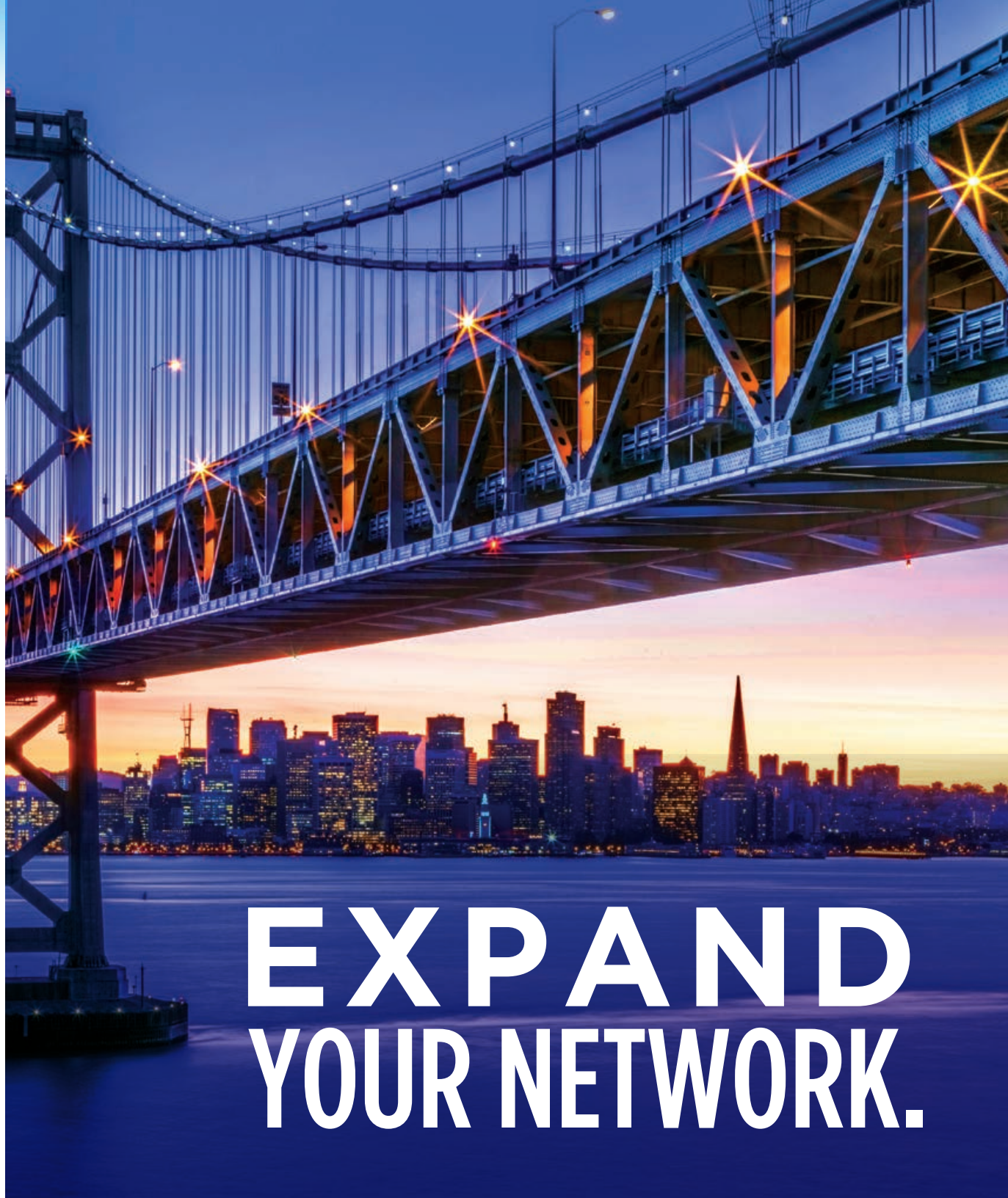
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Members** (See page 18.)

Wednesday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Thursday, 7:00 am–8:00 am

Commercial Litigation

Overview of the Driver Privacy Act of 2015

The Driver Privacy Act of 2015 is a law enacted to address privacy concerns for data collected in a vehicle's event data recorder. With automated vehicle technology on the rise, this presentation will discuss who owns the data that is generated by automotive products inside vehicles, as well as what the act means for business relationships in the auto supply chain.

SPEAKER **Elizabeth A. Favaro**, Bowman and Brooke LLP

The New EU Directive on Trade Secrets

This presentation discusses the recent EU Directive on Trade Secrets, which establishes uniform rules on trade secrets, minimum protections, and rules of interpretation. The new directive will have important consequences for any company transacting business in the EU and will affect intellectual property litigation.

SPEAKER **Santiago Nadal**, SNAbogados

Recent Trends in Coverage Litigation for Telephone Consumer Protection Act Claims

This presentation focuses on insurance coverage disputes involving TCPA class action claims (illegal faxes, texts, or calls), and discusses recent cases and litigation trends in disputes between insurers and their insureds.

SPEAKER **Arthur J. McColgan II**, Walker Wilcox Matousek LLP

When and How Early Summary Judgment Practice Can Help Win Your Class Action

This presentation will address the strategic benefits of filing an early, pre-certification motion for summary judgment in putative class action cases, and will explore the factors that counsel should consider when weighing such an approach.

SPEAKER **Michael J. Ruttinger**, Tucker Ellis LLP



Defendants Beware: *Spokeo* Standing Arguments May Result in Costly Trips Back to State Court

Challenges to plaintiffs' Article III standing in cases alleging statutory violations have increased since the Supreme Court's decision in *Spokeo v. Robins*, 136 S. Ct. 1540 (2016). But plaintiffs' counsel have also tried to capitalize on *Spokeo*, using it as a sword and a shield, keeping their statutory claims alive outside of federal court. This presentation focuses on developing strategy to address standing/remand issues if and when plaintiffs raise them in removed cases.

