

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 22-26 SHERATON NEW ORLEANS

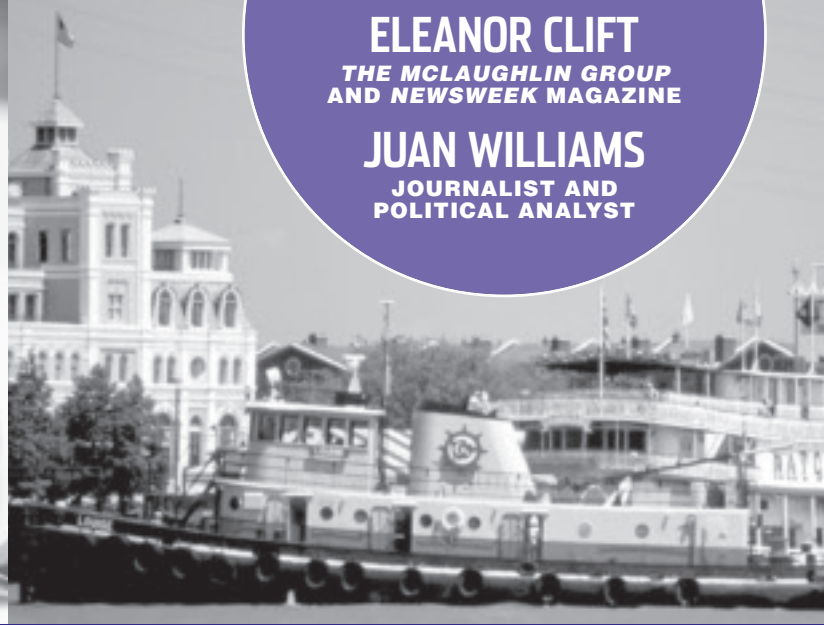


**SPECIAL
GUEST SPEAKERS**

NEWT GINGRICH
FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER
AND AUTHOR

ELEANOR CLIFT
THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP
AND NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE

JUAN WILLIAMS
JOURNALIST AND
POLITICAL ANALYST



SPICE UP YOUR PRACTICE IN THE BIG EASY!

DEAR COLLEAGUE:

Join us in a city world renowned for its charm and hospitality for DRI's 2008 Annual Meeting—*"Spice Up Your Practice in the Big Easy"*—October 22–26, 2008 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in the beautiful Crescent City. French and Spanish influences make New Orleans uniquely unforgettable. Enjoy spicy Creole and Cajun cuisine, its famous jazz and blues, incredible architecture, and fascinating tales of French Quarter heroes and heroines. Don't miss this opportunity

to experience a city full of life, attend stellar education programs and visit with friends and colleagues, new and old.



NEWT GINGRICH

Meeting highlights include:

Blockbusters

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich

will lead off our Thursday blockbuster

presentations. Juan Williams, senior correspondent for NPR and political analyst for Fox News, will be with us on Friday.

Eleanor Clift, a regular panelist on *The McLaughlin Group* and a *Newsweek* columnist, will speak at Thursday's Awards Luncheon.



JUAN WILLIAMS



ELEANOR CLIFT

Continuing Legal Education

Earn up to 22 hours of CLE credit through our informative programming that will include instruction on reaching and persuading today's jurors, learning to use technology to effectively research and present your case, learning methods for practice transition and business development, and hearing from DRI's top marketers on the art of finding and keeping clients. These are just a few of the exciting topics planned.

Service Project DRI is committed to helping New Orleans with its remarkable recovery from Hurricane Katrina. Join our annual service project by working at a local charter school. Run in DRI's first ever 5K Run/Walk on Saturday morning to raise money for this worthy cause.

Committee Meetings DRI's substantive law and practice area committees will hold business meetings that provide opportunities to become part of the committee leadership. Planning for the next year's committee activities will take place at these meetings. Most committees will also provide CLE presentations at their business meetings.



SLDO Conclave

Leaders of state and local defense organizations and their executive directors will convene to exchange ideas and learn about best practices for their organizations.

Counsel Meetings Corporations and insurers will discuss their future business and interact with outside counsel at invitation-only counsel meetings.

Exhibitor Showcase Dozens of litigation consultants, engineers, software providers and litigation support companies will display their products and services in the exhibition hall.



Networking and Entertainment

Join over 1,000 attorneys and clients for evening entertainment beginning with a **First-Time**

Attendees/DRI New Member Reception and Welcome Reception. Thursday highlights include our Diversity Reception and networking reception Mardi Gras style. The President's Gala will feature a great dinner and entertainment by accomplished stage, screen and television comedian, Tom Wilson, "Biff" from the *Back to the Future* movie trilogy.



We look forward to joining you as we "spice up our practices in the Big Easy!"

Sincerely,



Marc E. Williams
MARC E. WILLIAMS
President 2008–2009
Huntington, WV



J. Michael Weston
J. MICHAEL WESTON
Chair, 2008 Annual Meeting
Cedar Rapids, IA

BLOCKBUSTER SPEAKERS AND CLE SESSIONS

Thursday, October 23

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Opening Ceremony, Welcome and Recognition of Past Committee Chairs

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Newt Gingrich

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich draws on his years in the frontlines of politics and his current role as a leading figure in entrepreneurial and technological advances to discuss the current political climate in Washington and offers an up-to-the-minute look at today's issues and events. He discusses the need for government to change its outlook, if it's to meet the demands of citizens already struggling with the challenges of the Information Age. Noting that individuals have less time than ever before to be actively involved in politics, he explores how politicians can develop new ways to both inspire and serve their constituents. Mr. Gingrich shares the six standards that he feels politicians must meet in order to effect real change, and he addresses the specific policy issues and national trends relevant to your interests.

SPEAKER



NEWT GINGRICH

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Now What Makes Juries Listen

Presented by the Trial Tactics Committee

This dynamic program will provide instruction on reaching and persuading today's jurors and overcoming three major issues: dependence on email/texting and the decline of talking/listening; generational beliefs, experiences and prejudices; and multicultural diversity.

SPEAKER



SONYA HAMLIN
Sonya Hamlin Communications

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Writing to Persuade—Rhetoric, Coherence and Confidence

Presented by the Appellate Advocacy Committee

This program will offer a framework for understanding the rhetorical features of persuasive writing. It will demonstrate the important difference between logic and coherence in a compelling argument and how to establish credibility with impatient, overworked readers.

