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Annual Meeting Schedule-at-a-Glance

Tuesday, October 3

- 8:30 am–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Law Institute
- 5:00 pm–5:30 pm **Meeting:** 2017 Annual Meeting Steering Committee
- 6:30 pm–9:30 pm DRI Board of Directors Dinner (Invitation only)

Wednesday, October 4

- 8:00 am–12:30 pm **Meeting:** DRI Board of Directors
- 12:45 pm–2:45 pm **Meeting:** NFJE Board of Directors
- 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
- 3:30 pm–4:30 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–5:30 pm **Networking:** Speed Networking
- 4:00 pm–6:30 pm Registration and Exhibit Showcase
- 4:30 pm–5:15 pm **Meeting:** Committee Membership Chairs and Vice Chairs
- 5:30 pm–6:30 pm **Networking:** Reception for New and Prospective Members
- 6:30 pm–8:00 pm **Networking:** Welcome Reception—Co-hosted by DRI and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel

Thursday, October 5

- 7:00 am–8:00 am DRI for Life—Yoga
- 7:00 am–8:00 am Friends of Bill W.
- 7:00 am–8:45 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
- 7:15 am–7:45 am **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meeting
- 7:15 am–8:45 am **Meeting:** State Membership Chairs
- 7:45 am–8:45 am **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Session
- 8:00 am–12:15 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)
- 9:00 am–9:30 am Opening Ceremony and Welcome
- 9:30 am–10:20 am **Keynote Address**
- 10:20 am–10:50 am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
- 10:50 am–11:40 am **Keynote:** Jeffrey Toobin
- 11:40 am–12:30 pm **Keynote:** John Brennan
- 12:30 pm–1:45 pm Awards Luncheon: Featuring Major Heather Penney (*Ticketed event*)
- 2:00 pm–3:00 pm **Main Stage:** The Fourth Branch of Government? The Role and Future of Media in America
- 2:00 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)
- 3:00 pm–3:30 pm Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
- 3:00 pm–5:00 pm **SLDO:** National Program for State and Local Defense Organizations
- 3:30 pm–4:30 pm **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 4:30 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 5:00 pm–5:30 pm **SLDO:** Regional Meetings

7:00 pm–10:00 pm **Networking:** The Field Museum

Friday, October 6

- 7:00 am–8:00 am DRI for Life—Pilates
- 7:00 am–8:00 am Friends of Bill W.
- 7:00 am–9:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Showcase
- 7:00 am–12:30 pm Exhibit Showcase
- 7:00 am–4:00 pm Registration
- 7:15 am–8:45 am **Education:** Staff Counsel Program
- 7:30 am–8:45 am **SLDO:** Leadership Breakfast Featuring Mark Rucker (*Invitation only*)
- 8:15 am–8:45 am **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meeting
- 8:30 am–12:15 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)
- 9:00 am–10:00 am **Keynote:** Eric H. Holder, Jr.
- 10:00 am–10:30 am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
- 10:00 am–2:00 pm **SLDO:** Executive Directors Program and Luncheon
- 10:30 am–11:30 am **Main Stage:** Richard Painter (*Ethics*)
- 11:30 am–12:30 pm **Main Stage:** Dollars and Business Sense: The Role of Diversity and Inclusion in C-Suite Decision Making
- 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*)
- 1:45 pm–2:45 pm **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 1:45 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Member appointments*)

- 2:00 pm–4:00 pm **SLDO:** National Program for State and Local Defense Organizations
- 2:00 pm–5:00 pm **Education:** DRI International CLE Program
- 2:45 pm–3:15 pm **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 3:15 pm–3:30 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:30 pm–4:30 pm **Education:** Substantive Law and Practice Area CLE Sessions
- 4:30 pm–5:00 pm **Meeting:** Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings
- 5:00 pm–5:30 pm **Meeting:** DRI International Business Meeting
- 5:30 pm–6:30 pm **Networking:** Diversity Reception—Hosted by the Diversity and Inclusion, Corporate Counsel, and Women in the Law Committees

Saturday, October 7

- 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:** 2018 Annual Meeting Steering Committee
- 8:00 am–9:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 am–12:00 pm Registration
- 9:00 am–10:00 am **Main Stage:** Destiny Peery
- 10:00 am–10:50 am **Main Stage:** Cindy K. Andrews, Ph.D.
- 10:50 am–11:10 am Refreshment Break
- 11:10 am–12:00 pm **Main Stage:** Pamela Pierson
- 12:45 pm–4:00 pm **Meeting:** DRI Board of Directors
- 6:00 pm–10:00 pm **Networking:** President's Reception and Dinner (*Ticketed event*)

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ENGAGE. LEARN. CONNECT. GROW.

On behalf of the Annual Meeting Steering Committee, we invite you to join us in Chicago on October 4-8 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago for DRI's 2017 Annual Meeting: Connecting for Results. We have planned a week of spectacular speakers, cutting-edge CLE presentations, and creative networking events.

October is the perfect time to visit Chicago and sample the city's world-class museums, architecture, festivals, shopping, music, and dining. Chicago is the home of the blues and is famous for its signature style of jazz. It's a great opportunity to explore all that Chicago has to offer.

The Annual Meeting is designed to provide attendees with opportunities to engage, learn, connect, and grow.



- ✓ **ENGAGE.** Hear from some of the world's foremost authorities on the legal landscape, the Supreme Court, foreign affairs, domestic politics, and more.
- ✓ **LEARN** about developing legal topics to stay abreast of the changes, and earn up to 12.0 hours of CLE credit, including up to 3.0 hours of ethics credit.
- ✓ **CONNECT** with colleagues while networking with over 1,000 defense attorneys and in-house counsel throughout the week.
- ✓ **GROW.** Get involved—join your substantive law committee colleagues for their business meetings to learn about leadership opportunities.

The following pages provide a summary of the programs and activities we have planned. Follow [@DRICommunity](#) on Twitter for special announcements as we add new features to the meeting! [#DRI2017AM](#)

This is **your** Annual Meeting and we hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to invest in your professional and personal development. Join us in Chicago for a memorable and productive experience.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



John F. Kuppens
President, 2017-2018
Columbia, SC



Patrick J. Sweeney
Chair, 2017 Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA



Schedule of Events

Wednesday, October 4

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Corporate Counsel

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

The Journey: Being the Secret to Your Own Success

A teacher, coach, middle school principal, and powerful speaker, Kent Stock is also the man who coached the Norway, Iowa, baseball team during their now-famous final season. As depicted in the 2007 film, *The Final Season*, the nationally recognized Norway baseball team came together under then first-year head baseball coach Kent Stock to defy the odds and win Norway's 20th state title in what would become the team's final season before merging with a bigger, neighboring school district. Kent authored a book titled, *Heading for Home: My Journey from Little League to Hollywood*, outlining his life's journey and the behind the scenes stories of filming a movie. Speaking about how to live your life on a daily basis, Kent's story is a testament to the power of following your dreams. Many doors in Kent's life have been closed, but it has always been the next door that leads to something greater. Kent is a firm believer in taking risks. He is a natural leader who strives to excel constantly and inspire others to do the same. Kent Stock will speak on how to advance in your organization and the value of being valued, in addition to inspiring you to think about how you want to be remembered.

