



FINS 2021 Florida Insurance Network Symposium

Thursday & Friday, August 12-13, 2021
Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk
200 N Ashley Drive / Tampa, Florida 33602



The Florida Defense Lawyers Association invites you to attend the 2021 Florida Insurance Network Symposium (FINS). The focus of FINS will be in areas involving coverage, bad faith, and property insurance featuring high-level presentations by leading insurance attorneys and experts. Topics and presentations are designed to benefit both attorneys and claims professionals, and both CLE and CE credit will be requested.

REGISTRATION:

\$249 – FDLA Members
\$125 – Claims Professionals
\$299 – Non-Members
(Includes 2021 FDLA Membership for those who qualify)

HOTEL LINK:

Reserve your hotel room at <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1623684021093&key=GRP>.

Room block closes August 1st.

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

4:00pm **Registration Open**
 5:00pm **Welcome Reception**
 6:30pm **Dine Arounds**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021

7:00am **Breakfast**
 7:55am **Introductions**

8:00am **Multiple Claimant Cases Following the Recent Aldana 11th Cir Case**
David Krouk, Partner - Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP
S. Cristina Perez, Partner - Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP

This session will analyze legal and practical issues in defending bad faith cases involving multiple claimants and insufficient policy limits. The presentation will analyze the pertinent case law, review particular claims handling issues and discuss strategies for defending allegations of bad faith.

9:00am **Florida Insurance Litigation from the Litigation Executive's Perspective**
John Henley, Vice President of Claims - UPC Insurance
Lincoln LeVarge, Asst. Vice President of Legal - Tower Hill Insurance
Wesley Todd, CEO - CaseGlide

A unique opportunity to hear two in-house counsel offer their perspectives on their day-to-day. Topics will include process management, data-driven decisions, quantifying attorney performance, and updates on recent legislative reform.

10:00am **Break**

10:15am **Litigating Civil Remedy Notices**
Kansas Gooden, Shareholder/Practice Group Leader - Boyd Jenerette
Ezequiel Lugo, Shareholder - Banker Lopez

This presentation will focus on the recent cases concerning civil remedy notices and how those cases should affect litigation challenging the validity thereof.

11:15am **Temporary, Storm-Created Openings – The New Achilles Heel of Storm-Affected Buildings?**

Cliff Bishop, Managing Engineer - Exponent
Maggie Potter, Director - Galloway

One of the main issues brought up by opposing experts in hurricane disputes is what constitutes a “storm-created opening.” This presentation will discuss methods used to determine damage from wind-driven rain versus top down water intrusion, along with a look at legal issues facing hurricane damage claims.

12:15pm **Lunch**

1:15pm **COVID Coverage Issues**

Thomas Keller, Partner - Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP
Gabrielle Mercadante - Robinson Cole

This panel will analyze the impact of COVID-19 on current litigation trends, specifically with regard to time-element coverages such as claims for business interruption.

2:15pm **SB76: The Industry Strikes Back**

Daniel Ewin, Vice President Litigation - American Traditions Insurance Company
Heather Flemming, Partner - Traub Lieberman
C. Ryan Jones, Partner - Traub Lieberman
Michael K. Kiernan, Partner - Traub Lieberman

This presentation focuses on the new first party property legislation (SB 76). The panel will address the key changes in the various statutes, as well as implications of those changes from the perspective of trial lawyers, appellate lawyers, and in-house counsel. Discussion topics will also include anticipated legal issues with the new law, strategies for how to effectively use the new law, and rumors about the law's effect.

3:15pm **Break**

3:30pm **Allocation of Indemnity for Covered and Uncovered Claims in Settlement or at Trial**

Dale Dobuler, Shareholder - Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney
Kayla Scarpone, Counsel - Carr Allison

A focused discussion of the legal framework in Florida when a carrier is faced with the prospect of potentially having to indemnify an insured for a claim involving both covered damages and damages that clearly fall outside of coverage.