

# DRI 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



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## JOIN THE CONSTRUCTION LAW COMMITTEE *FOR THE DRI ANNUAL MEETING*

### COMMITTEE DINNER/NETWORKING

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 PM – DINNER AT GILT BAR, 230 W. KINZIE ST. )

Join us for a Committee Dinner. We are pairing up with the ADR Committee for good food and conversation. Contact Danielle Waltz ([Danielle.Waltz@wvumedicine.org](mailto:Danielle.Waltz@wvumedicine.org)) to register.

### Back to the Future – Key Components for Preparing for a Successful Mediation THURSDAY, 3:00 PM

Mediation is a part of almost every dispute but are defense attorneys employing best practices to ensure the case is ready for mediation and ultimately resolution? Mediation is a process—not an event—and many practitioners have not changed their mediation approach to take advantage of new considerations and techniques. The panel, including committee member Brooks Saible and Denise Motta, will provide strategies for updating your mediation skills to allow for the best possible chance of success, including insight into the best ways to prepare cases for mediation (liability, damages, expert considerations) and how to present your case to the mediator to reach a resolution. BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING TO FOLLOW THE PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY

### Welcome Reception

There's no better place to build business with colleagues and reconnect with old friends. Stop by our Exhibit Showcase and experience the best that Chicago has to offer—including regional food and beverages.

## THURSDAY

### Connect with Your DRI Community at Chicago's Iconic Shedd Aquarium

Join colleagues and peers for an unforgettable evening at DRI's exclusive networking reception at the Shedd Aquarium. Experience the magic of one of the world's most spectacular aquatic destinations while connecting with fellow DRI members and distinguished guests.

## FRIDAY

### Closing Celebration and All-Star Band Bash (*Ticketed Event*)

You are cordially invited to join us Friday night as we celebrate DRI and the end of a successful week while recognizing our new leaders and awarding DRI's highest honors.

*We can't wait to welcome you to the Windy City this fall. [Register for DRI's Annual Meeting today!](#)*