SPEAKER **Kent Stock**, Stock Talk LLC

Appellate Advocacy

Perspectives on the Appellate Practitioner's Role at Trial and on Appeal: A View from the Plaintiff, the Defense, and the Court

The panel discussion will feature Mike Rath sack, the most prominent Illinois plaintiffs' appellate attorney, presenting the plaintiff view, and Paul Esposito, one of the most frequently retained trial monitoring and appellate practitioners, providing the defense perspective. For

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the court's perspective, sitting Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman will present. This will be a unique opportunity to hear from all sides about the value of retaining an appellate specialist at trial and on appeal.

MODERATOR **Melinda S. Kollross**, Clausen Miller PC

SPEAKERS **Paul V. Esposito**, Clausen Miller PC

Honorable Rita B. Garman, Illinois Supreme Court

Michael W. Rathsack, Law Office of Michael W. Rathsack

Commercial Litigation

Drinking Through a Fire Hose: Six Hot Topics in Commercial Litigation

The Many Roles Appellate Counsel Can Take at Trial, and the Best Ways to Use Us

This presentation will discuss the value of getting appellate counsel involved early—but not too early—in your cases, and involving appellate counsel at trial to gain the benefits of error preservation and fresh perspective.

SPEAKER **Tillman J. Breckenridge**, Bailey & Glasser LLP

Top 10 Legal Writing Resources: Everything You Need to Write Winning Trial and Appellate Briefs

This presentation will explore writing resources for attorneys, identifying ten top resources to provide you with everything you need to write winning briefs at the trial and appellate levels.

SPEAKER **Amanda J. Frank**, Bodman PLC

The Enforceability of Purchase Options

This presentation will focus on the enforceability of purchase options. Are they agreements-to-agree or enforceable contracts? This presentation will address both how to attack and defend purchase options, along with the best practices in preparing them.

SPEAKER **David A. Laird**, Moye White LLP

The Seizure Provisions of the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016

This presentation will provide an update on the application and interpretation of the ex parte seizure provisions of the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016.

SPEAKER **Peter A. Lauricella**, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Recent Developments in Canadian Commercial Litigation That Every U.S. Attorney Should Know About

This presentation addresses recent Canadian decisions in commercial litigation and their potential impact in the United States and abroad.

SPEAKER **Jamie Spotswood**, Clyde & Company Canada LLP

Recent Trends in False Advertising Law

This presentation will focus on recent false advertising cases brought under the Lanham Act, including claims based on the false designation of geographic origin, and will also examine the Federal Trade Commission's increased scrutiny of "Made in the USA" claims.

SPEAKER **Steven L. Vanderporten**, Swanson Martin & Bell LLP

Employment and Labor Law

Sex, Drugs, and... Immigration: Hot Topics in Employment Law and Beyond

In this TED-style talk, three accomplished employment law practitioners will discuss three issues that are controversial and uncertain, both in workplace law and in the greater political debate. Whether you are an employment lawyer looking for deep insight into these topics for your practice, or merely an observer interested in how these political and social debates are playing out in the workplace, you will find something of value in this session.

Legalization of Medical and Recreational Marijuana at the State Level

SPEAKER **Brendan D. Benson**, Miletich PC

Laws Regarding the Rights of Transgender Employees in the Workplace

SPEAKER **Marie Trimble Holvick**, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP

The Rapidly Shifting Landscape of Immigration Law

SPEAKER **Cory J. Person**, Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP

Lawyers' Professionalism and Ethics and Professional Liability

The Changing Regulatory Landscape of the Legal Profession: Litigation Funding, Non-Lawyer Ownership of Law Firms, and Entity Regulation (*Ethics session*)

Many changes are afoot around the world regarding the "business" of practicing law. Funding of plaintiffs' litigation by non-parties is on the rise, law firms in other countries (and two U.S. jurisdictions) can be owned by non-lawyers, and in response several bars are beginning to consider regulating law firms instead of lawyers. How likely is it that these changes are coming to your state? What does it mean for your practice and can anything be done to address it?

SPEAKERS **Susan E. Gunter**, Dutton Brock LLP

Steven M. Puszis, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP



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TSA 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.

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Young Lawyers

Like a Phish out of Water: Why Lawyers Must Learn About Emerging Technology *(Ethics session)*

This presentation will review why law firms are attractive targets for hackers and address the ways lawyers can avoid data breaches and fulfill their duty of competence. We will discuss ethics opinions from different states and relevant cases.

SPEAKER **Thomas G. Jacks**, Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP
Jacqueline Cavallaro, Harris Beach PLLC

Wednesday, 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

NEW! Speed Networking: An Opportunity to Grow Your Business Contacts

(See page 18) To participate, please register by notation on the registration form or online at dri.org.

Wednesday, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Reception for New and Prospective Members *(See page 18)*

Wednesday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Welcome Reception

Co-hosted by DRI and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel. (See page 18)

Thursday, October 5

Thursday, 7:45 am–8:45 am

Aviation Law

Up in the Air: An Insider's View on Multi-Jurisdictional Litigation

An esteemed panel of in-house counsel and claims attorneys will address the complex issues that arise when litigating lawsuits arising out of the same incident in multiple jurisdictions. Topics will include personal jurisdiction post-*Daimler*, forum non conveniens, multidistrict litigation rules, concurrent criminal proceedings, and the variety of complications that arise when coordinating different defense counsel in multiple jurisdictions.

SPEAKERS **Armando Carlo III**, Director–Insurance Litigation & Claims, The Boeing Company
John G. Sams, Deputy General Counsel–Litigation, Textron Aviation and Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.
Tracy Steele, AIG Aerospace Adjustment Services Inc.

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:20 am

Opening Ceremony, Welcome, and Keynote Address

Presentation sponsored by **Lederer Weston Craig PLC**



Thursday, 10:50 am–11:40 am



Keynote: Jeffrey R. Toobin, Senior Legal Analyst, CNN Worldwide, Staff Writer at the *New Yorker*, Author

In a candid and thought-provoking presentation, Jeffrey Toobin will provide an insightful and compelling look at the changes and makeup of the new Supreme Court. A high-profile legal analyst for CNN and staff writer for the *New Yorker*, Jeffrey Toobin is one of the country's most esteemed experts on politics, media, and the law.