SPEAKER **Melissa Plunkett**, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP

Construction in Canada, Eh?

This presentation will highlight key points to advise clients undertaking construction projects in Canada. It will provide an overview of various aspects of Canadian construction law, from procurement and negotiating contracts, to resolving disputes and enforcement of remedies.

SPEAKER **Lianne J. Armstrong**, Lerner LLP

Toxic Torts and Environmental Law

The New State Lottery: Groundwater Contamination Litigation by State Attorneys General

Increasingly, states are teaming with outside counsel to bring tort suits for money damages, particularly cases over groundwater contamination. Some states favor litigation over regulation to fill their coffers, and their contingency counsel share in the revenues. The cases target not only those that spill hazardous substances, but also the deep pocket companies that made them. This presentation tracks the trend, examines the nebulous tort theories that states employ, analyzes special defenses, and offers practical tips for defense counsel.

SPEAKER **Richard E. (Rick) Wallace, Jr.**, Crowell & Moring LLP

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Young Lawyers

Under Pressure: A Guide to Decision Making Under Stress and Your Ethical Obligations to Your Clients and Your Firm

The speakers will discuss your ethical obligations when making time sensitive and important decisions for your clients and your firm, while addressing how real-time obstacles can thwart even the well-intended lawyers. In addition to walking through some of the specific ethical obligations that arise most frequently in such high-stress periods, they will use several practical scenarios to help you develop the tools to navigate some of the more subtle ethical challenges you face in day-to-day stressful situations in your practice.

SPEAKERS **Gregory W. Pottorff**, Ice Miller LLP
Stephanie M. Wurdock, Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney PLLC

Thursday, 8:30 am–10:00 am

Opening Ceremony and Welcome



KEYNOTE MODERATED CONVERSATION: Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to President Obama and Distinguished Fellow, University of Chicago Law School

The Room Where It Happens

Valerie Jarrett was the longest serving senior advisor to President Barack Obama. She joined the White House team on January 20, 2009, and departed with the First Family on January 20, 2017. Sharing her experiences, Valerie will discuss her personal journey to get there, her work on policy initiatives necessary to build a twenty-first century workforce, and what she learned from the challenges of leading the greatest country on earth.

Thursday, 10:30 am–11:20 am

Marriage Equality and the Future of LGBTQ Rights



Same-sex couples in the United States won the right to marry far more quickly than most people expected. One of the leaders of that fight—who was co-counsel in cases that won marriage equality in California and Nevada; supervised cases that won the freedom to marry in seven other states and Puerto Rico; and was co-counsel at the Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which brought marriage equality to the entire nation—will discuss how this battle was won, analyze the backlash that resulted, highlight current leading cases, and forecast the future of LGBTQ rights in America.

SPEAKER **Jon W. Davidson**, LGBTQ Movement Consultant

Thursday, 11:20 am–12:10 pm



KEYNOTE: Erik Qualman, Motivational Speaker and Best-Selling Author Socialnomics—Winning Customers via Social & Mobile

Based on his number one bestseller, *Socialnomics: How Social Media Transforms the Way We Live and Do Business*, Mr. Qualman dives into the powerful concept of socialnomics. Word-of-mouth is on digital steroids and has transformed into World-of-mouth. Organizations must learn the new rules of social, mobile, and beyond, or they will miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to earn customers' loyalty and drive long-term success. Socialnomics is the key to winning the customers' hearts, minds, and wallets.



Thursday, 1:20 pm–2:10 pm

Harassment Prevention 2.0: Best Practices for the #MeToo Era



Sexual harassment in workplaces from Hollywood to Washington has dominated headlines in the past months, with each day seeming to bring new claims and accusations. No industry or person is immune—from senators to revered artists to tech pioneers to



casino moguls. Facing this tsunami of sexual harassment scandals, companies across the country are taking proactive steps, reviewing workplace policies, updating training, and developing action plans to respond when harassment claims are made. This panel will discuss drafting strong and effective anti-harassment policies, raising awareness about

workplace power dynamics that may lead to harassment issues, navigating complaints when a high-level employee or board member is the harasser, addressing #MeToo postings on social media, handling anonymous complaints, and more.

MODERATOR Michele Ballard Miller, Miller Law Group PC

SPEAKERS Theodore (Ted) Borromeo, Assistant General Counsel, McKesson Corporation

Valerie C. Shelton, Senior Counsel, Employment Litigation, Office of General Counsel, University of California

Thursday, 2:10 pm–3:10 pm

Defending Native Nations and Native Businesses: What Matters and Why It Matters



This unique session will provide critical insight for adapting your skillset and positioning your practice for the defense of Native Nations. The panel will explore the roots of tribal sovereignty, federal Indian law, jurisdictional interplay, and the continuous evolution of native justice systems and laws. Learn about the important role of tribal culture in resolving disputes and other significant considerations for defending Native Nations and tribal businesses, including what you should

expect when practicing before a tribal court.

SPEAKERS Dr. Gavin Clarkson, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development – Indian Affairs

Bryan Newland, Chairman of the Bay Mills Indian Community

Jana M. Simmons, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Evan Thompson, Browning Kaleczyc Berry & Hoven PC



Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Appellate Advocacy

Litigation in the Golden State: What Every Business Needs to Know About California State Court Appellate Practice and Recent Notable Decisions

By some measures, California's economy is larger than that of France, and its courts are busier. Yet, many businesses view the prospect of litigating in California with a combination of intrigue and dread. In this session, both in-house counsel and outside firm litigators will examine the quirks of California appellate procedure and significant recent decisions that businesses litigating in the state need to understand.