MODERATORS



MARY MASSARON ROSS
Plunkett Cooney



SCOTT P. STOLLEY
Thompson & Knight

SPEAKER



PROFESSOR
TIMOTHY P. TERRELL
Emory Law School

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Blogs, Browsers and Briefs—Leveraging Technology to Research and Present Your Case

Presented by the Technology Committee

Have you ever wondered how you could better use technology to research and present your case? In this highly informative session, you will learn to use the Internet to effectively locate publicly available information about your opponent, your client and your case, and to present information in compelling, interactive briefs using hyperlink technology to maximize the impact of your presentation.

MODERATOR



DENNIS KIKER
Fios Inc.

SPEAKERS



MICHAEL ARNOLD
Moran Brown PC



CHRISTINE FALCICCHIO
Trial Graphix



DANIEL E. HINDE
Vinson & Elkins LLP



CHRISTOPHER J. WESSER
Moran Brown PC

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Politics and Health Insurance—As a Presidential Election Looms, What Is on the Horizon?

Presented by the Life, Health and Disability Committee

Just in time for the 2008 presidential election, a panel of experts in the health care and health insurance industries will summarize the Republican and Democratic nominees' respective proposals for health care reform and explain how they could impact the health care and insurance industries. This program will inform not only those who defend health care insurers and providers, but anyone who requires health care services or pays health insurance premiums.

MODERATOR



SIMEON D. RAPOPORT
Standard Insurance Company



HORACE W. GREEN
Green & Humbert



LINDA LAWSON
Meserve Mumper & Hughes LLP



MIKE TUFFIN
America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)



DR. CECIL B. WILSON
American Medical Association

BLOCKBUSTER SPEAKERS AND CLE SESSIONS

Friday, October 24

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Home Depot Hammers Down Lawsuit Volume Using Pre-suit ADR

Presented by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

As pressure mounts on businesses to cut litigation costs, ADR is increasingly the vehicle of choice for early lawsuit resolution. Last year, The Home Depot partnered with its Third Party Administrator, Sedgwick CMS, and the National Arbitration Forum to create a program using ADR to attack claims that would otherwise be headed to the courthouse. Through “Dispute Resolution Conferences” the Company met with claimants, negotiated resolutions where possible, and engaged in pre-suit discovery on claims they cannot settle. How does such a program affect the bottom line? How does it affect the role of outside counsel? Speakers Rose Miller, The Home Depot, and John Horn, National Arbitration Forum, will describe and discuss how this program works and will lead a panel discussion about how this innovative and aggressive approach to dispute resolution works.

SPEAKERS



BRUCE J. FEDERSPIEL
Sedgwick CMS Inc.



JOHN HORN
National Arbitration Forum



B. ROSE MILLER
The Home Depot

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

90 Percent of the Game is Half Mental—A Yogi Berra Spin on Legal Professionalism

Presented by the Lawyers’ Professionalism & Ethics and Young Lawyers Committees

This presentation will use 20 Yogi Berra malapropisms to focus on legal professionalism in the broadest sense—how an A+ lawyer prepares and presents a case. Speakers will cover the initial client interview and fact development, creating a coherent and persuasive theme, preparing and presenting the case at trial. It will cover handling criticism and losing and the importance of civility.

MODERATOR



R. CRAIG MAYFIELD
Hill Ward Henderson

SPEAKER



JUDGE HELEN “GINGER” BERRIGAN
US District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Playing the Blues—Consumer Surveys in False Advertising Claims

Presented by the Commercial Litigation Committee

In the rough and tumble world of commerce, aggressive advertising campaigns are commonplace. But when advertising disparages a company’s products or misleads the public with false representations, it becomes actionable under the Lanham Act. When your client calls asking you to defend a claim of false advertising or trademark infringement, will you be ready to respond? Consumer survey evidence is often imperative in false advertising claims. This program will prepare you to design, develop and use consumer surveys to defend against false advertising and trademark infringement claims.

MODERATOR



JOSEPH G. FORTNER, JR.
Halloran & Sage LLP

SPEAKERS



HONORABLE
CARL J. BARBIER
*US District Court, Eastern
District of Louisiana*



KURT B. GERSTNER
*Campbell Campbell Edwards
& Conroy PC*



KRISTA HOLT
Ocean Tomo LLC

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

The Law Firm of the Future—Who Will Be the New Winners and New Losers?

Presented by the Diversity Committee

Difficult economic forecasts for 2008 and an increasingly competitive marketplace make this a critical time for law firms and their leaders. What will the law firm of the future look like? How will lawyers and firms adapt? Bruce MacEwen, creator and host of the critically acclaimed online publication “Adam Smith, Esq.” (AdamSmithEsq.com), together with a panel of experts will focus on successful methods for practice transition and business development, the need to create and capitalize on a diversity of people and practice areas and the pressure on firms to choose an effective strategy for firm growth. Can litigation boutique firms remain successful? Will all firms need to be mega sized? What is the business marketplace dictating and where will corporations turn for legal advice in this turbulent economy of the 21st Century? The panel will address these questions and more.

BLOCKBUSTER SPEAKERS AND CLE SESSIONS

MODERATOR



HENRY M. SNEATH
Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton PC

SPEAKERS



PATRICIA DENNIS DIAZ
AT&T Inc.



BRUCE MACEWEN
Adams Smith Esq



SHERYL J. WILLERT
Williams Kastner



RAYMOND M. WILLIAMS
DLA Piper US

MODERATOR



JAMES R. MILLER
Moye White LLP

SPEAKERS



ORRIN K. AMES III
Hand Arendall LLC



MATTHEW W. BREETZ
Stites & Harbison PLLC



TODD W. RUSKAMP
Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP



ROMA W. THEUS
Law Office of Roma W. Theus II

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Juan Williams

Juan Williams is one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. He is the senior correspondent for NPR, a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist for *Fox News Sunday*. In addition to prize-winning columns and editorial writing for *The Washington Post*, he has also authored six books. As one of the nation's most influential journalists, Williams is in constant contact with American political leaders from the President to members of Congress and the Supreme Court. His understanding of American history and his inside access to Washington politics gives him a unique and informed voice as an analyst of current events. His daring perspectives on American politics, race, and culture are based on his historical understanding, political expertise, and knowledge of diversity.