Thursday, 11:40 am–12:30 pm



Keynote: John O. Brennan, Former Director of the CIA–National Security and Foreign Affairs

John O. Brennan was sworn in as director of the Central Intelligence Agency on March 8, 2013. As director, he managed intelligence collection, analysis, covert action, counter intelligence, and liaison relationships with foreign intelligence services. Before becoming director, Brennan served at the White House for four years as assistant to the president for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism. During that time, he advised the president on counterterrorism strategy and helped coordinate the U.S. government's approach to homeland security, including its policies for responding to terrorism, cyberattacks, natural disasters, and pandemics.



Thursday, 12:30 pm–1:45 pm

Awards Luncheon: Celebrating DRI's 2017 Top Honors *(Ticketed event. See page 18.)*

Thursday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

The Fourth Branch of Government? The Role and Future of Media in America



Sometimes called the fourth branch of government, the media plays a critical role in informing the American public and is critical to a healthy democracy. Recent events involving media outlets being excluded from White House press briefings, the proliferation of “fake news,” the demand for instant access to information, the role of investigative journalism, and the First Amendment right of a free press are all intersecting in ways we have never seen before. Join our expert panelists as they discuss the changing roles of the media and journalism, how those roles are being balanced against the Constitution, and their overall impact on our political climate.

MODERATOR **Katie S. Phang**, Berger Singerman LLP, Legal Contributor for *NBC News/MSNBC*

SPEAKERS **Clarence Page**, Journalist and Syndicated Columnist, *Chicago Tribune*

Sonja R. West, Brumby Distinguished Professor of First Amendment Law, University of Georgia School of Law

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Construction Law

Nobody Pays Retail: Calculating the Reasonable Value of Past and Future Medical Care in Traumatic Injury Lawsuits

There is a long tradition in the U.S. medical care industry of providers submitting bills and charges for services rendered, but accepting much less than those amounts in full satisfaction of those charges. Given that these charged and billed amounts are not rooted in any economic or business theory of value (e.g., “fair market value”), there is a very high rate of variation in charges. Likewise, there are various methodologies in the field of health economics to calculate reasonable fair market value of medical services in personal injury liability cases. Valuation methods include considerations of geographically adjusted fair market value of past and projected services (including drugs and supplies), adjustments to life expectancy, and considerations of post-injury coverage via the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, or Medicaid. Join us for a review of these issues, with particular focus on traumatic brain injury cases resulting from construction accidents.

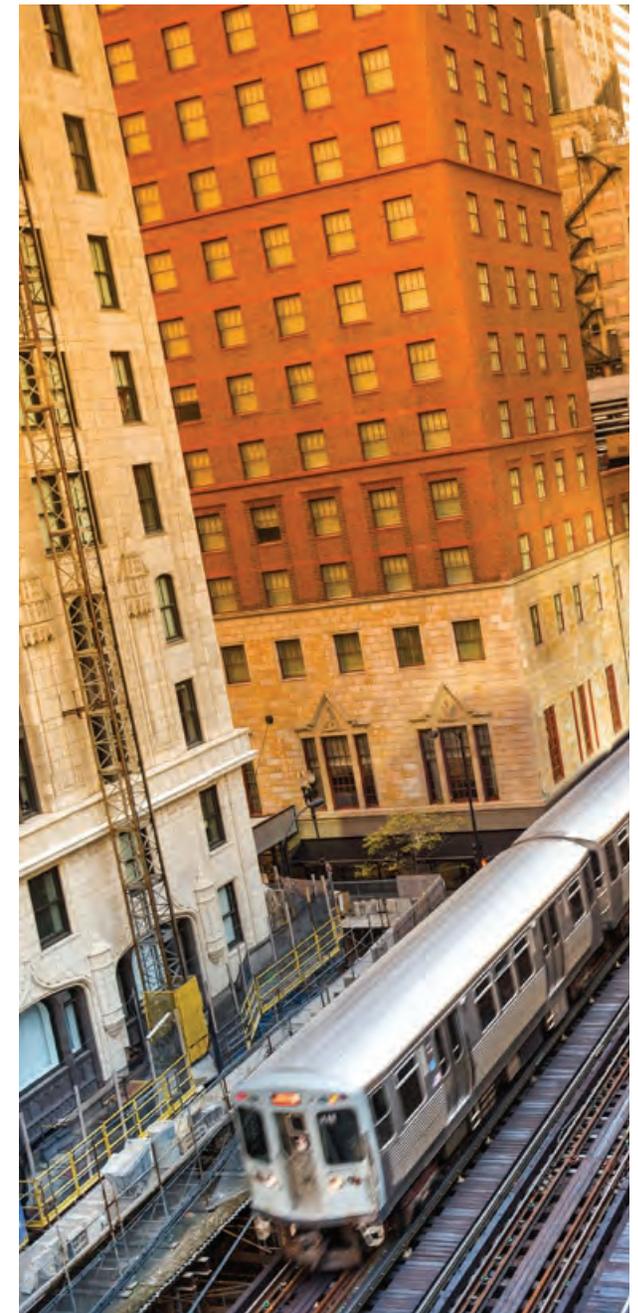
SPEAKERS **John Schneider**, Ph.D, Avalon Health Economics LLC
Cara Scheibling, Avalon Health Economics LLC

Law Practice Management

The Rapidly Shifting Sands of Law Practice: Don't Be Left Behind

This session will offer a wide ranging and practical view of defense law practice including changes to date, changes in the works, and changes to come that law firm managers, practice group leaders, and prospective managers will need to be aware of. He will provide ideas for how smart law firms can understand, embrace, and harness change; touch on subjects such as competition, metrics, fee arrangements, strategic planning, succession planning, and social media; and address how to engage and retain millennial associates.

SPEAKER **John C. Trimble**, Lewis Wagner LLP





Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Life, Health, and Disability

Effective Deposition Strategies/Tactics and Use of Expert Witnesses in Litigation

Whether a case involves scientific or economic issues, effectively using an expert witness is crucial to defending the corporate client. Disabling the other side's expert is also a sure-fire way either to dispose of entirely or drive down the value of a plaintiff's case. In this presentation, we will cover strategies and tactics for effectively employing experts in litigation, including ways to prepare for an opposing expert's deposition. In addition, we will review recent *Daubert* opinions addressing experts' failures and discuss the devastating impact such decisions have on the litigation as a whole.