SPEAKERS David M. Axelrad, Horvitz & Levy LLP

Raymond A. Cardozo, Reed Smith LLP

The Honorable Kathleen M. Banke, California Court of Appeal

Governmental Liability

Litigating to Change the Law: Not Just for the Plaintiffs' Bar

When the topic of litigating to change the law is discussed, often the first things that come to mind are plaintiffs' affirmative litigation, public interest advocacy, and class actions. Through examination of several cases, including historic civil rights cases such as *Brown v. Board of Education*, this session will identify several lessons that the defense bar can learn from the plaintiffs' bar. This session will also offer an insider's view into instances where a government entity defense (e.g., the evolution of jail strip search jurisprudence) has proved particularly well-suited for changing the law through litigation.

SPEAKER David B. Newdorf, Newdorf Legal

Intellectual Property Litigation

International Trademark and Copyright: 2018 Roundup

Canadian IP lawyer Peter Henein provides an update on what 2018 saw in trademark and copyright law outside of the United States. Mr. Henein will review foreign cases that are relevant to your trademark and copyright practice. From notable decisions to legislative amendments, he will talk about what you and your clients need to know.

SPEAKER Peter J. Henein, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP



FREE WEBINAR ACCESS

DON'T MISS this outstanding offer to access additional cutting-edge education opportunities when you register for the Annual Meeting by September 19.

You will receive **FREE** access to multiple DRI webinars on practice management and legal trends that connect you to expert advice and strategies for your firm. This **\$350 value** will be made available to attendees after the DRI Annual Meeting, so **register by September 19** and look forward to more of the quality legal education content you expect from DRI.

Medical Liability and Health Care Law

Adjust Your Perspective: How to Better Understand Your Client's Business and in Turn Make Your Claims Professional's Life Easier

This session will focus on how defense attorneys can better understand insurance companies' businesses and how to make a claims professional's job easier, particularly with respect to high exposure claims. Topics will include when to depose plaintiffs early, how to commit plaintiffs to their case, how to manage depositions in a case that should settle, when to work a case up as no stone unturned, and what really matters to institutional clients besides the mere reduction of the bottom line.

SPEAKERS **Laura D. Eschleman**, Nall & Miller LLP

Product Liability

Embedded Systems and Twenty-first Century Product Liability Litigation

Embedded systems have revolutionized consumer products. However, defects in these devices also open up new avenues of litigation against manufacturers. This session will explain how an accurate understanding of embedded systems is essential for an effective defense against claims.

SPEAKER **Joel H. Smith**, Bowman and Brooke LLP

Litigation Skills

Blockchain Technology: Trial Weapon or Not, Ready for Prime Time

This presentation is a primer on blockchain technology and its potential use at trial. It will discuss the use of such evidence at trial, including authentication and other foundational issues. The session will also cover preservation and discovery obligations.

SPEAKER **Tyree P. Jones, Jr.**, Reed Smith LLP

Thursday, 7:00 pm–10:30 pm

Networking Reception at The Village *(See page 14.)*



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A large, stylized graphic of a puzzle piece with a circuit board pattern, set against a purple and pink background. The puzzle piece is the central focus, with its edges and internal circuitry clearly visible. The background is a gradient of purple and pink, with a subtle pattern of small, repeating shapes.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Friday, 7:00 am–8:00 am

Lawyers' Professionalism and Ethics and Professional Liability *(Ethics session)*

Recent Developments in Legal Ethics

No matter what type of law that you practice, legal ethics is a dynamic ever-changing field that pervades all aspects of handling a case. Prof. Dane S. Ciolino will review recent developments in legal ethics, professional responsibility, and the law governing lawyers, including new disciplinary standards, cases, and advisory opinions of interest to defense practitioners, and how these changes affect you and your practice.

SPEAKER **Dane S. Ciolino**, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Life, Health and Disability

Diversity Issues in Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Litigation

This session will cover practical applications of diversity considerations in LHD/ERISA litigation. The discussion will address beneficiary issues, both with respect to same-sex marriage and children of same-sex couples where only one parent is a biological parent; health care issues, including HIV, women's health care, and gender reassignment coverage; bias in the litigation process; and diversity initiatives by various state departments of insurance.

SPEAKER **Kristina N. Holmstrom**, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC

Retail and Hospitality

What's New in Retail Litigation: How Litigation Affecting Retailers Has Evolved and Where It Is Headed, Including Recent Developments in Data Privacy Suits, Employment Claims, and Class Action Litigation

Learn about the importance of conducting investigations and witness interviews early, including the benefits of having solid connections with employees who may quit or get fired after an accident. Hear war stories and examples from recent cases, including cases that were received late or involved problems tracking witnesses.

SPEAKERS **David Cardiff**, Associate General Counsel, Levi Strauss & Co.
Ann H. MacDonald, Schiff Hardin LLP

Workers' Compensation

The Effect of Marijuana and Telemedicine on Workers' Compensation Cases

This session will provide an overview on the projected effect that the legalization of marijuana and the advent of telemedicine will have on the administration and defense of workers' compensation claims. The presenters will identify scenarios involving industrial injury medical treatment and ancillary issues, which will be coming to the forefront with the introduction of marijuana usage and telemedicine technology.

SPEAKERS **Roman Kownacki, MD**, The Permanente Medical Group
Jeffrey E. Lowe, Laughlin Falbo Levy & Moresi LLP
Mark Pew, Senior Vice President of PRIUM

Friday, 8:30 am–9:30 am



KEYNOTE: Dr. Condoleezza Rice, 66th Secretary of State

A Look at Diplomacy and Security Around the World

*Presentation sponsored by
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Friday, 9:30 am–10:20 am

Behind the Velvet Curtain: The Supreme Court from the Perspective of the Clerks



Hear about the Supreme Court of the United States from the people who know it best. Join three former clerks on the Court, who clerked for Justices spanning the political spectrum, for insights into what went on in chambers, the decision-making process at the Court, and what they saw from the best and worst Supreme Court advocates. This session will provide an intimate view of the nation's highest court, and will provide practical tips for persuading the Justices to take your case and

accept your position in general.