SPEAKER



JUAN WILLIAMS

1:15 PM – 3:00 PM

When the Financial Levee Breaks—The Impact of the Subprime Mortgage Meltdown

Presented by the Commercial Litigation, Corporate Integrity & White Collar Crime, Lawyers' Professionalism & Ethics and Professional Liability Committees

Cases arising from the subprime-lending crisis are this year's hottest topic. The distinguished panel of speakers will demonstrate how to recognize and deal with threats to clients arising from the collapse of the subprime market. The panel will cover legislation and litigation responding to the subprime-lending crisis and will particularly focus on ways to recognize and resolve regulatory and litigation threats to our clients' businesses. Criminal actions, class actions, reverse redlining and professional liability will be discussed.

1:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Papering Electronic Discovery

Presented by the Drug and Medical Device, Electronic Discovery and Product Liability Committees

This workshop-type session will examine the nuts and bolts of documenting and litigating the e-discovery process from beginning to end. You will look at best practices, provisions, approaches and examples of the documents necessary to implement litigation holds, describe sources of electronically stored information, articulate an email search protocol, define a computer inspection process, hire a technical expert, argue and support motions to compel and for protective orders. You will gain an understanding of the whole new universe of litigation documents that are part of e-discovery.

MODERATORS



ADAM I. COHEN
FTI Consulting



JAMES K. LEHMAN
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

SPEAKERS



CYNTHIA BATEMAN
Georgia-Pacific LLC



HONORABLE PAUL W. GRIMM
Chief US Magistrate, Baltimore, MD

Saturday, October 25

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Masters In Marketing

Presented by the Law Practice Management Committee

This program will discuss the very best in business development and client retention. Five premier DRI rainmakers will share their secrets on building their clientele, getting more work from existing clients and keeping the clients that you have. You will also hear about the dos and don'ts of marketing from the client perspective. This interactive session emphasizes tips and approaches on one of the most important issues facing DRI members today.

MODERATOR

SPEAKERS



STEPHEN G. MORRISON
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP



NEIL A. GOLDBERG
Goldberg Segalla LLP



ZENOLA HARPER



GABRIEL A. JACKSON
Jackson & Wallace LLP



C. BARRY MONTGOMERY
Williams Montgomery & John Ltd.



ALBERT H. PARNELL
Hawkins & Parnell LLP

NEW—CORPORATE COUNSEL PROGRAM
Wednesday, October 22

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

SPEAKER

Delivering Efficiency—How to Maximize Your In-house Legal Department Talent and Resources

Presented by the Corporate Counsel Committee



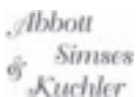
TERI P. MCCLURE
United Parcel Service

The new DRI Corporate Counsel Committee will host its first program at the 2008 DRI Annual Meeting featuring Teri P. McClure, Sr. Vice President and General Counsel of UPS. Ms. McClure will share her thoughts on how to make your legal department more cost efficient and deliver value to your internal corporate clients. Ms. McClure's presentation will be followed by round table discussions covering best practices for in-house counsel. The program will conclude with a networking reception. Participation is limited to in-house lawyers* only to ensure an environment for candid discussion among peers from in-house positions. DRI invites in-house counsel to come and contribute to making this a successful inaugural session.

If you would like additional information concerning the program or would like to register, please contact Lynn Conneen at 312.698.6221.

**In-house counsel is defined as a licensed attorney who is employed exclusively for a corporation or other private sector organization for the purpose of providing legal representation and counsel only to that corporation, its affiliates and subsidiaries.*

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NATIONAL CONCLAVE OF STATE AND LOCAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS (SLDOs)

The Annual Meeting features programs specifically dedicated to today's State and Local Defense Organizations. We strongly encourage all State Representatives, SLDO Officers and Executive Directors to attend.

Thursday, October 23

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

State Representatives Meeting

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

SLDO Conclave

Welcome to the State and Local Defense Organization Conclave

JOHN C. TRIMBLE, *Lewis Wagner LLP*

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Marketing Your SLDO—Attracting and Keeping New Members

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Planning & Marketing Innovative Meetings and Signature Events

Friday, October 24

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

SLDO Leadership Breakfast *(By invitation only)*

Chris Rose began working at *The Times-Picayune* in the summer of 1984, covering crime in the suburb of Jefferson Parish and the politics of two small incorporated cities. Over the years, he covered local and national politics, general features, regional culture and economics, and New Orleans nightlife, music and personalities. Upon his return to New Orleans on the Monday after Hurricane Katrina, he began to cover the early stirrings of life in the streets and has stayed with that beat ever since, chronicling the city as it puts itself back together, shakes off its trauma, and tries to find footing as a viable community. The Pulitzer Prize Board named him a finalist in the commentary category for his post-Katrina columns.

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Executive Directors Networking Luncheon

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Regional Meetings

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

SLDO Conclave

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Transitioning Your SLDO—Effective Means to Develop and Prepare Your Leadership for Office

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Challenges Facing Small, Medium and Large SLDOs

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Annual Meeting SLDO Planning Committee, SLDO Relationship Committee, Open Session/Feedback, 2009 Meeting Planning



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Register online at www.dri.org

DRI BUSINESS MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 21

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Law Institute

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

DRI Board of Directors

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

NFJE Board of Directors

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

2008 Annual Meeting Steering Committee

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Law Institute with Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Program Chairs

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Committee Membership Chairs

Thursday, October 23

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee Corporate Integrity & White Collar Crime Committee Fidelity and Surety Committee Insurance Law Committee Law Practice Management Committee Lawyers' Professionalism & Ethics Committee Workers' Compensation Committee

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Diversity Committee

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Nominating Committee *(Executive session)*

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Substantive Law and Practice Area Committees CLE Programs and Business Meetings

*Aerospace Law
Construction Law
Employment Law
Governmental Liability
International Law
Life, Health and Disability
Product Liability
Toxic Torts & Environmental Law*

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Nominating Committee *(Open appointments)*

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Past Board Members Reception

Friday, October 24

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Publications, Newsletter and Web Page Chairs

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Expert Witness Database Chairs

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Nominating Committee *(Open appointments)*

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Young Lawyers Committee

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Nominating Committee *(Open appointments)*

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Substantive Law and Practice Area Committees CLE Programs and Business Meetings

*Appellate Advocacy
Commercial Litigation
Drug and Medical Device
Electronic Discovery
Medical Liability and Health Care Law
Professional Liability
Technology
Trial Tactics
Trucking Law*

Saturday, October 25

8:15 AM – 9:45 AM

2009 Annual Meeting Steering Committee

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Nominating Committee *(Open appointments)*

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

DRI Board of Directors

SUBSTANTIVE LAW AND PRACTICE AREA COMMITTEES CLE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Note: The substantive law and practice area committees' education programs have been approved for 60 minutes of mandatory continuing legal education.