SPEAKER **Darrell Clay Tucker II**, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

Medical Liability and Health Care Law

How to Say I'm Sorry: Risks and Benefits of Admitting Negligence In Medical Malpractice Cases

This presentation will explore the upsides and downsides of acknowledging clear negligence and focusing the defense on causation and damages.

SPEAKERS **John M. Foley**, Markel Corporation
Angeline N. Ioannou, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

Product Liability

We're Not in Kansas Anymore: The Challenges of Trying Cases in Unfamiliar Jurisdictions

Lawyers are often called upon by clients to handle litigation in unfamiliar jurisdictions. But what plays well in Boston might not be what goes over in New Mexico, and the best strategy in Texas may not serve the client well in Rhode Island. During this presentation, learn how to best address unique local issues and considerations (and avoid a number of potential pitfalls) from attorneys who have faced these challenges numerous times in the past.

SPEAKERS **Jeffrey A. Curran**, GableGotwals
Kevin C. Schiferl, Frost Brown Todd LLC



Workers' Compensation

Attorney Self-Help: How to Make a Better You

This session will center on "self-help" or "how to make a better you," with a focus on the attorney and his/her effectiveness as an attorney. Discussion will include how we all could use help, and how help can come in many different forms. We have to be willing to recognize potential problems, work to correct them, and embrace the changes to make a better you (and when we say "you" we mean both personally and professionally). Michelle Beil, claims adjuster, will discuss expectations for attorneys she works with and what makes those attorneys more effective and useful. Kelley Johnston, billing auditor, will address strategies to cut down on audited bills by identifying where most attorneys fail in the process.

MODERATOR **Toney J. Tomaso**, Heyl Royster Voelker & Allen PC
SPEAKERS **Michelle Beil**, Claims Examiner, BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Company
Kelley Johnston, President, Acuity ELM

Thursday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm

Networking Reception at The Field Museum (See page 14)

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Friday, October 6

Friday, 7:15 am–8:45 am

Staff and Litigation Counsel Forum

A panel of experts and senior attorneys will lead an interactive presentation focusing on the ways in which the practices of staff and litigation counsel reflect the cutting edge of trial tactics and office management. The program will explore how staff and litigation counsel practices benefit the insurance defense bar, the lives of those who practice as staff counsel and litigation counsel, and the dispute resolution system as a whole.

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am



**Keynote: Eric H. Holder, Jr.,
Former U.S. Attorney General:
State of the Legal Profession**

President Barack Obama nominated Eric H. Holder, Jr., to be attorney general and the United States Senate confirmed his nomination on February 2, 2009. Holder began his service as the 82nd attorney general of the United States the following day. He was the first African-American to serve in that position. He remained in office until April 27, 2015, becoming the third-longest-serving attorney general in the nation's history.

While attorney general, Holder oversaw the government's efforts to address many critically important issues arising at the intersection of law and public policy, including national security investigations and prosecutions; landmark antitrust, environmental, fraud, and tax cases; the defense of voting rights and marriage equality; and reform of the federal criminal justice system. In 2014, *TIME* magazine named Holder to its list of "100 Most Influential People," stating that he "worked tirelessly to ensure equal justice."

Friday, 10:30 am–11:30 am



Ethics and Lobbying Reform: Stemming the Tide of the Erosion of Trust in Elected Officials

(Ethics session)

Professor Painter will discuss conflicts of interest encountered by many of our elected officials related to business and personal matters both stateside and abroad. He will also discuss substantive suggestions for addressing systemic corruption in government and the way aspects of our political system fail to prevent the corruption and distortion of democracy. Utilizing his practical experience as an ethics lawyer in the White House, he will talk about stronger enforcement of existing ethics rules and reforming the lobbying industry and campaign finance.

Speaker **Richard W. Painter**, S. Walter Richey Professor of Corporate Law, University of Minnesota Law School



DON'T MISS this outstanding offer to access additional cutting-edge education opportunities when you register for the Annual Meeting by September 6.

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 6 and look forward to more of the quality legal education content you expect from DRI.

Friday, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Dollars and Business Sense: The Role of Diversity and Inclusion in C-Suite Decision Making



For many corporations and their legal departments, diversity and inclusion not only make good business sense, they are business imperatives. Properly leveraged, diverse workforces and inclusive work environments result in enhanced organizational performance and exceptional business solutions. During this roundtable, the General Counsel of Toyota, and Entergy Corporation will discuss the role that diversity and inclusion play within their organizations, the value to company stakeholders and the impact on relationships that corporate legal departments have with outside counsel.

MODERATOR **Arin N. Reeves, Ph.D.**, President, Nextions LLC

SPEAKERS **Marcus V. Brown**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Entergy Corporation

Sandra L. Phillips Rogers, Group Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer, Toyota Motor North America, Inc.

Friday, 12:30 pm–1:30 pm

DRI Veterans Network Luncheon

(Invitation only. See page 19)

Friday, 12:30 pm–1:30 pm

Women's Networking Luncheon

(Ticketed event. See page 19)

DRI has created a culture that fosters personal connections and growth.

Friday, 1:45 pm–2:45 pm

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Front Line Mediation: Training Police to Deescalate Tough Situations

Mediation is a powerful tool for dispute resolution, but it has the potential for so much more. Efforts are underway in urban areas across the country to equip community police officers with mediation skills. Drawing on successful examples from New York City, this program highlights the benefits and challenges of confronting frayed police/community relations with mediation skills and explores strategies for further developing ADR within urban police departments and other governmental agencies.

SPEAKER **Honorable Allen S. Goldberg (Retired)**

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy and Insurance Law

What Can Go Wrong in the Digital Age? Cyberthreats, Data Breaches, and Privacy Invasion

As individuals, businesses, and governments become increasingly dependent on technology, challenges associated with cyberliability, cyberterrorism, ransomware, and intellectual property protection have become the new normal. And, with the popularity of devices such as Amazon Echo and Google Home, concerns regarding the impact of these and similar technologies on personal privacy are prevalent. Greg Goetz will challenge you to consider the ever-present data breach and privacy invasion threats faced by individuals and organizations as we continue into the digital age, and will examine the availability of insurance coverages to afford protection when inevitable liabilities arise.

SPEAKER **Gregory L. Goetz**, Scripps Networks Interactive Inc.

Diversity and Inclusion and Women in the Law

We Are All in This Together

Studies confirm that organizations with higher diversity levels demonstrate better financial performance. To be successful, organi-

zations must adapt their business models and cultures. While most people recognize the importance of diversity and inclusion, not all groups in the legal profession have attained real progress despite the rapidly changing legal landscape and our best intentions. Why have women and diverse attorneys not yet attained parity and equity in the legal profession? And how can we leverage what has worked to create organizations with a competitive edge? Join us for a conversation on the current legal environment for women and minorities from both an in-house and outside counsel perspective. We will discuss meeting client needs and providing competitive services; client expectations of preferred law firms; meeting client needs for efficiency, value, and project management; why some historical programs or approaches to creating diversity have not worked; and how we create inclusion and advancement strategies that align with maximizing employee productivity.

