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Overnight Accommodations Needed?

A group rate of \$149 (single or double occupancy) plus tax is available to all attendees the night of February 22. Reservations should be made by calling the Hyatt Regency at 800-233-1234 by February 1, 2017, and ask for the Florida Law Alliance rate. After February 1, 2017, reservations will be accepted based on availability at the prevailing hotel rate. Be sure to mention the Florida Law Alliance when making your reservations.

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The Florida Department of Financial Services has approved this course for 5 CEU hours:
5.0 in CE 3-24A (adjuster law and policy).

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2017 Florida Law Alliance
Trucking and
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Claims
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Thursday, February 23, 2017

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2017 Florida Law Alliance

Trucking and Transportation Claims Conference

Thursday, February 23, 2017

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Attorney **Michael Corso** (Henderson Franklin)

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Trucking Accident Investigation Part I: Critical Investigation Best Practices for First Response Teams

It's 3:00 a.m. and you received "the call." Now what? Attorney **William Boltrek** (Henderson Franklin) and accident reconstruction expert **Kevin Bedsworth, CFEI, CFII** (Engineering Systems, Inc.), will share important first response actions, including gathering of crucial information and documents that must take place at the scene of the accident to preserve evidence.



Bill focuses his insurance litigation practice in helping his clients minimize risk, damages and cost in the defense of personal injury cases based on early investigations and examination of the evidence. He handles cases involving motor vehicle accidents, slip and fall, premises liability, and tractor trailer accidents.



Kevin is a Mechanical Engineer with Engineering Systems Inc., (ESI) a consulting firm located in Miami, Florida. Mr. Bedsworth has experience in analysis of accidents, environmental regulations and safety. He has testified as an expert

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witness in depositions and is qualified as an expert in Federal court.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Networking Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Trucking Accident Investigation Part 2: Legal Minded Approach to Trucking Accident Investigation

Attorneys **Nicole Duga** (Hill Ward Henderson) and **Eduardo Robayna** (Clarke Silverglate) will discuss key rules and regulations for drivers and vehicles, as well as theories of liability when defending a trucking accident case.



Nicole is a member of Hill Ward Henderson's Litigation Group. Her practice includes the defense of products liability and tort claims, as well as medical malpractice, hospital liability, and personal injury actions, along with a diverse array of construction and design claims and employment law claims.



Eduardo is a Miami native and concentrates his practice in commercial litigation. He previously served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Robin S. Rosenbaum, United States Circuit

Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and former United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Do the Real Math – Correctly Calculating Medical Costs in Personal Injury Cases

When a verdict is handed down, all want and need the verdict to be accurate and properly calculated. Determining past medical expenses and future medical

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costs is both necessary and often difficult. Attorney **Joseph Amos** (Fisher Rushmer) will moderate a panel of experts, including **Jeanne Thomas** (PRE MED Services Group) and **Byron Walden, CPA, CVA, MBA** (Fishkind & Associates), who will examine the challenges defendants face when confronted with inflated and often artificial past medical bills and the vagaries and uncertainties of future medical and life care plan needs.



Joe is a shareholder with Fisher Rushmer. A civil trial lawyer, his practice focuses primarily on personal injury cases, professional and products liability, insurance litigation and risk management. Joe is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in Florida, and has tried cases at all levels.



Jeanne is credentialed as a CMRS – Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist. She has been part of the PRO MED team for more than ten years, working as a Medical Bill Analyst providing medical defenses for liability claims.



Byron has served as a chief financial officer, chief operations officer, and controller, as well as having provided accounting, income tax, and consulting services to individuals and small business owners. Since joining Fishkind & Associates, he utilizes his accounting and business experience as a senior associate on the litigation support team.

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

The Jury's Out: The Composition of Jury Pools Across Florida

Attorney **Michael Corso** (Henderson Franklin) will share the basics of jury selection and the general composition of jury pools in the various counties across Florida, from the perspective of civil defense attorneys. This presentation will also discuss the ethical implication and ethical boundaries on jury selection and obtain feedback from defense lawyers who try cases in all five districts in Florida.

Mike has been Florida Bar Board certified in both Civil

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Trial since 1983 and in Business Litigation law since 1998. He serves as chair of Henderson Franklin's Tort & Insurance Litigation Department. Mike focuses his practice in matters involving products liability and the defense of non-medical professionals such as lawyers, accountants, architects, engineers and surveyors. He frequently speaks throughout the United States on issues regarding the defense of non-medical professionals and law office risk management issues.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Networking Break

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

ADR and Settlement Strategies

Attorneys **L. Johnson "Johnny" Sarber** (Marks Gray) and **Michael Schofield** (Clark Partington) will discuss the premises of alternative dispute resolution methods, strategies, planning, and completion, as well as discuss mediation and other settlement strategies. The perspective will be from the viewpoint of civil defense attorneys handling transportation related claims. This presentation will also discuss ethical implications and ethical boundaries.



Johnny's practice focuses on civil trial defense, primarily in the areas of commercial motor vehicle transportation law (including tractor trailer, passenger bus, and other large vehicle accidents), premises liability, municipal liability, insurer bad faith, and products liability.



Michael has a broad-based civil litigation practice. He has experience in aviation matters, construction litigation, commercial litigation, insurance coverage and disputes, products, and general liability matters. He is a Certified Mediator and Qualified Arbitrator in Florida.

4:00 p.m.

Concluding Remarks

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