Thursday, October 23

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

DIVERSITY

Diversity—Focus on Progress

We've been hearing for years about some ubiquitous yet nebulous "commitment to diversity" within the legal profession. But to what extent have the results matched the rhetoric? Learn how you and your company or firm can make an earnest and robust effort to actually demonstrate commitment through aggressive implementation of known "best practices."

MODERATOR: RAYMOND M. WILLIAMS, *DLA Piper US*

SPEAKERS: MARK A. EDWARDS, *DuPont Companies*;

STACY L. HAWKINS, *Stacy Hawkins Esq.*;

BRYNDA RODRIGUEZ INSLEY, *Insley and Race LLC*

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

AEROSPACE LAW

Recent Developments in Aviation Regulation—Operational Control and Maritime Remedies in Aviation Law

Two timely CLE presentations will be offered—first a representative from the FAA will present a program entitled "Operational Control for Charter Operators—The FAA Perspective;" and the second presentation, by Ken Laborde of Gieger Laborde & Laperouse LLC, is entitled "Maritime Remedies in Aviation Law—Where the Water Meets the Sky."

Note: There will be a short business meeting prior to the CLE programming.

Operational Control for Charter Operators—The FAA Perspective

SPEAKER: TBD

Maritime Remedies in Aviation Law—Where the Water Meets the Sky

SPEAKER: KENNETH H. LABORDE, *Gieger Laborde & Laperouse LLC*

CONSTRUCTION LAW

Green Building—New Construction Principles and New Litigation Issues

Green Building/Green Construction is a new and developing trend in the construction industry. As such, there is much to learn about this new area of litigation. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the Green Building concept, as well as highlight several areas where the potential for litigation can arise.

SPEAKER: SEAN W. MARTIN, *Leitner Williams Dooley & Napolitan PLLC*

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Workplace Violence—Preventing the Nightmare and Coping with the Aftermath

This program will describe steps you can recommend to your clients/insureds to prevent workplace violence and, if the unthinkable happens, help the victims of these tragedies move forward.

SPEAKER: KERI LYNN BUSH, *Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP*

GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY

Appellate Tips for Governmental Lawyers

Hear about handling appeals in governmental liability cases, including federal civil rights claims. This presentation will review the law covering interlocutory immunity appeals and will offer tips for presenting such appeals in the most persuasive fashion, including whether and how to secure favorable decisions on other issues besides qualified immunity under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 decided by appellate courts before trial and to effectively preserve the record for appeal in governmental cases.

SPEAKER: MARY MASSARON ROSS, *Plunkett Cooney PC*

INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Latest Legal Developments Affecting Corporate Defendants in Europe

Dr. Heydn and Mr. Cowhey, both DRI Europe members, will give a legal developments update from the European perspective. They will share their views on the current and cutting-edge issues of interest in defending corporations in European disputes.

SPEAKERS: DR. TRUIKEN HEYDN, *Rechtsanwältin* (Munich); KIERAN COWHEY, *Dillon Eustace* (Dublin)

LIFE, HEALTH AND DISABILITY

The Top Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Decisions of 2008

The Young Lawyers Subcommittee will present a fast paced panel discussion that highlights the most important life, health, disability and ERISA decisions of 2008.

SPEAKERS: HISHAM AMIN, *Funk & Bolton PA*; KIMBERLY E. WHISTLER, *Goldberg Segalla LLP*; LEONOR M. LAGOMASINO, *Carlton Fields PA*

PRODUCT LIABILITY

A View from the Bench from a Federal Magistrate Judge in the Trenches of E-Discovery

Since the enactment of the "new" e-discovery rules on December 1, 2006, federal magistrate judges have found themselves in the forefront of interpreting the new rules and determining how they are to be applied. Magistrate Judge Knowles will provide insight on e-discovery issues with a focus on how the rules have impacted products cases.

SPEAKER: HONORABLE DANIEL E. KNOWLES III, *US Magistrate, Eastern District of Louisiana*

TOXIC TORTS & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Several developing areas in toxic tort and environmental law litigation (including mold and indoor air quality), commonly used plaintiffs' experts in toxic tort litigation, handling *Daubert* motions, and evolving jury perceptions of toxic tort defendants will be discussed.

The Time to REACH Is Now—Pre-Registration, Data Sharing and the REACH Information Marketplace

SPEAKER: TIMOTHY C. WOLFSON, *Babst Calland Clements and Zomnir PC*

Frye Challenges to Mold Plaintiff's Medical Expert

SPEAKER: JEFFREY F. BAASE, *Rup Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham & Coppola LLC*

SUBSTANTIVE LAW AND PRACTICE AREA COMMITTEES CLE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

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A "Litigation Tool Box" for IAQ Cases

SPEAKER: CHARLES E. REYNOLDS, *Butler Pappas Weibmuller Katz Craig LLP*

Jurisdictions—The Good, The Bad and The Ugly (With Respect to *Daubert* and Dispositive Motions)

SPEAKER: DAVID B. BARTEL, *Quarles & Brady LLP*

Jury Perceptions of Oil and Chemical Companies in the Era of Big Bucks at the Pump

SPEAKER: TYNAN BUTHOD, *Baker Botts LLP*

Overview of Hot (and Frequently Used) Plaintiffs' Experts and Government Witnesses

SPEAKER: ERIC FALK, *Davies McFarland & Carroll PC*

Friday, October 24

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

YOUNG LAWYERS

Ethical Considerations for Young Lawyers during the Deposition Phase of Discovery

The presentation will explore the ethical and professional stumbling blocks that young lawyers commonly encounter during the deposition process. The program will examine a lawyer's ethical obligations while preparing facts and expert witnesses for deposition and examine professional conduct during depositions with an emphasis on dealing with abusive witnesses and opposing counsel.

SPEAKERS: CHRISTIANE FIFE, *Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt*; LEA RICHMOND, *Carr Allison*

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

APPELLATE ADVOCACY

What Appellate Lawyers Need to Do to Better Serve the Court and Their Clients

The Honorable Edith Brown Clement, US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will discuss topics such as persuasive briefing and oral argument and answer questions relating to these topics, with David A. Furlow (senior partner and appellate attorney at Thompson & Knight) moderating. Vikram Chandhok, an appellate conference attorney with the Fifth Circuit, will present factors to consider in determining whether to mediate appellate cases, an overview of the process, and the success the Fifth Circuit has had with its mediation program. Erin Gleason-Alvarez offers the client's perspective on general issues of responsiveness, as well as the need to consider post-trial mediation.

