

## 2021 Fire Science and Litigation Seminar

### On-Site Schedule

Grand Hyatt Washington DC | Washington DC | September 9 - 11, 2021

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. **LIVE BURN at Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute**
- 6:00 p.m. **Registration** – Constitution Foyer (Constitution Level 3B)
- 6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception** – Constitution Ballroom A (Constitution Level 3B)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

- 7:00 a.m. **Registration** – Constitution Foyer (Constitution Level 3B)
- 7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** – Constitution Ballroom A (Constitution Level 3B)
- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
**Kathryn A. (Katy) Regier, Sandberg Phoenix, Kansas City, Missouri**  
**James E. Weatherholtz, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP, Charleston, South Carolina**
- 8:15 a.m. **Cross-Examination of Fire Experts** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
 A mock cross-examination of a fire expert plus related tips and strategy.  
**Frederick "Fred" Ferrand, Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers LLP, Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Randy Watson, IAAI-CFI, S-E-A, Duluth, Georgia**
- 9:15 a.m. **Lessons Learned: Explosion Case (Jt Session With Auto)** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
 Discussions regarding a high-profile product liability wrongful death case stemming from a food truck propane explosion, including liability and evidentiary issues and analysis.  
**Steve Taub, U-Haul International Inc, Phoenix, Arizona**  
**William A. Posey, Cincinnati, Ohio**
- 10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break** – Constitution Ballroom A (Constitution Level 3B)
- 10:15 a.m. **Litigation Trends & Outside Counsel** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
 Panel discussion on litigation trends by in-house counsel, including the ins and outs of working with outside counsel.  
 Moderator | **Sean C. Griffin, Dykema Gossett PLLC, Washington, District of Columbia**  
**Patrick O. Barry, Emerson Electric Co, Saint Louis, Missouri**  
**Kristine K. Campbell, U-Haul International Inc, Phoenix, Arizona**
- 11:00 a.m. **Reliability of Eyewitness Testimony** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
 Strategies for critical evaluation and accuracy enhancement of eyewitness testimony.  
**Benjamin Knox, PhD, PE, Colwell Consulting LLC, Scottsdale, Arizona**
- 12:00 p.m. **DRI Cares Speaker – CASA Washington, D.C.** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
 CASA for Children DC connects specially-trained volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates to help support vulnerable and at-risk youth in foster care and the juvenile justice system.
- 12:10 p.m. **Lunch (On Your Own)**

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- 1:10 p.m. **Live Burn Data Analysis and Rundown (Jt Session With Auto)** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
Live burn data analysis – experts will discuss fire science issues using video, photos and data from live burn cells and flash over demonstration.  
**David Anderson, Ph.D, Exponent, Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Scott E. Dillon, PE, ESI, Plymouth, Minnesota**  
**Adam Goodman , S-E-A, Glen Burnie, Maryland**  
**Drew Paris, PE, CFEI, Jensen Hughes Inc, Little Canada, Minnesota**  
**Hernan Mercado-Corujo, ESI, Plymouth, Minnesota**
- 2:30 p.m. **Importance of Proper Evidence Collection** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
Increase your knowledge about proper evidence collection to make the time spent at a fire scene focused and worthwhile. Learn tips on how to avoid expectation bias, improve your understanding of potential ignition sources, awareness of what fire patterns can and cannot reveal, and how to be sure relevant fire scene artifacts are secured and preserved.  
**Richard Marzola, S-E-A, Columbus, Ohio**  
**Sarah MacGill Marr, Riley Bennett & Egloff, Indianapolis, Indiana**
- 3:15 p.m. **Refreshment Break** – Constitution Ballroom A (Constitution Level 3B)
- 3:30 p.m. **Live Burn Technology – Fire Scene Investigations - 3 Hits** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
Discussion of live burn technology stations with applications to fire scene investigations.  
**Nicholas A. Nava, PE, CFEI , Exponent, Bowie, Maryland**  
**Drew Paris, PE, CFEI, Jensen Hughes Inc, Little Canada, Minnesota**  
**Amy E. Gray, PhD, PE, ESI, Doral, Florida**
- 4:30 p.m. **NFPA 921 Update** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
A guide to fire and explosion investigations - updates, trends, current issues.  
**Eric Benstock, P.E., McDowell Owens Engineering, Houston, Texas**  
**Nestor Camara, McDowell Owens Engineering, Kingwood, Texas**
- 5:15 p.m. **Fire Science and Litigation SLG Meeting** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)
- 6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception** – Constitution Ballroom A (Constitution Level 3B)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

- 7:00 a.m. **Registration** – Constitution Foyer (Constitution Level 3B)
- 7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** – Constitution Ballroom A (Constitution Level 3B)
- 7:00 a.m. **DRI Women in the Law Breakfast** – Burnham Room (Constitution Level 3B)  
Join your friends and colleagues for a joint Women in the Law Breakfast with the attendees from DRI's Fire Science and Litigation Seminar and the Strictly Automotive Seminar. Don't miss the opportunity to build your book of business, strengthen old relationships, make new ones, and much more! For more information on the Women in the Law Breakfast, please contact Katy Regier at [kregier@sandbergphoenix.com](mailto:kregier@sandbergphoenix.com).
- 8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Introductions** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
**Kathryn A. (Katy) Regier, Sandberg Phoenix, Kansas City, Missouri**  
**Andrew E. Stead, McMillan LLP, Calgary, Alberta, Canada**

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- 8:15 a.m.            **Fire Protection Systems** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Systems: These safety and warning systems are only as effective as they're given a chance to be. From painted sprinkler heads to buzzed or impaired occupants - a discussion of factors that can delay response and reaction time to these critical systems.  
**Jamie McAllister, PhD, PE, CFI, FireTox LLC, New Market, Maryland**  
**Melanie H. Stevens, McCoy Leavitt Laskey LLC, Falmouth, Maine**
- 9:15 a.m.            **Ethics Session (Jt Session With Strictly Auto)** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
Recent developments in legal ethics, including attorney-client privilege and use of experts, with a focus on in-house counsel issues.  
**Amy E. Richardson, Harris Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Raleigh, North Carolina**
- 10:15 a.m.           **Refreshment Break** – Constitution Ballroom A (Constitution Level 3B)
- 10:30 a.m.           **Supreme Court Update & Insider Info (Jt Session With Auto)** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
This dynamic presentation will focus on the United States Supreme Court's recent rulings and the big cases awaiting decision with a special focus on cases and issues of importance to business litigator.  
**Thomas H. Dupree, Jr., Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Washington, District of Columbia**
- 11:15 a.m.           **Burden of Proof Issues - No Product** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
Plaintiff's burden of proof when product at issue has been consumed, lost in the fire or accidentally spoliated, and responding defense strategies.  
**Stuart J. (Stu) Goldberg, Eastman & Smith Ltd., Toledo, Ohio**
- 12:00 p.m.           **Interplay Between Counsel and Fire Investigators** – Constitution Ballroom B (Constitution Level 3B)  
The interplay and best practices between counsel and fire investigators, in both the public and private sectors.
- 1:00 p.m.            **Adjourn**