MODERATOR **Rosevelie Marquez Morales**, Sidley Austin LLP

SPEAKERS **Alexander Dimitrief**, General Counsel, General Electric
Sandra Leung, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

David Lopez, Outten and Golden LLP

Donald S. Prophete, Constangy Brooks Smith & Prophete LLP

Koriambanya S. Carew, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP

Toxic Torts and Environmental Law

Breaking Bad: Innovative Methodologies That Plaintiffs Are Using in Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation

This session will discuss certain innovative, but bogus, methodologies that plaintiffs are using in toxic tort and environmental litigation. This will include the history and current status of laboratories, clinical testing, and “peer reviewed” journals designed not for use in clinical practice, but specifically and solely to support the claimants’ allegations and the testimony of their witnesses. Among these “tort laboratories” and “tort tests” are a range of blood and urine tests that are purportedly specific for mold and mold toxins.

SPEAKER **Ronald E. Gots**, MD, Ph.D., International Center for Toxicology & Medicine

Trucking Law

Stopping the Madness: Defending Motor Carriers Against the Recent Trend by Plaintiff Attorneys to Assert Claims for Punitive Damages in Trucking Matters to Drive up Case Value

Punitive damages are reserved for the most egregious types of behavior. Generally, this requires the plaintiff to prove willful or wanton conduct on the part of the defendant. Savvy plaintiffs’ lawyers know, however, that asserting claims for punitive damages can drive up the value of a claim and open the door to more extensive discovery. This presentation will provide an overview of the types of scenarios in which punitive damages have been awarded against motor carriers and those which do not rise to the level of reckless or wanton conduct. In addition, we will discuss effective defenses and litigation techniques to be used when punitive damages are asserted.

SPEAKER **Christina L. Capobianco**, Fineman Krekstein & Harris PC

Defense Tactics to Refute Emerging Attempts to Impose a Higher Standard of Care on Commercial Truck Drivers

Can a commercial truck driver commit professional malpractice? The answer surely should be a resounding “no.” Some recent decisions, however, have affirmed plaintiffs’ attorneys’ attempts to impose a higher standard of care on commercial truck drivers through the use of questionable experts and arguably improper jury instructions on the issue of negligence. Characterizing truckers as “professional drivers,” plaintiffs’ attorneys argue that the “superior knowledge” of these professional drivers establishes a standard of care of what a reasonable semi-truck driver would do under the circumstances as opposed to the duty of any driver to exercise ordinary care. Courts have agreed. To avoid this emerging trend, in part the result of reptilian tactics, this presentation provides an overview of the pertinent decisions from throughout the country, and outlines a number of defense tactics to be invoked by defense counsel, including methods for challenging plaintiffs’ experts, arguments for motions in limine, and grounds for attacking overly broad and improper jury instructions.

SPEAKER **Michael Reda**, HeplerBroom LLC



Friday, 2:00 pm–5:00 pm

DRI International

The Different Approaches to Discovery, Disclosure, Witnesses, and Evidence in International Arbitration

MODERATOR **Donata Freiin von Enzberg**, Taylor Wessing LLP

SPEAKERS **Alfred Hoogveld**, Hogan Lovells LLP

Louis B. “Benno” Kimmelman, Sidley Austin LLP

Julian Miller, DAC Beachcroft LLP

Guerrilla Tactics in Cross-Border Dispute

MODERATOR **Louis Charette**, Lavery de Billy LLP

SPEAKERS **Rosângela Delgado Barreto**, Veirano Advogados

Feodor Vyacheslavov, VLawyers Law Firm

Glenn M. Zakaib, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Drug and Medical Device

Bad Blood? FDA Regulation of Laboratory Developed Tests and Potential Litigation Implications

In the wake of issues faced by companies like Theranos and 23andMe, laboratory developed tests have been a hot topic in the news the past several years. A laboratory developed test (LDT) is a type of in vitro diagnostic test that is designed, manufactured, and used within a single laboratory that is not approved or cleared by the FDA. Since 1988, the laboratories performing LDTs have been highly regulated by a comprehensive federal statutory framework under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, but for the last few years, the FDA has expressed its intent to regulate LDTs as medical devices. This dynamic panel will explore the current regulatory framework in place, the possible implications from the change in administration, and the potential for litigation.

MODERATOR **Jennifer Snyder Heis**, Ulmer & Berne LLP

SPEAKERS **Dora Hughs**, Sidley Austin LLP

Katherine Kyle, LabCorps

Bruce R. Parker, Venable LLP



THE CHICAGO FLAG

Chicagoans love their city flag, but many don't know its meaning. It was designed in 1917 by author and poet Wallace Rice. The white stripes represent the north, west and south sides of the city. The blue stripes represent Lake Michigan and both branches of the Chicago River. The four red stars represent Fort Dearborn, the Chicago Fire of 1871, the Columbian Exposition of 1893, and the Century of Progress Exposition of 1933. There have been proposals to add a fifth star, but so far none have succeeded.



Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance

Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right! Ethical Concerns When Conducting Internal Investigations *(Ethics session)*

A company's conduct following discovery of a regulatory violation or compliance failure plays a crucial role in any subsequent enforcement proceeding. In today's environment, internal investigations and monitorships are a crucial service provided by many law firms to in-house legal and compliance departments. In this session, you will learn about current issues involving internal investigations and monitorships, including privilege in corporate investigations, ethical pitfalls in internal investigations, how the Yates Memo affects such investigations, and professional liability issues for outside counsel when performing internal investigations for clients.

SPEAKER **Terrance P. Flynn**, Harris Beach PLLC
E. Todd Presnell, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP

Governmental Liability

Bridging the Divide: Law Enforcement and Community Relations

Recent high-profile events, involving violence by and against police, have deepened the strain between law enforcement and minority communities. Yet, a recent study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police reported that, generally, respect for law enforcement has never been higher. This session will involve a frank and interactive discussion addressing this seeming contradiction, as well as the future of policing, what is being done and what can be done to increase mutual understanding and respect between law enforcement and all communities, and how we can better balance the need for order and crime prevention with the respect for individual rights and freedoms for all.