MODERATOR **Tillman J. Breckenridge**, Bailey Glasser LLP

SPEAKERS **Ashley Keller**, Keller Lenkner LLC
Elbert Lin, Hulton Andrews Kurth LLP
Alexandra Walsh, Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz

Friday, 10:45 am–11:35 am

The Future of the Business of Law



After decades of stability, the legal industry has become increasingly competitive. Power shifts have upended the business of law. The corporate legal department has taken more work in-house, and new entrants have emerged with alternative business models and technological advances powered by increased computing power. Law firms have responded in the short term with mergers and acquisitions and intensified recruiting of lateral partners. Our speaker will review these trends and discuss the longer-term outlook for the law firm business model.

SPEAKER **William M. "Bill" Carter**, President and CEO, ALM Media Properties LLC



Friday, 11:35 am–12:25 pm

Technology's Effect on the Development of the Law



The Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, big data, autonomous vehicles, robotics, drones, blockchain, and genetic engineering are examples of disruptive technologies. We are on the cusp of a new industrial revolution driven by technology. Who can or

should be liable when machines make life and death decisions on their own, or when mathematic algorithms use bad data or make the wrong decisions? Our panel will provide a glimpse into these types of issues spanned by technology that our courts will soon address.

SPEAKERS **Professor William D. Henderson**, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
Professor Gary E. Marchant, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Friday, 12:30 pm–1:30 pm

Women's Networking Luncheon

(Ticketed event. See page 19.)

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

Construction Law

Can Air Cause This Much Damage?

The panel will descend upon the issue of air infiltration into a highly sensitive hospital environment and dissect how building envelop defects allowing the infiltration may lead to property damage and loss of use; whether prospective loss of use is an economic injury; coverage issues affecting defense and indemnity obligations; and the resolution process.

SPEAKERS **Jon Anders Hammerbeck**, Ford Walker Haggerty & Behr LLP
Rosary A. Hernandez, Tiffany & Bosco PA
Aaron R. White, Boyle Shaughnessy Law

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy and Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance

An Internal Investigation of a Cybersecurity Breach: How Did It Happen and Could We Have Stopped It?

SPEAKER **David S. Weinstein**, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm (*continued*)

Drug and Medical Device

And Now a Word from the Panel: Current Trends and Hot Topics Emerging in Product Liability MDLs and State Coordinated Litigation

According to the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation's 2016 Calendar Year Statistics, the JPML granted only 26 motions for centralization, the lowest number since 1993. Of all currently pending MDLs, 29.1 percent (71) are product liability cases, representing the largest number of MDLs by category. At the same time, cases pending in state coordinated proceedings are on the rise. This panel will provide a general overview of new product liability MDLs—such as talc, opioids, hip implants, and Taxotere/docetaxel—and discuss recent trends, hot topics, and lessons learned in these MDLs. In particular, this panel will discuss the growing number of cases in state coordinated proceedings and analyze the advantages and disadvantages of a state coordinated proceeding over an MDL, especially in cases where an MDL is not created.

MODERATOR Kelly Jones Howell, Harris Beach PLLC

SPEAKERS Brandon D. Cox, Tucker Ellis LLP

Sonja S. Weissman, Reed Smith LLP

Donald F. (Fritz) Zimmer, Jr., King & Spalding LLP

Law Practice Management

Lost in Translation: Communication Skills for Practice Management

A panel will explore intergenerational and intercultural communication among partners, associates, staff, and clients. The presentation will assist law practice managers in bringing out the best in their lawyers and supporting client development skills in an evolving business climate.

SPEAKERS Bryan C. Garcia, Garcia Law Group LLC

Marta-Ann Schnabel, O'Bryon & Schnabel PLC

Angelica A. Zabanal, Selman Breitman LLP

Trucking Law

Reptile Update 2018: How Trucking Practitioners Are Defeating the Reptile During Discovery and in Other Pretrial Proceedings

In 2017, the DRI Trucking Law Committee presented a one day primer on how to attack the reptile theory in trucking litigation. Hear an update as to the advances that have been made across the country in confronting the reptile theory well before a case advances to trial.

SPEAKER Gene F. Zipperle, Jr., Ward Hocker & Thornton PLLC

The Trials and Tribulations of Broker Liability in the Uncharted Waters of CSA

Negligent hiring and retention does not just apply to trucking companies. In today's CSA environment, liability has been extended to brokers and other entities for driver negligence. Explore the ins and outs of broker liability and how to address truck driver negligence, CSA data, and liability of third parties.

SPEAKERS M. Garner Berry, Markow Walker PA

Jennifer Wood, General Counsel, Sunset Transportation Inc.

Women in the Law

Aim High: Empowering Women in Leadership

Why aim high? Because when we expect more, we get more. This is a fundamental lesson for playing effectively in a male-dominated business world. Using real-world examples and interactive exercises, this session examines the skill set necessary for women to move more successfully into the executive suite. We'll discuss the power of the "subtextual" conversation—body language, vocal patterns, and mannerisms that can raise or lower one's status in the workplace. We'll explore female- and male-identified communication rituals, and how to confront counterproductive culture clashes caused by differences in style and language. Better understanding these dynamics, and being more aware of our own behavioral patterns, can significantly increase collaboration, respect, and ultimately, productivity.

SPEAKER Cara Hale Alter, SpeechSkills

Friday, 1:30 pm–4:00 pm

DRI International™

Emerging International Issues in Regulation of Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies

The past 18 months have seen a dramatic increase in the adoption of cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies for capital raising, investment, payments, and other purposes. Governments and regulators worldwide are devoting considerable efforts to determining how existing regulatory regimes apply, developing new rules where gaps exist, and taking enforcement action where required. Our panel will discuss what these developments may mean for your clients and businesses from a practical perspective, and what legal issues and risks could be engaged by cryptocurrencies and blockchain under securities, anti-money laundering, tax, privacy, and other laws.