SPEAKERS: ERIN GLEASON ALVAREZ, *AIG*; VIKRAM CHANDHOK, *US Fifth Circuit Court*; HONORABLE EDITH BROWN CLEMENT, *US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit*; DAVID A. FURLOW, *Thompson & Knight*

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Recent Trends in Securities, Class Actions and Other Aggregate Litigation

MODERATORS: TIM E. CONGROVE, *Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP*; MICHAEL J. MCCONNELL, *Jones Day*

Long Arm of the Law—The Rise of AG Investigations and Government/Private Litigation

This panel will discuss the use of AG and other government investigations in the securities, class action and nuisance contexts, including the use of private attorneys to prosecute actions on behalf of the state or municipalities.

SPEAKERS: BRIAN ANDERSON, *O'Melveny & Myers LLP*; GAY L. TEDDER, *Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP*

Assessing Defenses to Class Cert—in Light of IPO and its Progeny—Challenging Loss Causation and Market Efficiency

This panel will address the legal landscape for expert testimony in light of IPO and other recent class action decisions and address the practical issues for putting on or challenging experts in the class certification context.

SPEAKERS: MICHAEL L. HARTZMARK, *Chicago Partners*; TIM MAST, *Troutman Sanders LLP*; NEAL D. WALTERS, *Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP*; TAMMY B. WEBB, *Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP*

The Exportation of Class Actions

This panel will address the emergence of class actions around the world, including recent trends in Canada, Continental Europe and Latin America.

SPEAKERS: MARY E. BARTKUS, *Merck & Co Inc.*; KATHRYN I. CHALMERS, *Stikeman Elliott (Toronto)*; RICARDO RIOS FERRER, *Rios Ferrer Guillen Llarena Trevino and Rivera SC (Mexico)*

DRUG AND MEDICAL DEVICE

Ethical Considerations for the Redaction of Personal Information from Electronic Filings

In the age of paperless filing, state and federal courts have become keenly aware of the potential for identity theft. This program will unravel the new state and federal rules promulgated to protect against this kind of invasion of privacy, offering tips to insure that you are not left facing monetary sanctions, or worse.

SPEAKER: JENNIFER A. FOSTER, *Sidley Austin LLP*

ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY

Behind the Scenes—Rule 26(f) Conferences in the E-Discovery Age

Learn first-hand how to prepare for and conduct a Rule 26(f) meeting in light of the Federal Rule amendments through discussions with experts and a mock Rule 26(f) meet-and-confer session.

SPEAKERS: PHILLIP J. DUFFY, *Gibbons PC*; MARK S. SIDOTI, *Gibbons PC*

MEDICAL LIABILITY AND HEALTH CARE

Legal Issues in Defending the Complicated Pregnancy

This session will focus on several legal strategies for dealing with high-risk obstetrical cases. In addition, there will be a review of some of the recent *Daubert* decisions affecting obstetrical cases, the state of the law on the admissibility of ACOG membership censures, and a review of recent obstetrical verdicts.

SPEAKER: JAMES O. CRAVEN, *Wiggin & Dana LLP*

SUBSTANTIVE LAW AND PRACTICE AREA COMMITTEES CLE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Application of Consumer Protection Statutes to Licensed Professionals—A Jumble of Judge-made Law

Plaintiffs often use consumer protection laws as a “hammer” in litigation for the recovery of treble damages and their attorneys’ fees. Courts throughout the country have debated whether such laws should apply to licensed professionals. This presentation will briefly overview the history of consumer protection laws and will delve into the arguments for and against their application to various classes of professionals.

SPEAKER: MATTHEW S. MARRONE, *Lucas and Cavalier LLC*

TECHNOLOGY

Embracing New Technology—“Why I Don’t Need to Look at My PDA While Driving”—Practical (and Cheap!) Tips to Make You a Better and More Efficient Lawyer

Technological change has been both a blessing and a curse for lawyers, but change does not have to mean pain with little gain. The tech-savvy lawyer can be aware of both the simple ways in which technology can aid the practice of law, such as through the use of free web applications and the continued exploration of Internet-based, non-traditional discovery methods, and technology pitfalls, including inadvertent communication and “shiny object syndrome” that await the uninformed user. This program will offer practical tips and observations about technological use and misuse.

SPEAKER: ROBERT F. CHAPSKI, *Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP*

TRIAL TACTICS

Hooray for Hollywood!

Utilizing clips of scenes from various television shows and movies, Judge Miller will discuss effective strategies for *voir dire*, opening statement, direct and cross examination, and closing argument. Judge Miller will also utilize television and movie clips to discuss, and to engage attendees in the discussion of, the role of lawyers in an adversarial system of justice, and ethical issues that face trial lawyers.

SPEAKER: HONORABLE GARY L. MILLER, *Marion County Superior Court*, Indianapolis, IN

TRUCKING LAW

Forum Shopping—The Pitfalls of Ignoring Jurisdiction, Venue and State Tort Law Considerations before Answering a Lawsuit

The trucking defense lawyer sometimes faces situations in which key players, such as a plaintiff’s decedent, his or her heirs, the truck driver, the motor carrier, and the rig lessor all reside in different jurisdictions. This program will explore issues where a plaintiff can sue and what the motor carrier’s counsel must consider for challenging the forum as inconvenient.

SPEAKER: JENIFER L. KIENLE, *Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP*

The Check Is Almost in the Mail—Legal and Practical Handling of Medicare Liens and Other Medicare Roadblocks to Settlement

Under federal law, the Medicare program is designated as a “secondary payor” for medical treatment of injured persons when another payor is legally responsible for such treatment, such as a tortfeasor in a personal injury action or an employer in a workers’ compensation claim. Under the rules, when parties settle a personal injury claim or a workers’ compensation claim in which the injured person might call upon Medicare to pay for treatment of his or her injuries, the settling parties are expected to establish an arrangement, called a ‘Medicare Set-Aside,’ by which a Medicare beneficiary or a Medicare-eligible person’s medical costs related to an accident are borne by the tortfeasor or employer rather than by Medicare. As enforcement of the “secondary payor” regulations expand, we must be familiar with how Medicare Set-Asides are analyzed, established, and administered.

SPEAKER: RENEE Y. LITTLE, *Carlock Copeland & Stair LLP*



NETWORKING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 22

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

First-Time Attendees/DRI New Member Reception

DRI invites all first-time Annual Meeting attendees and new DRI members to this special reception held in the Exhibit Showcase. Current DRI members are encouraged to attend and mingle with the newcomers and exhibitors. Don't miss this great opportunity to network with colleagues and welcome "first-time" attendees and "new" members to DRI and the Annual Meeting!