SPEAKERS **David J. MacMain**, The MacMain Law Group LLC
Anthony L. Schumann, Quintairos Prieto Wood & Boyer PA

Intellectual Property Litigation

IP and Antitrust: Practical Insights

This presentation will highlight key trends at the intersection of IP and antitrust law. With regard to the tech sector, it will assess antitrust responses to strategies used by standard essential patent owners and their affiliates to extract value from their patent portfolios. With regard to the pharma sector, it will assess the state of play following from the Supreme Court's decision in *FTC v. Actavis*, which rejected the "scope of the patent" approach and subjects reverse payment settlement agreements to antitrust scrutiny. The presentation will also briefly consider the impact of foreign antitrust developments on U.S. companies whose core assets lie in their IP.

SPEAKER **Daryl Lim**, Associate Professor, Center for Intellectual Property Information & Privacy Law, The John Marshall Law School

Retail and Hospitality

Give Me Your Best Offer: Strategically and Efficiently Negotiating Settlements

The vast majority of civil cases can and should be resolved before trial. An effective settlement can save significant resources and avoid a potentially damaging public verdict, but lawyers do not always approach their settlement negotiations with the same level of preparation and focus that they might for a deposition or motion argument. And it can be difficult to know when settlement is no longer the best approach and a transition to trial strategy is appropriate. In this program, a former magistrate judge and an experienced trial lawyer will discuss successful approaches to negotiation, mediation, and settlement; how to address common negotiation tactics; and circumstances that indicate trial may be the best resolution for a matter.

SPEAKERS **Honorable Geraldine Soat Brown (Retired)**, Former Magistrate Judge U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, JAMS
Jean Paul Cart, Schiff Hardin LLP

Register now at dri.org.



Trial Tactics

Back to the Future: Bridging the Gap of Generational Differences

Communication technology has expanded and changed drastically within the last 25 years. We have seen the explosion of the internet, social media platforms (Twitter and Facebook), handheld computer devices (smartphones and tablets), and personal use equipment (Fit bits, iPods, etc.). These devices are second nature to Millennials who now rival Baby Boomers as the largest population group. The combination of these two factors has emphasized significant generational differences and redefined how we as a society receive, perceive, and produce information. Although change is inevitable, *growth* is optional. As competent litigators, we must account for these significant generational differences in devising and communicating themes at trial to ensure that we thrive and not merely survive during this era. At a pivotal time in our profession, learn a few practical ways that litigators can “mine content” created by handheld computer devices and personal use equipment during discovery, and employ virtual reality to better communicate with jurors and bridge the gap of generational differences.

SPEAKER **Johner T. Wilson III**, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

Friday, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Diversity and Inclusion Networking Reception

Co-hosted by the DRI Diversity and Inclusion, Corporate Counsel, and Women in the Law Committees. (*Open to all. See page 19.*)

Saturday, October 7

Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am



A Hidden Danger: Unconscious Bias in Jury Selection

This session will introduce the hidden impacts of cognitive and unconscious biases on our decision-making and behavior, particularly in the context of jury selection. We'll discuss how unconscious biases can affect how we perceive, and are perceived, by others in the courtroom; how it could affect for cause and peremptory challenges; and strategies for ameliorating or preventing the effects of these hidden biases.

SPEAKER **Destiny Peery**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Saturday, 10:00 am–10:50 am



Understanding Your Audience: Key Factors That Impact Jury Decision Making

Join us for a fascinating look inside the mind of a juror. When and how do jurors form impressions? Is this different from when and how they solidify their decisions? What are the primary factors that affect jurors' perceptions and impact their conclusions? And how can attorneys and witnesses facilitate jurors' reliance on cognitive processes, emotions, and group dynamics in a way that is beneficial to their cases? Dr. Andrews' presentation will answer these questions and more. You won't want to miss it.

SPEAKER **Cindy K. Andrews**, Ph.D., President, Chief Trial Consultant of Firehorse Trial Consulting LLC

Saturday, 11:10 am–12:00 pm



Stress Hardiness and You: Practical Tips for Every Lawyer

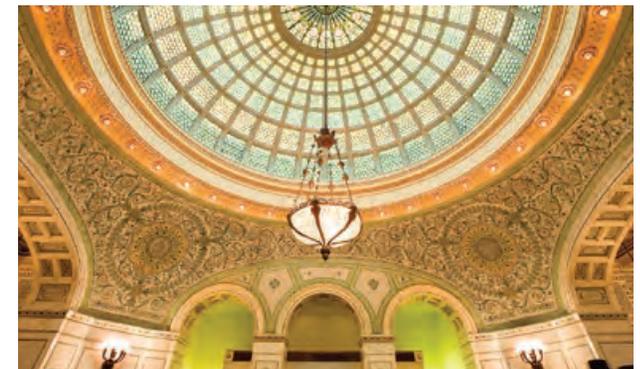
Are some lawyers more stress hardy than others? If so, why? Are their strategies teachable and learnable? This talk highlights findings from a four-year empirical study by Professor Pierson of 530 law students and lawyers, and from in-depth interviews conducted with 106 practicing attorneys and judges on the issue of stress. DRI attorneys are one of the groups who participated in Professor Pierson's study. Professor Pierson will discuss demographic factors related to stress, personality profiles susceptible to stress, awareness of stress hardiness among peers, and practical take-home techniques you can use to manage stress, including strategies for maintaining a sense of control, a sense of purpose, and cognitive flexibility, as well as using work/life balance, exercise, faith, and other coping strategies. Finally Professor Pierson will discuss reliance on drugs and alcohol and the impacts these choices have on stress management, as well as identifying and dealing with stress-impaired attorneys.

SPEAKER **Pamela Pierson**, Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law

Saturday, 6:00 pm–10:00 pm

President's Reception and Dinner

(*Ticketed event. See page 19.*)



Join us for an evening at

The Field Museum

The Field Museum inspires curiosity about life on Earth while exploring how the world came to be and how we can make it a better place.

Thursday, October 5
7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Networking Reception at The Field Museum

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Have you ever seen a dinosaur skeleton? How about a mummy? Have you had the chance to explore ancient Egypt or have you gotten to dig deep into discovering the complexities of our own DNA? The Field Museum is a great place to “inspire curiosity.” Considered one of the largest natural history museums in the world, you will discover many wonders at The Field Museum. Founded in 1893 as the Columbian Museum of Chicago as part of the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, The Field Museum has spent more than 120 years in the pursuit of scientific knowledge about the world around us. Don’t miss this special opportunity to explore and share a wonderful evening with friends and colleagues.

Note: Dress casually and don’t forget to wear comfortable shoes. Buses will begin departing the Sheraton Grand Chicago Hotel at 6:30 pm from the convention entrance and will run continuously throughout the evening for transfer to/from The Field Museum.