SPEAKERS Michael J. Fluhr, Squire Patton Boggs

Evan Thomas, Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

The First Five Months of the GDPR! How Corporations Are Coping and Regulators Are Regulating

This session will address the wide territorial reach of the GDPR, the breadth of the GDPR's compliance obligations, and the GDPR's unusually high monetary sanctions, as well as criminal penalties imposed by certain member state laws. Learn how corporations are coping with the GDPR by prioritizing their GDPR compliance initiatives, and gain insight into pending investigations and enforcement priorities of supervisory authorities throughout the EU, as well as their views on the key risks of noncompliance.

SPEAKERS Christelle Coslin, Hogan Lovells LLP

Dr. Tobias Schelinski, Taylor Wessing

Laura Clark Fey, Fey LLC

Oisín Tobin, Mason Hayes & Curran

Friday, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Networking Reception (*See page 19.*)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Saturday programming is focusing on leadership, sharing information, ideas, and tools, to enhance your leadership role in your firm, company, and everyday lives.

Saturday, 9:00 am–9:40 am

Lawyers and Leadership: A Guide to Success



Society relies on lawyers for leadership roles in our communities, our firms, our schools, our political processes, our places of worship, and our civic organizations. Understanding the essentials of leadership growth and development is essential for any lawyer who takes on a role directing an organization. This session will focus on common characteristics of successful leaders, how to motivate the new generation of lawyers, and how to build a team for success in any endeavor.

SPEAKER Marc E. Williams, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

Saturday, 9:40 am–10:25 am

Leadership in the Face of Disaster



What can we learn from the shooting at Pulse? In the aftermath of shootings, bombings, attacks, hate crimes, and other manmade disasters, what can lawyers offer to help and heal our communities? What unique obligations or opportunities are offered to us in our role as professionals and community leaders? How do we prepare for the unthinkable? Come hear

Orlando attorney and nationally recognized diversity leader Larry Smith discuss and explore these important professional questions.

SPEAKER **Larry Dean Smith**, Southern Trial Counsel PLC

Saturday, 10:35 am–11:20 am

Be the Light *(Ethics session)*



Justice Pate's speech, *Be the Light*, explores the unique power of lawyers and judges to create meaningful human connection in a legal system that is defined by disconnection. Weaving stories of his experiences in Palau and his own unique life story, which includes a struggle with addiction and his personal experience in America's criminal justice system, Justice Pate will challenge his listeners to rethink how they approach their law practices, how they tell their own stories, and, ultimately, how they ultimately live their lives.

SPEAKER **The Hon. R. Ashby Pate**, Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC

Saturday, 11:20 am–12:00 pm

**Embracing Diversity in Your Law Firm:
A How-To for Firms Large and Small**



Lawyers at firms large and small often want to increase diversity at their firms, but cannot determine the best way to accomplish that goal. Meet two lawyers—one at a large firm who works to increase diversity at her firm and to ensure that diverse

lawyers are provided with meaningful opportunities, and another from a small firm who increased diversity at his firm to 30 percent and involves diverse lawyers in all aspects of the firm's caseload. In this session, you will have the opportunity to learn how they met these goals and how you can meet yours.

SPEAKER **Christopher G. Betke**, Coughlin Betke LLP

Jennifer L. Bragg, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP

Saturday, 6:00 pm–10:30 pm

**A Celebration of Leadership—DRI Honors
Its New President, Board Members, and
Top Volunteers** *(Ticketed event. See page 19.)*



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Thursday, October 18

7:00 pm–10:00 pm

THE VILLAGE, LOCATED AT 969 MARKET STREET, IS A SHORT WALK FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS. IT IS A PLACE UNLIKE ANYWHERE IN THE CITY; a little offbeat, infused with charm, and coursing with energy in the heart of Downtown San Francisco. The building itself was constructed in 1909 and has been many things before being reinvented in 2014 as The Village; an epicenter for creative storytelling, interactive technology, and memorable experiences. Join your friends and enjoy an evening with a high-tech vibe of fun—experiencing interactive games, virtual reality activities, and music—all while dining on tasty cuisine and sharing great conversation. Also, concluding during this evening will be the DRI Silent Auction and Raffle benefitting the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE). *Note: Dress comfortably and causally.*

“TECHNOLOGY, LIKE ART, IS A SOARING EXERCISE OF THE IMAGINATION.” – Daniel Bell

“NETWORKING IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF BUILDING WEALTH.” – Armstrong Williams



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EYES.”

– Ronald Burt

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR STATE AND LOCAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS

The DRI Annual Meeting features programs specifically dedicated to today's state and local defense organizations (SLDOs). All state representatives, SLDO officers, and executive directors are strongly encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 am–8:30 am

Executive Directors Breakfast Program

Join fellow SLDO executive directors in roundtable discussions on best practices and new innovations in leading your SLDO. This program will provide an opportunity for information sharing and networking among SLDO executive directors.

FACILITATORS **Michelle Barrus**, Executive Director, Utah Defense Lawyers Association

Maggie S. Sweeney, Executive Director, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

12:15 pm–1:30 pm

SLDO Leadership Luncheon



Featured Speaker: Timothy A. Pratt

Timothy A. Pratt, former General Counsel for Boston Scientific, will draw from his many and varied experiences heading the legal department of an international, tech savvy, growth oriented company, and will share with the audience what he has learned about leadership and how the wisdom, skills, and processes he learned can be used by SLDOs,

law firms, executive directors and lawyers to lead their organizations and law firms into this brave new world where technology is changing how we do business, how we communicate, and how we interact.



1:30 pm–4:00 pm

SLDO Program

Strategic Planning: SLDO Success Stories

This session will provide a framework for SLDOs on how to develop and implement their own strategic plans. Drawing from their experience and their recent DRI publication, Strategic Planning for SLDOs, the speakers will provide an overview of what SLDOs can do to get from where they are to where they want to be.