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Welcome Reception—A Taste of New Orleans!

Time in New Orleans isn't measured in hours or days, but in meals. Every meal is an experience steeped in cultural traditions from "Cajun" and "Creole" to "Soul Food" cooking. The same cultural mix that brought jazz to the world brings ever-evolving delicacies that can only be labeled "New Orleans Cuisine." So grab your friends and share in the wonderful flavors of New Orleans during the Welcome Reception.

Thursday, October 23

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Awards Luncheon

Featured speaker, Eleanor Clift, a regular panelist on *The McLaughlin Group*, will provide her perspectives on the Washington scene as it relates to women in politics, the Republican-controlled Congress and the 2008 presidential race. In addition, she writes on the Washington power structure for *Newsweek*, is a political analyst for *Fox News* and is a successful journalist. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this fascinating and accomplished journalist.

SPEAKER



ELEANOR CLIFT

Tickets to the Awards Luncheon are \$55 each. Please purchase tickets by notation on the registration form.

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Diversity Reception

Demonstrate your support for DRI's diversity initiatives. Don't miss this opportunity to network with colleagues and friends who are also dedicated to inclusion. Engage in lively conversation while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Networking Reception—Mardi Gras Style!

Join colleagues and friends for a fun-filled evening Mardi Gras style! Begin by marching through the streets of New Orleans, throwing beads at passersby and enjoying a libation of choice. Eat, drink and dance the night away to the edgy musical sounds that made New Orleans famous. Experience the magic of New Orleans throughout the evening and make new friends along the way.

Friday, October 24

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Women's Networking Luncheon

The leading women in DRI share the secrets of their networking successes in an informal, interactive forum allowing each female member to advance her professional goals through DRI.

Please indicate your intent to attend this event by notation on the registration form.

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Networking Reception

Hosted by the Young Lawyers Committee

This gathering has become a signature event for the Young Lawyers Committee during the Annual Meeting. It is a great way to reconnect with colleagues and old friends and partake in meaningful conversations and plentiful food and beverage before you head out to enjoy one of the many fine restaurants New Orleans has to offer!

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Dine-Arounds—New Orleans' Finest Restaurants

Visit DRI's concierge to sign up for a dine-around at one of New Orleans' outstanding restaurants. This event is "Dutch Treat" for participants. It is not included in the registration fee. Transportation is on your own.

Saturday, October 25

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

5K "Fun-raiser" Run/Walk

Participate in the 5K "Fun-raiser" Run/Walk to benefit two New Orleans area charter schools, *New Orleans Free Academy* and *McDonogh City Park Academy*. Whether you run or walk the 3.1 miles, it will be a great opportunity to have some fun, get a snazzy t-shirt and support New Orleans schools. Monies raised from t-shirt sales and sponsorship opportunities will go to support the charter schools. Please see the Community Service Project details for more information on the charter schools.

For \$25 you can sign up to run, walk or simply support the fundraiser. If you choose not to run or walk, please come out to cheer on your colleagues and friends. Your \$25 will get you a great t-shirt. We encourage you to wear it on Saturday morning, whether you participate or not. **Complete the special 5K Run/Walk Registration/Waiver Form to participate.** We hope to see you all at the race!

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM

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Help make a difference for two New Orleans area charter schools, the *New Orleans Free Academy* and the *McDonogh City Park Academy*. These are K-8 grade schools and both are in need of landscaping and painting. There are also opportunities to tutor children in reading. You will have the pleasure of working alongside the kids, parents and teachers, while making a difference in their schools.

DRI will provide box lunches and roundtrip transportation to the schools from the hotel. Volunteers should indicate their participation by notation on the registration form. **Help support the "Fun-raiser" by purchasing a 5K Run/Walk t-shirt and wearing it while participating in this community service project.** Don't miss this opportunity to spend the afternoon with your colleagues while contributing to the New Orleans community.

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

President's Gala—Jazz at Its Best!

Spend an evening with your friends and enjoy jazz at its best! New Orleans is the birthplace of Jazz, which has long been considered America's only original art form. Listen to the sounds of Tim Laughlin and Debbie Davies, a New Orleans jazz ensemble, while indulging in delicious food and wine with friends and colleagues. Prepare to be entertained, following the Installation Ceremony and announcement of new DRI leadership, by Tom Wilson, comedian extraordinaire, who has a successful television, movie and stage career. He's appeared in many feature films, including the new Warner Brothers movie *The Informant*, starring Matt Damon, *No Place Like Home*, starring Danny Devito, as well as his "Saturn" award winning performance as Biff, Griff, and "Mad Dog" Tannen in the now classic *Back to the Future* trilogy. Television credits include *Boston Legal*, *House*, *Bones* and *Ghost Whisperer*, to name a few.

Tickets to the President's Gala are \$75 each. Please purchase tickets by notation on the registration form.

COUNSEL MEETINGS

DRI offers a corporate sponsor program that provides corporations and insurance carriers with the opportunity to meet with their invited counsel during 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 meetings during our events.

Companies such as AIG, CNA, The Hartford, Liberty Mutual, LP Building Products, QBE the Americas, Safeco and Zurich are already committed to holding meetings in New Orleans. A complete schedule of meetings will be distributed on-site. To find out how your company can become part of the corporate sponsor program, please contact DRI at 312.795.1101.

EXHIBIT SHOWCASE

Wednesday, October 22 through Friday, October 24

Maximize your time at the meeting by visiting the Exhibit Showcase! Mingle with exhibitors, friends and colleagues. Discover new technology, products and services geared towards assisting you in building your practice. DRI will host a reception in the Exhibit Showcase on Wednesday, October 22 from 5:30 PM–6:30 PM for new members and first-time attendees. As always, registration, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, and the exhibitor raffle will be held in the exhibit hall. It's also where you will find the Internet café and cappuccino bar. Be sure to visit the exhibit booths to become eligible to enter the Exhibitors' Raffle. Daily drawings will be held during the refreshment breaks. Attendees must be present to win. Great prizes will be awarded!



SPOUSE AND GUEST HOSPITALITY

A hospitality room will be available each morning for guests and spouses to meet for breakfast and conversation. A continental breakfast will be available Thursday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. A concierge will be available to provide visitor information about New Orleans, its attractions and museums!

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 22 hours including 1 hour 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 www.dri.org for credit information for your state.