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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 5

3:00 pm–5:00 pm

SLDO Program

The More the Merrier: Keeping Your Members Engaged

Having enough members engaged, and making openings for new members to engage and move into leadership are common problems for SLDOs. The panel will discuss how to recruit and engage members, how to develop leaders, and how to involve attorneys who may not traditionally be represented in SLDO leadership or may have different paths to leadership.

SPEAKERS **Karen R. Glickstein**, Polsinelli PC
James D. Holland, Page Kruger Holland PA
John C. Trimble, Lewis Wagner LLP

The Value Add of Social Media

More and more, SLDOs are turning to their websites, webinars, online materials, and other technology to reach their members, increase their membership, and provide cutting edge CLE. This panel will address the following technology topics relevant to your SLDOs:

- Improving your SLDO's website
- Using your website to serve your members' needs
- How to put on your own webinars
- E-books and e-newsletters
- Cybersecurity
- The evolution of technology—what the future holds

SPEAKERS **Mary W. Gadd**, Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association
Daniel W. Gerber, Goldberg Segalla LLP
Marie Trimble Holvick, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP

5:00 pm–5:30 pm

Regional Meetings

Friday, October 6

7:30 am–8:45 am

SLDO Leadership Breakfast



Mark D. Rucker, Author and Attorney Clunk Paisley & Associates PSC

Unleash the Beast: A Journey to Rediscover the Greatness Within

We all face challenges in life and every individual person, organization, and company will have to overcome those challenges to achieve their desired success. But how do you motivate yourself, or your team, to reach that goal? Whether you are a manager trying to motivate your team members, or an individual looking to increase your overall quality of life, the principles of Mark Rucker's book, *Unleash the Beast*, will provide you with the tools to rediscover the greatness within and to achieve your goals, including the six building blocks of success that he defined through his own experience.

2:00 pm–4:00 pm

SLDO Program

Great Ideas from Around the World: SLDO Best Practices

This is a participation event to learn from other SLDOs' successes and challenges and take part in breakout sessions to brainstorm and exchange new ideas.

MODERATORS **Katherine J. Hornback**, Reinhardt and Associates PLC
Francisco Ramos Jr., Clarke Silverglate PA

SLDO Executive Directors Program

Thursday, October 5

7:00 am–8:45 am

Executive Directors Breakfast Program

Join fellow SLDO executive directors in an interactive discussion that will address what's working in your SLDO and what's not. This program will provide an opportunity for information sharing and networking among SLDO executive directors, in an effort to improve and strengthen your SLDO.

FACILITATORS **Debbie Nunner**, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
Maggie S. Sweeney, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

Friday, October 6

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Executive Directors Program and Networking Luncheon Taxes and Legal Pitfalls: What Your Association Needs to Know

This presentation will focus on tax exempt law for not-for-profit associations, including status, lobbying and political activity, unrelated business income tax, group exemptions, audits, and the most common mistakes made by exempt organizations.

SPEAKER **Robert G. Tweel**, Jackson Kelly PLLC

Friday, 11:00 am–11:45 am

Motivating Board Members and Committee Chairs

These volunteer leaders will share insight from the volunteer perspective: what works and what doesn't, and what executive directors should know about their volunteer leaders. Tips for motivating and keeping volunteers engaged will be shared.

SPEAKERS **Katherine J. Hornback**, Kentucky Defense Counsel
Jill Cranston Rice, Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

11:45 am–12:00 pm

DRI Update

SPEAKER **Cheryl Palombizio**, DRI Director of SLDO Relations

12:00 pm

Luncheon/Networking

12:30 pm–2:00 pm

Roundtable Discussions

Topics include CLE programs that work, successful advocacy, effective marketing and PR strategies, and growing your membership. Get new ideas and share what is working for you!

FACILITATORS **Michelle Barrus**, Utah Defense Lawyers Association
Jennifer M. Davis, Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
Lisa Mortier, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana

DRI Business Meetings

Tuesday, October 3

- 8:30 am–5:00 pm **Law Institute Meeting**
5:00 pm–5:30 pm **2017 Annual Meeting Steering Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 4

- 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**
3:00 pm–3:30 pm **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings** *Note: Plan to stay immediately following the CLE for the business meeting.*
 - Appellate Advocacy
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Employment and Labor Law
 - Lawyers' Professionalism and Ethics
 - Professional Liability
 - Young Lawyers

3:30 pm–4:30 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**
4:30 pm–5:15 pm **Committee Membership Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting**

Thursday, October 5

- 7:15 am–7:45 am **Substantive Law Committee Business Meeting** *Note: Plan to stay immediately following the business meeting for the CLE.*
 - Aviation Law

7:15 am–8:45 am **State Membership Chairs Meeting**
8:00 am–12:15 pm **Nominating Committee** *(Member appointments)*
2:00 pm–5:00 pm **Nominating Committee** *(Member appointments)*
4:30 pm–5:00 pm **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings** *Note: Plan to stay immediately following the CLE for the business meeting.*
 - Construction Law
 - Law Practice Management
 - Life, Health, and Disability
 - Medical Liability and Health Care Law
 - Product Liability
 - Workers' Compensation

5:00 pm–5:30 pm **SLDO Regional Meetings**

Friday, October 6

- 8:15 am–8:45 am **Substantive Law Committee Business Meeting**
 - Fidelity and Surety

8:30 am–12:15 pm **Nominating Committee** *(Member appointments)*
1:45 pm–5:00 pm **Nominating Committee** *(Member appointments)*
2:45 pm–3:15 pm **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings** *Note: Plan to stay immediately following the CLE for the business meeting.*
 - Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Insurance Law
 - Toxic Torts and Environmental Law
 - Trucking Law
 - Women in the Law

4:30 pm–5:00 pm **Substantive Law Committee Business Meetings** *Note: Plan to stay immediately following the CLE for the business meeting.*
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Drug and Medical Device
 - Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance
 - Governmental Liability
 - Intellectual Property Litigation
 - Retail and Hospitality
 - Trial Tactics

5:00 pm–5:30 pm **DRI International Committee Business Meeting**

Saturday, October 7

- 7:30 am–9:00 am **2018 Annual Meeting Steering Committee Meeting**
12:45 pm–4:00 pm **DRI Board of Directors Meeting**



Networking Events

Network, relax, and have fun.