SPEAKERS **John C. Trimble**, Lewis Wagner LLP
Francisco Ramos, Jr., Clarke Silvergate PA

SLDO Roundtable

We want to hear from all our SLDOs about what is working and what isn't when it comes to websites, social media, membership development, and outside influences affecting attendance at your events.

FACILITATOR **Thomas R. Schultz**, Schultz & Pogue LLP

SPEAKERS **Jennifer Blevins**, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada and Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
Lisa Mortier, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
Matthew G. Moffett, Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske LLP

Women in the Law Panel Discussion

The SLDO and DRI women leaders will discuss how to help your SLDOs increase women in your membership and leadership ranks; how to develop speaking, writing, networking, and business development opportunities for your women members; how to meet their needs; and how to create your own Women in the Law Committee.

FACILITATOR **Francisco Ramos, Jr.**, Clarke Silvergate PA
SPEAKERS **Alison R. Christian**, Christian Dichter & Sluga PC
Renee J. Mortimer, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
Anne Marie Sferra, Bricker & Eckler LLP
Kelly A. Williams, Houston Harbaugh PC

4:00 pm–4:30 pm

Regional Meetings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:30 am–1:00 pm

Executive Directors Program and Luncheon Strong Board Practice

This presentation will focus on the main areas of strong board practice: connection to cause, roles and responsibilities, how to build and sustain a great board, and how to engage board members in membership development and fundraising. You will learn why connecting your mission to the larger cause matters, the importance of communication, both internally and externally, and how to utilize the best tools to grow your mission.

FACILITATORS **Michelle Barrus**, Utah Defense Lawyers Association
Maggie S. Sweeney, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

1:00 pm–2:30 pm

SLDO Program

How to Start Your Own Specialty Committee

We will teach your SLDO how to lay the foundation and develop your own specialty committees, including diversity, women in the law, and young lawyer committees. This session will address everything from conceptualizing and creating these committees, to recruiting and empowering the leadership of these committees, to making them vibrant and providing them the tools to develop their own programming, publications, and fellowship.

FACILITATOR **Thomas R. Schultz**, Schultz & Pogue LLP
SPEAKERS **Diane Pradat Pumphrey**, Wilkins Patterson Smith Pumphrey & Doty
Mark A. Fredrickson, Lind Jensen Sullivan & Peterson PA
Karen Hannah Wheeler, Wheeler Waters PC

DRI BUSINESS MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:30 am–5:00 pm **Law Institute Meeting**
 5:00 pm–5:30 pm **2018 Annual Meeting Steering Committee Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 am–12:30 pm **DRI Board of Directors Meeting**
 12:45 pm–2:45 pm **NFJE Board of Directors Meeting**
 3:00 pm–3:30 pm **Corporate Counsel Committee Business Meeting** (*Open to in-house counsel only.*)
 3:00 pm–3:30 pm **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Aviation Law
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Employment and Labor Law
- Insurance Law

3:00 pm–4:00 pm **Membership Committee Meeting**
 3:30 pm–5:00 pm **Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting**
 3:30 pm–5:00 pm **Law Institute, Program Chairs, and Vice Chairs Meeting**
 4:00 pm–4:30 pm **Committee Membership Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 am–8:30 am **State Membership Chairs Meeting**
 8:00 am–8:30 am **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings**

- Commercial Litigation
- Fidelity and Surety
- Toxic Torts and Environmental Law
- Young Lawyers

8:00 am–12:15 pm **Nominating Committee** (*Member appointments*)
 1:30 pm–5:00 pm **Nominating Committee** (*Member appointments*)
 4:00 pm–4:30 pm **SLDO Regional Meetings**
 4:30 pm–5:00 pm **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings**

- Appellate Advocacy
- Governmental Liability
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Medical Liability and Health Care Law
- Product Liability
- Litigation Skills

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 am–8:30 am **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings**

- Lawyers' Professionalism and Ethics
- Life, Health and Disability
- Professional Liability
- Retail and Hospitality
- Workers' Compensation

8:00 am–12:30 pm **Nominating Committee** (*Member appointments*)
 1:30 pm–5:00 pm **Nominating Committee** (*Member appointments*)
 2:30 pm–3:00 pm **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings**

- Construction Law
- Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
- Drug and Medical Device
- Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance
- Law Practice Management
- Trucking Law
- Women in the Law

4:00 pm–4:30 pm **DRI International™ Committee Business Meeting**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 am–9:00 am **2019 Annual Meeting Steering Committee Meeting**
 12:45 pm–4:00 pm **DRI Board of Directors Meeting**



Diversity and Inclusion in DRI: A Statement of Principle

DRI is the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation.

Diversity is a core value at DRI. Indeed, diversity, which includes sexual orientation, is fundamental to the success of the organization, and we seek out and embrace the innumerable benefits and contributions that the perspectives, backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences a diverse membership provides.

Inclusiveness is the chief means to increase the diversity of DRI's membership and leadership positions. DRI's members and potential leaders are often also members and leaders of other defense organizations. Accordingly, DRI encourages all national, state, and local defense organizations to promote diversity and inclusion in their membership and leadership.

NETWORKING EVENTS

Relax and have fun while expanding your network.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:30 pm–5:30 pm

First-Time Attendees Orientation

If you are a first-time Annual Meeting attendee, please join us for a short get-together to learn more about the depth and breadth of DRI, how to get the most out of your membership, and opportunities for leadership. Come and meet other members who have been involved with DRI over the years and who will introduce you to fellow members and programs that might be of special interest to you. This 60-minute program is designed to give you a head start on the Annual Meeting and to help you maximize DRI opportunities.

5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Reception for New and Prospective Members

Sponsored by **Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP**

Are you a new or non-member of DRI, or a first-time attendee of the Annual Meeting? Come meet the DRI leadership and learn the benefits of DRI and the Annual Meeting at a networking reception in the Exhibit Showcase! All DRI members are also encouraged to attend and mingle with DRI leadership, newcomers, and non-members, and to share your DRI experiences. Also, please take the opportunity when picking up your registration materials to visit the exhibitors.