DRI Concierge

An exclusive DRI Concierge will be on-site to assist with restaurant reservations, including the dine-arounds on Friday, museum and tour information, tickets and other visitor information. Additional information about what's going on in the city is available at the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau web site at www.neworleanscvb.org.

Meeting Attire

Business casual attire is appropriate for all DRI functions. The attire for the Installation Ceremony and President's Gala on Saturday evening is semi-formal.



New Orleans

Welcome to the Crescent City! The history, architecture, music and flavors are all to be savored. The restaurants, clubs, shops, and neighborhoods you love are looking forward to your return. From the French Quarter to the Arts District, and Magazine Street to the Garden District, Riverfront and Downtown—you'll find authentic fun and a welcoming spirit at every turn.

Hotel Facility

Sheraton New Orleans
500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
504.595.5514
www.sheratonneworleans.com

Increase your networking opportunities by spending time with other attendees and exhibitors also staying at the hotel! DRI has secured a limited number of rooms at discounted group rates. Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel, and be sure to mention the DRI 2008 Annual Meeting to be eligible for these special rates:

Standard Room: \$219.00 Single/Double Occupancy

Club Level Room: \$249.00 Single/Double Occupancy



Rooms are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 24, 2008, to guarantee these special rates.** After September 24th or sooner if room block capacity is reached, 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 non-refundable if canceled within 48 hours of the arrival date.

Weather

The average high temperature in October is 79°F; however, the nights can be cooler. A jacket or coat is recommended.

Registration Information

Save \$100 when you register before September 24th!

Registration fee includes the following:

- Admission to all non-ticketed events
- Comprehensive CD-ROM containing speaker and session information will be sent in advance, if registered by September 24th
- Continental breakfast each morning
- Refreshment breaks
- Admission to all CLE programs
- Opportunity to purchase tickets to the Award's Luncheon and President's Gala

To ensure your name is listed on the advance registration list distributed at the Annual Meeting, DRI must receive your registration on or before **September 24, 2008.**

Registrations received after September 24th will be processed on-site.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

The registration fee is fully refundable for cancellations received on or before **August 24th.** Cancellations received between **August 25th** and **September 24th** will receive a refund, less a \$100 processing fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after **September 24th.** All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing. Substitutions may be made at anytime without charge. All refunds will be processed and mailed within four weeks after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Special Airline Rates

DRI is pleased to announce that discounted meeting fares are available on various major air carriers for DRI's Annual Meeting attendees. To receive these discounts, please contact Hobson Travel Ltd, DRI's official travel provider, at 800.538.7464. As always, to confirm the lowest available fares, early booking is recommended.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 21

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Meeting:** Law Institute

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Meeting:** Board of Directors
 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Meeting:** NFJE Board of Directors
 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Meeting:** Delivering Efficiency—How to Maximize Your In-House Legal Department Talent and Resources (*In-house counsel only*)
 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM **Meeting:** 2008 Annual Meeting Steering Committee
 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Meeting:** Law Institute with Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Program Chairs
 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Registration
 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Exhibit Showcase
 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Corporate Counsel Reception** (*In-house counsel only*)
 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Meeting:** Committee Membership Chairs
 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **First-Time Attendees/DRI New Member Reception**
 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Welcome Reception—A Taste of New Orleans!**

Thursday, October 23

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Showcase
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM Exhibit Showcase
 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration
 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Meeting:** Committee Business Meetings
 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Meeting:** State Representatives
 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Opening Ceremony, Welcome and Recognition of Past Committee Chairs
 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Blockbuster:** Newt Gingrich
 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Education:** Now What Makes Juries Listen
 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Education:** Writing to Persuade—Rhetoric, Coherence, and Confidence
 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Awards Luncheon:** Eleanor Clift (*Ticketed event*)
 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **Education:** Blogs, Browsers and Briefs Leveraging Technology to Research and Present Your Case
 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **Education:** Politics and Health Insurance—As a Presidential Election Looms, What Is on the Horizon?
 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **Education/Meeting:** Diversity Committee CLE and Business Meeting
 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM **SLDO:** State and Local Defense Organization Conclave
 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Executive session*)
 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM **Education/Meeting:** Committee CLE and Business Meetings
 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*open appointments*)
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM **Past Board Members Reception**
 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Diversity Reception**
 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM **Networking Reception—Mardi Gras Style!**

Friday, October 24

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Showcase
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM Exhibit Showcase
 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM Registration
 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Meeting:** Publication and Newsletter Editors and Web Page Chairs
Meeting: Expert Witness Database Chairs
SLDO: Leadership Breakfast (*Invitation only*)
Education: Home Depot Hammers Down Lawsuit Volume Using Pre-suit ADR
Education: 90 Percent of the Game is Half Mental—A Yogi Berra Spin on Legal Professionalism
 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Open appointments*)
 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Education:** Playing the Blues—Consumer Surveys in False Advertising Claims
 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Education:** The Law Firm of the Future—Who Will Be the New Winners and New Losers?
 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Blockbuster:** Juan Williams
 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM **Women's Networking Luncheon**
 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **SLDO:** Executive Directors Luncheon
Education: When the Financial Levee Breaks—The Impact of the Subprime Mortgage Meltdown
 1:15 PM – 3:00 PM **Education:** Papering Electronic Discovery
 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Meeting:** Regional Meetings
 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **Education/Meeting:** Young Lawyers CLE and Business Meeting
 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Open appointments*)
 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM **SLDO:** State and Local Defense Organization Conclave
 Refreshment Break in Exhibit Showcase
 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Education/Meeting:** Committee CLE and Business Meetings
 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM **Reception—Hosted by the Young Lawyers Committee**
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM **Dine-Arounds—New Orleans' Best Restaurants**

Saturday, October 25

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM 5K “Fun-raiser” Run/Walk
 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration
 8:15 AM – 9:45 AM **Meeting:** 2009 Annual Meeting Steering Committee
 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Meeting:** Nominating Committee (*Open appointments*)
Education: Masters in Marketing
 Refreshment Break
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Meeting:** Board of Directors
 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Community Service Project
 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Installation Ceremony and President's Gala—Jazz at Its Best!**
 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Note: Dates and times are subject to change.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Advance registration deadline is September 24, 2008

NAME _____ TITLE _____

NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON BADGE _____

SPOUSE / GUEST BADGE NAME _____

FIRM / COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Are you a first-time DRI Annual Meeting attendee? Yes No

Please list any special needs _____

ANNUAL MEETING FEES

Registration Fees

	<i>On or before Sept. 24</i>	<i>After Sept. 24</i>
Member	_____ \$695	_____ \$795
Non-Member	_____ \$795	_____ \$895
Total Registration Fees	\$ _____	

Ticketed Social Events

<i>Amount</i>		<i>No. of Tickets</i>	<i>Total</i>
Awards Luncheon (Thurs.)	\$55/ticket	x _____	_____
Women's Networking Luncheon (Fri.)	free	x _____	_____
President's Gala (Sat.)	\$75/ticket	x _____	_____
Community Service Project (Sat.)	free	x _____	_____
Total Ticketed Events			_____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
(Please make checks payable to DRI. US funds only.)