Wednesday, October 4

4:00 pm–5:30 pm

NEW! Speed Networking: An Opportunity to Grow Your Business Contacts

Sponsored by **S-E-A**

Networking continues to be one of the most powerful tools to create and sustain successful business relationships. In a recent global survey undertaken by the *Harvard Business Review*, “95 percent of participants said that face-to-face meetings are a key factor in successfully building and maintaining long-term business relationships... and 79 percent said that in-person meetings are the most effective way to meet new clients to sell business.” Don’t miss this opportunity to meet and network with other DRI members and build your network of outside counsel. You will have the opportunity to pre-select the types of people you are interested in meeting by completing a short survey. You will receive a customized schedule of meetings based on compatible interests, which will provide the best possible connections for you to make. **To participate, please register by notation on the registration form or online at dri.org.**

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 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

Co-hosted by DRI and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel. *Sponsored by* **Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP, Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC, Rimkus Consulting Group Inc., Shively Law Group PC LLO, Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC, and Tucker Law Group**

Just arrived and looking for old friends to reconnect with? There is no better meeting place than the Welcome Reception, where you are sure to find those old friends and colleagues and make new acquaintances. Experience the best Chicago has to offer and enjoy delicious food, beverage, and great conversation along the way.

Thursday, October 5

12:30 pm–1:45 pm



Awards Luncheon: Celebrating DRI's 2017 Top Honors

Sponsored by **Gallivan White & Boyd PA, Goldberg Segalla, and Williams Kastner**



Each year DRI presents its top honors to the “Best of the Best” during the Annual Meeting Awards luncheon. Join colleagues and celebrate those individuals recognized for their outstanding achievements.



Featured Speaker: Major Heather Penney

Most widely recognized for her service on September 11, she was one of two pilots ordered to ram and down United Flight 93 before it reached Washington, D.C., air space. Major Penney was part of the first wave of women who went directly into fighters from pilot training. She grew up around aviation and warbirds, and applied to the Air National Guard to fly F-16s as soon as she learned that Congress had opened combat aviation to women. The first and only woman in the 121st Fighter Squadron, Heather deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom for initial combat operations as a night-time SCUD Hunter in the western deserts of Iraq, also supporting Special Operations Forces. She flew the F-16 for ten years before having to make the difficult decision to leave the fighter aviation as a single mother. She continued to serve, flying the G-100 Astra jet for another six years in the VIP Special Airlift Mission. She works now for Lockheed Martin as the Director of Air Force Aviation Training Systems, specializing in capture management, government relations, and strategic business development.

Tickets to the Awards Luncheon are \$65/individual ticket. Please purchase tickets by notation on the registration form or online at dri.org.

7:00 pm–10:00 pm

Networking Reception at The Field Museum

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Have you ever seen a dinosaur skeleton? How about a mummy? Have you had the chance to explore ancient Egypt or have you gotten to dig deep into discovering the complexities of our own DNA? Don’t miss this special opportunity to explore and share a wonderful evening with friends and colleagues. (See page 14 for details.)



Friday, October 6

12:30 pm–1:30 pm

DRI Veterans Network Luncheon *(Invitation only)*

Sponsored by **Dickinson & Wright PLLC**



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, Lightfoot & White LLC, MRC, and Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP**



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 \$45. Please purchase tickets by notation on the registration form or online at dri.org.

5:30 pm–6:30 pm

Diversity and Inclusion Networking Reception

(Open to all) Hosted by the DRI Diversity and Inclusion, Corporate Counsel, and Women in the Law Committees

Sponsored by **Drew Eckl & Farnham LLP, Saul Ewing LLP, and Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP**

The DRI Diversity and Inclusion, Corporate Counsel, and Women in the Law Committees are proud to host our Friday Night Networking Reception and welcome you to 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. This reception is open to all and will provide another opportunity to engage with attendees.

Saturday, October 7

6:00 pm–10:00 pm

President's Reception and Dinner

Sponsored by **Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP**



You are cordially invited to join us Saturday night for the President's Reception and Dinner as we celebrate the end of a successful week, recognize our new leaders, and say thank you to those who have served the organization so well. Join your colleagues to socialize and celebrate a successful week while enjoying cocktails and an elegant dinner, then stick around for the band party! This is an event not to be missed! 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 committees, 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 or contact the committee's leadership. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Public Service Project

Sponsored by **Coughlin Betke LLP**



Give back to the community with DRI

DRI is planning a public service project that will take place during this year's Annual Meeting. Details and more information will be available soon.



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.





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 12.0 hours, including up to 3.0 hours of ethics credit. 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, CNA, Coach USA, Inc./Megabus, Grinnell Mutual, LP Building Products and OneBeacon Insurance Group already are committed to holding meetings at the Annual Meeting. A complete schedule of counsel meetings will be distributed on-site. As an added incentive, any DRI member who secures a first-time counsel meeting will earn \$200 DRI Dollars to use towards 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

As part of the DRI for Life initiative to focus on the well-being of our members to include health and work/life balance, 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 daily *Schedule-At-A-Glance* to learn what is happening when.

DRI Philanthropic Activities Committee Silent Auction



Please join us as we host the annual Silent Auction to benefit the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE). Chances to bid on fabulous prizes will be available to you on Wednesday and Thursday in the Exhibit Showcase area at Sheraton Grand Chicago, with the final night of bidding to take place Thursday evening at The Field Museum!

The Silent Auction 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, please contact Tiffany Higgins at DRI by calling 312.698.6230 or emailing thiggins@dri.org.

Exhibit Showcase

Wednesday through Friday, October 4-6

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 4, from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. As always, registration, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, and exhibitor raffles 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 drawing will be held during the morning refreshment break on Friday.

Register now at dri.org

Family Fun in Chicago

Chicago is one of the world's great cities, and yet the metropolitan luxuries of theater, shopping, and fine dining have barely put a dent in its real Midwestern friendliness.

As the hub of the Midwest, Chicago is easy to find—its picturesque skyline calls across the waters of huge Lake Michigan, a first impression that soon reveals world-class museums of art and science, miles of sandy beaches, huge parks and public art, and perhaps the finest downtown collection of architecture in the world. For more information about things to do and see, visit www.choosechicago.com.

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 new friendship and networking opportunities for you at DRI.

Hotel Facility

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www.sheratonchicago.com

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 2017 Annual Meeting to be eligible for this special rate: **\$309 Single/Double Occupancy.**



Rooms are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 6, 2017, to guarantee these special rates.** If room block capacity is reached on or before **September 6**, 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 Field Museum and business attire is proper for the President's Reception and Dinner on Saturday night.

Registration Information

Save \$200 when you register on or before **September 6, 2017!**

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 Awards Luncheon, Women's Networking Luncheon, and the President's Reception and 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 September 27, 2017.** For more information, visit dri.org or call 312.795.1101.



TSA 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.*

Refund and Cancellation Policy

The registration fee is fully refundable for cancellations received on or before **August 8, 2017**. Cancellations received between **August 9** and **September 6** will receive a refund, less a \$200 processing fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after **September 6**. 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.

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Awards Luncheon (Thursday)		
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