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Welcome Reception— A Taste of San Francisco!

(open to all)

Hosted by the **Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

Sponsored by **ARCCA, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, Ogden**

Murphy Wallace PLLC, Plunkett Cooney PC, Rimkus Consulting Group, Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC, and Williams Kastner

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is proud to host the opening night reception and welcome you to San Francisco and the Annual Meeting. Join us as we enjoy cuisine from some of San Francisco's most well-known and ethnically diverse neighborhoods, from Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, and the North End, to the nearby Wine Country, where their tastes and cultures celebrate all that is great about San Francisco, a true melting pot of humanity. Stop by and



experience the best San Francisco has to offer and enjoy delicious food, beverage, and great conversation along the way. There is no better meeting place than the Welcome Reception to reconnect with old friends and colleagues and make new acquaintances.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18



7:00 pm–10:00 pm

Networking Reception at The Village

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DRI Philanthropic Activities Committee Silent Auction and Raffle

Get ready to bid! DRI will once again hold its annual Silent Auction and Raffle to benefit the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE) during the Annual Meeting. Bids will be made once again this



year through an easy-to-use electronic bidding. The bidding will begin as soon as items are placed on the bidding website and will continue through the evening of the Thursday night networking event. You will be able to bid using your cellular phone, so you can bid and win even if you can't attend the meeting!

The raffle is another great way to support NFJE during the Annual Meeting. The more tickets you purchase, the better your chances of winning. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, but

if you buy five tickets, you get a sixth ticket for free. You can pre-purchase your raffle tickets at the same time you register for the Annual Meeting by indicating how many tickets you want to buy on the registration form. It is simple and easy and will save you time onsite.

Information on the many exciting items up for auction can be found on both the NFJE (nfje.net) and DRI (dri.org) websites. If you have an item that you would like to donate to the auction or raffle, please contact Tiffany Higgins at DRI at 312.698.6230 or thiggins@dri.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:30 pm–1:30 pm

DRI Veterans Network Luncheon *(invitation only)*

Sponsored by **Tucker Law Group**

The DRI Veterans Network provides a forum for DRI's service veterans to memorialize their service, network, and engage in service work for veterans in need. Join fellow DRI veterans for lunch, conversation, and friendship.

12:30 pm–1:30 pm

Women's Networking Luncheon

Sponsored by **Exponent, Gerber Ciano Kelly Brady LLP, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC, MRC, and Plunkett Cooney PC**

Join DRI's women leaders and share your tips for networking successes in an interactive forum over lunch, designed to advance women lawyers' professional goals.

Tickets to the Women's Networking Luncheon are \$55. Please purchase tickets by notation on the registration form or online at dri.org.

5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Networking Reception *(open to all)*

Sponsored by **Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Gerber Ciano Kelly Brady LLP, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Hepler Broom LLC, Miletich PC, and Snell & Wilmer LLP**

Join your colleagues for a great time networking before you head off for your committee, state, or regional dinners. Partake in lively conversation while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and refreshing cocktails.

Save \$200 when you register by September 19.
Register now at dri.org!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00 pm–10:30 pm

A Celebration of Leadership—DRI Honors Its New President, Board Members, and Top Volunteers

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EVENT

Sponsored by **Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP**

You are cordially invited to join us Saturday night as we celebrate DRI and the end of a successful week, recognize our new leaders, and award DRI's highest honors. The evening will include a cocktail reception and elegant dining featuring the best of California cuisine and wine pairings. Following our night of celebrations, we invite guests to stay for the party.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Lorenzo Neal, a former NFL player and morning host of San Francisco's *"The Game's Morning Sports Show"* on 95.7 sports radio. Mr. Neal had a celebrated career in the NFL for 16 seasons earning him four appearances in the Pro Bowl. Mr. Neal is also the Sports Television Analyst for Comcast Bay Area Sports and a frequent guest of NFL Network as a sports analyst, bringing his highly respected and regarded experience to the league's television program. He is active in his community, motivating young people about the importance of hard work, anti-bullying, and character. Recently, Mr. Neal founded the Lorenzo Neal Foundation, which will focus much of its efforts on working with young men and bridging the gap that absent fathers have created in the lives of their children. Don't miss this opportunity to join your colleagues and celebrate the award winners and new leaders on their well-deserved achievements. *Business attire is requested.*

Tickets to the President's Reception and Dinner are \$100/individual ticket. Please purchase tickets by notation on the registration form or online at dri.org.

Substantive Law Committee Practice Area Networking Events

Enjoy opportunities to network with other members of your substantive committee, including practice area CLE sessions, committee dine arounds, and business meetings, just to name a few. These events are great ways to stay involved with your committees, meet new colleagues, and have fun. Watch your Committee Community page leading up to October for more information about the what, when, and how to sign up for these activities. If you are not currently a member of a committee and would like to become involved, sign up at dri.org. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLE Accreditation

The Annual Meeting has been approved for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of 12 hours, including up to 3 hours of ethics. Accreditation has been requested from every state with MCLE requirements. Certificates of Attendance will be available for each attendee. Attendees are responsible for obtaining CLE credits from their respective states. Credit availability and requirements vary from state to state; please check our website at dri.org for more information on your state.

Counsel Meetings

DRI's counsel meetings incentive program provides corporations and insurance carriers with the opportunity to meet with their invited counsel before or after DRI events. The program is based on the premise that the majority of the attorneys representing these companies are most likely DRI members planning to attend the Annual Meeting. DRI's program makes it easy and enticing for companies to hold counsel meetings at the Annual Meeting. Companies such as AIG, CNH Industrial America LLC, Grinnell Mutual, LP Building Products, OneBeacon Insurance Group, and State Farm Insurance already are committed to holding meetings at the Annual Meeting. A complete schedule of counsel meetings will be distributed onsite.