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____
Check One: American Express MasterCard Visa

_____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

Authorized Signature _____

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

DRI—The Voice of the Defense Bar
72225 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-7252
312.795.0747 (fax) – credit card payments only
For more information: 312.795.1101 (phone) or annualmeeting@dri.org (email)

OFFICE USE ONLY
Date received _____
FC _____
By _____

Membership Application

Categories for individual membership in DRI:

- Defense Attorney—\$225 USD/year
- Government Attorney—\$160 USD/year
- Young Lawyer—\$130 USD/year
(*admitted to the Bar for five years or less*)

Young Lawyers receive a certificate for FREE attendance at a future DRI seminar! *Good for two years from join date.*

A subscription to *For The Defense* is included in the annual dues for ALL price categories.

Male Female

Name _____ Title _____

Firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Post Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

First time admitted to the Bar in _____ in _____
state/province month/day/year bar number

In-house counsel (as defined below*)

I am a member of a state or local defense organization. Yes No Name of organization _____

Primary area of practice _____

Number of attorneys in your firm 1–2 3–10 11–20 21–50 51–99 100+

OPTIONAL *DRI is committed to the principle of diversity in its membership and leadership. Accordingly, applicants are invited to indicate which one of the following may best describe them:*

- African American Asian American Hispanic
- Native American Caucasian Other _____




Date of birth _____
month/day/year

Referred by _____
Name of referring DRI Member attorney (if applicable)

To the extent that I engage in personal injury litigation, I DO NOT, for the most part, represent plaintiffs. I have read the above and hereby make application for individual membership.

Signature _____ Date _____

All applications must be signed and dated.

- My check for \$225 \$160 \$130 (USD) is enclosed.
- Please bill me. (*Your membership will be inactive until DRI receives payment.*)
- Please charge my  VISA  MasterCard  American Express.

Card # / / Exp. Date

Signature _____

Please note: Individual membership is **not transferable**. If you have any questions, contact Customer Service at (312) 795-1101.

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* In-house counsel is defined as a licensed attorney who is employed exclusively for a corporation or other private sector organization for the purpose of providing legal representation and counsel only to that corporation, its affiliates and subsidiaries.



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Advance registration deadline is September 24, 2008

Note: Each participant in the 5K Run/Walk must complete a separate registration form in addition to the Annual Meeting registration form and sign the "Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Rights" form on the reverse side of this form. Participants will not be allowed to run or walk in this event without their signature on the waiver. Spouses and guests may participate in the 5K "Fun-raiser" Run/Walk, but they each must complete this form and sign the waiver.

NAME _____

FIRM / COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

EMAIL _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (*Circle one*)

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5K "FUN-RAISER" RUN/WALK AND CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FEES

5K Run/Walk **Participant** \$25.00 (*includes t-shirt*) \$ _____

5K Run/Walk **T-shirt Only** \$25.00 (*not participating*) \$ _____

Charter Schools Donation **Only** \$ _____

Note: This is an optional additional donation to the schools.

Charter Schools Community Service Project Yes, I plan to participate (*Lunch and transportation included*)

Note: If you would like to purchase a t-shirt to support the Charter Schools Community Service Project, please indicate above by checking the 5K Run/Walk T-shirt Only line and circling your t-shirt size.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

(Please make checks payable to DRI. US funds only.)

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____

Check One: American Express MasterCard Visa

_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|
CARD NUMBER

_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|_____|
EXPIRATION DATE

Authorized Signature _____

Form and payment should be sent with Annual Meeting registration form or faxed to 312.795.0747.

(OVER FOR WAIVER FORM)



ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS

I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the DRI 5K “FUN-RAISER” RUN/WALK, with knowledge that it may involve numerous risks and dangers including, but not limited to: acts of God; civil unrest; terrorism; use of roads, trails, hotels, vehicles, boats or other means of conveyance that are not operated nor maintained to customary and usual standards; high altitude; accident or illness without access to means of rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies; the inadequacy of medical attention once provided; physical exertion for which I am not prepared; consumption of alcoholic beverages; or negligence (but not willful, fraudulent, or malicious conduct) on the part of DRI — THE VOICE OF THE DEFENSE BAR. I fully understand, acknowledge and recognize that such risks and activity may be beyond the accepted safety and health standards of my life at home or work, yet they will contribute to my enjoyment and excitement and are a reason for my voluntary participation.

I AGREE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN WELFARE, AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF DELAY, UNANTICIPATED EVENTS, ILLNESS, INJURY, EMOTIONAL TRAUMA OR DEATH.

RELEASE

In executing this Release of Liability and Assumption of All Risks and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the DRI — THE VOICE OF THE DEFENSE BAR, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE SPONSOR AND

ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, MEMBERS, STAFF, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS AND ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS ASSISTING IN PROMOTING, CONDUCTING OR OTHERWISE AFFILIATED WITH THE DRI 5K “FUN-RAISER” RUN/WALK, AND EACH OF THEM FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE DRI 5K “FUN-RAISER” RUN/WALK. I further agree this release shall be legally binding upon myself, all minors under the age of 21 participating with me, my heirs successors, assigns, and legal representatives; it being my intention to fully assume all the risk of participation in the DRI 5K “FUN-RAISER” RUN/WALK and to release DRI — THE VOICE OF THE DEFENSE BAR from any and all liabilities to the maximum extent permitted by law.

I understand that my participation is contingent upon acceptance by DRI — THE VOICE OF THE DEFENSE BAR. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION

I have carefully read and fully understand the contents and legal ramifications of this Agreement. I understand this is a legally binding and enforceable contract. I sign it of my own free will. If I had any questions or issues about this document, I have asked those questions and I have been provided with complete information which was fully responsive and to my satisfaction.

Executed this _____ day of _____, _____.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____
(Parent or guardian must sign if applicant is under 21 years of age)

Print name _____



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