As an added incentive, any DRI member who secures a first-time counsel meeting will earn \$200 DRI Dollars to use toward any DRI Annual Meeting, DRI Seminar, or DRI Publication. To find out more about the DRI member incentive program or how your company can benefit from the counsel meetings incentive program, please contact Beth DeMars at DRI by calling 312.698.6234 or emailing bdemars@dri.org.

DRI for Life

Sponsored by Laffey Leitner & Goode LLC

As part of the DRI for Life initiative to focus on the well-being, health, and work/life balance of our members, the Annual Meeting will again offer yoga, Pilates, and running. Each morning, Thursday through Saturday, will feature activities to get your day started on the right foot, no pun intended! Check the Schedule-At-A-Glance to learn what is happening when.

DRI Philanthropic Activities Committee Silent Auction and Raffle

For complete details, see page 19.

Exhibit Showcase

Wednesday through Friday, October 17-19

Maximize your time at the Annual Meeting by visiting the Exhibit Showcase! Mingle with exhibitors, friends, and colleagues. Discover new technologies, products, and services geared toward assisting you in representing your clients and building your practice. DRI will host a New and Prospective Members Reception in the Exhibit Showcase on Wednesday, October 17, from 5:30 pm–6:30 pm. Registration, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, and exhibitor raffle will be held in the Exhibit Showcase area. Be sure to visit the exhibit booths to become eligible to enter the exhibitor raffles. The raffle drawings will be held during the morning refreshment break on Friday.

Family Fun in San Francisco

San Francisco is a great place to bring your family and enjoy a truly iconic city. There are so many things to do and see for all ages. Whether you are with your family, friends, or colleagues, San Francisco is a great place to explore. The city offers world-class shopping, restaurants, arts, and entertainment, as well as famous attractions. Perennial favorites include Alcatraz, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, the cable cars, Golden Gate Park, and the Golden Gate Bridge. And of course, no trip to San Francisco is complete without a trip to the wine country. Visit the following websites for more information on the many things you can do while in San Francisco.

Key websites:

www.sanfrancisco.travel, San Francisco's visitor's bureau
www.sfgate.com/sfguide, for neighborhood events
www.sfgate.com/entertainment, for entertainment
www.sfstation.com, for daily listings of events, restaurants, and clubs
www.7x7.com, for the skinny on shopping, eating, playing, and following art in the city

First-Time Attendee Mentoring Program

As a first-time attendee, DRI will pair you with a DRI member who will help you navigate the Annual Meeting, meet new people, and answer any questions you may have about DRI and the Annual Meeting. This mentoring program doesn't end when the Annual Meeting concludes; it is the beginning of a new friendship and networking opportunities for you at DRI.



Global Entry Program

Are you tired of waiting in long lines to get through airport security? DRI would like to help with that at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in learning more and participating in the Global Entry travel program being offered during the meeting, please make notation on the registration form or online at dri.org. Note: You must be registered for the Annual Meeting to participate in the onsite program.

Hotel Facility

San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel

780 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
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Network with other attendees and exhibitors also staying at the hotel! DRI has secured a limited number of rooms at discounted group rates. A small portion of your room rate offsets the costs of the Annual Meeting. Please make your room reservations online at dri.org or directly with the hotel, and be sure to mention the DRI 2018 Annual Meeting to be eligible for this special rate: **\$324 Single/Double Occupancy**.



Rooms are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 19, 2018, to guarantee these special rates.** If room block capacity is reached on or before **September 19**, the DRI rate will not be guaranteed and may no longer be available. All reservations require a credit card guarantee or a deposit of the first night's room and tax. This deposit is nonrefundable if canceled within 72 hours of the arrival date.

Meeting Attire

Business casual attire is appropriate for all DRI functions, except that casual attire is encouraged for the Thursday night reception at The Village and business attire is proper for the Celebration of Leadership Dinner on Saturday night.

Registration Information

Save \$200 when you register on or before September 19, 2018!

Registration fee includes the following:

- Admission to all CLE programs
- Admission to all non-ticketed events
- Continental breakfast each morning
- Refreshment breaks
- Networking receptions
- Opportunity to purchase tickets to the Women's Networking Luncheon and the Celebration of Leadership—DRI Honors Its New President, Board Members, and Top Volunteers Dinner
- Access to the DRI App—take notes on sessions, access course materials, message attendees, personalize your schedule, and more!

To ensure that you receive the electronic link to the course materials in advance and that your name is listed in the Annual Meeting App and on the advance registration list distributed at the Annual Meeting, **DRI must receive your registration, either by mail, online, or by facsimile, on or before October 2, 2018.** For more information, visit dri.org or call 312.795.1101.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

The registration fee is fully refundable for cancellations received on or before **August 21, 2018**. Cancellations received between **August 22** and **September 19** will receive a refund, less a \$200 processing fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after **September 19**. All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge. All refunds will be processed and mailed within four weeks of the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Special Airline Rates

DRI is pleased to announce that discounted air fares are available on various major air carriers for DRI Annual Meeting attendees. To receive these discounts, please contact Direct Travel Ltd., DRI's official travel provider, at 800.840.0908. If you would like to have access to the DRI online travel booking tool, you must complete a Business Travel Profile form at www.dt.com. Within 24 business hours, you will receive information on accessing the system.

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Sponsored by **Coughlin Betke LLP**

DRI is delighted to be partnering with Compass Family Services to collect and provide personal care packets to the homeless population in the San Francisco area. With a mission to serve the most vulnerable populations, Compass is passionate about helping homeless and at-risk families become stably housed, emotionally and physically healthy, and economically self-sufficient. Visit www.compass-sf.org to learn more about Compass and how you can help.



We will be collecting travel size toiletries, such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm, hair conditioner, and body lotion. The goal is to collect and assemble 1,000 care packets for donation to Compass. Join us on Friday, October 19, at 10:20 am in the Exhibit Showcase and network with your colleagues while you assemble packets.
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