

mc conference agenda

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18 - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 - THE HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT

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Wednesday, September 18

Welcome Reception

The Hilton San Diego Bayfront

5:30pm - 7:00pm - Indigo Foyer

Welcome Reception

Hosted By:

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Thursday, September 19

Continental Breakfast & Registration

7:30am - 8:40am - Exhibitor Area - Indigo Foyer

Opening Remarks

8:40am - 8:45am - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

Dan Ducommun, President and CEO, MC Consultants, Inc.

Agenda Briefing

8:45am - 8:50am - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

J.D. Turner, Esq., Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP

8:50am - 10:15am - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

GENERAL SESSION #1

West Region Judges Live!

West Region Judicial Review of Construction Defect Issues and Case Rulings

Panel Moderator:

Les W. Robertson, Esq., Robertson & Associates, APC

Panelists:

Hon. Rex Heeseman, Los Angeles Superior Court, CA

Hon. Susan H. Johnson, Eighth Judicial District Court, NV

Hon. John W. Madden, IV, Second Judicial District Court, Denver, CO

Hon. Judith H. Matarazzo, Multnomah County Circuit Court, OR

Hon. Jeff Shadwick, 55th Civil District Court, Houston, TX

Hon. Ronald L. Styn, San Diego County Superior Court, CA

Hon. Peter B. Swann, Arizona Court of Appeals, Phoenix, AZ

- Judges' Points of View and Perspectives
- Judges Share Recent Regional CD Case Rulings
 - Arizona Rulings
 - California Rulings
 - Colorado Rulings
 - Nevada Rulings
 - Oregon/Washington Rulings
 - Texas Rulings

Mid-Morning Break

10:15am - 10:30am - Exhibitor Area - Indigo Foyer

10:30am - 11:45am - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

GENERAL SESSION #2

Building Product Failures - Leading to Class Action Lawsuits? Round II (Current Status)

Panel Moderator:

Brenda K. Radmacher, Esq., Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP

Panelists:

John J. Belanger, Esq., Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara LLP

Kurt U. Campbell, Esq., Klinedinst PC

Kenneth S. Kasdan, Esq., Kasdan Simonds Weber & Vaughan LLP

Ben Kollmeyer, Forensic Analytical Consulting Services, Inc.

William A. Nebeker, Esq., Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck, LLP

R. Scott Rasmussen, Esq., Hansen Rasmussen, LLC

- Flashback to 2012 and what is the Current Status
- Insurance Issues
- Implicated Parties:
 - Plumbing, HVAC, Chinese Waste Pipe, and Coil Manufacturers
 - Suppliers
 - Installers

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Express Lunch Break

11:45am - 12:30pm - Exhibitor Area - Indigo Foyer & Terrace

LUNCH/BREAK

Exhibitor & Food / Beverage Area

Indigo Foyer & Terrace

Thursday, September 19th

11:45am - 12:30pm

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12:30pm - 2:00pm - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

GENERAL SESSION #3

What's NOT Working in the Western Region CD Arena?

Panel Moderator:

J.D. Turner, Esq., Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP

Panelists:

Thomas M. Johnson, Esq., Vial Fotheringham LLP

Thomas E. Miller, Esq., The Miller Law Firm

Karen B. Rice, XL Insurance

Robert E. Schumacher, Esq., Gordon & Rees LLP

Edward E. Sipes, Esq., Christensen Ehret LLP

Susan Thorne, Swinerton Incorporated

John E. Zehnder, Esq., Scheer & Zehnder LLP

- Right to Repair Statutes
- Mediation Process
- Flat Fee and Alternative Payment Arrangements



Afternoon Break

2:00pm - 2:15pm - Indigo Foyer

2:15pm - 3:30pm - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

GENERAL SESSION #4

West Region Right-To-Repair, Pros & Cons

Panel Moderator:

Stacey F. Blank, Esq., Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP

Panelists:

Amy M. Darby, Esq., Gordon & Rees LLP

Trisha Davis, Empirical Loss Management LLC

Michael A. Hearn, Esq., McKenzie Rhody & Hearn, LLC

Eileen M. Marks, Esq., The Marks Law Group, LLP

Rachel C. Nies, Esq., Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP

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Kory L. Phillips, Esq., Clapp Moroney Bellagamba Vucinich
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Mid-Afternoon Break

3:30pm - 3:45pm - Indigo Foyer

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3:45pm - 5:00pm - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

GENERAL SESSION #5

Clash of the Construction Defect Titans - Mock Trial

Panel Moderator:

Keith G. Bremer, Esq., Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara LLP

Panelists:

Bruce Mayfield, Esq., Fenton, Grant, Mayfield, Kaneda & Litt

Hon. Michael B. Orfield (Ret.), Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Center

Diane O. Palumbo, Esq., Palumbo Bergstrom LLP

Richard L. Righi, Esq., Righi Law Group

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Bruno Wolfenzon, Esq., Wolfenzon Rolle

- Opening Statements
- Closing Statements

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9:00am - 10:30am - Ballroom - Indigo 204

Concurrent Regional Breakout Session Arizona/Nevada Breakout Session 6B Coverage and Current Trends

Panel Moderator:

Cindie D. Hernandez, Esq., Lee, Hernandez, Landrum, Garofalo & Blake

Panelists:

Karen M. Baytosh, Esq., Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara LLP

Mark A. Holmgren, Esq., Carpenter, Hazlewood, Delgado & Bolen, PLC

Pamela A. McKay, Esq., McKay Law Firm, Chtd.

Michael G. Wales, Esq., Resnick & Louis, P.C.

Kenneth W. Welsh, Jr., Esq., Welsh Law Group, PLC

9:00am - 10:30am - Ballroom - Aqua 310

Concurrent Regional Breakout Session Pacific Northwest Breakout Session 6C Coverage and Current Trends

Panel Moderator:

Dirk Holt, Esq., Scheer & Zehnder LLP

Panelists:

Klarice A. Benn, Esq., Abbott Law Group, P.C.

Allen E. Eraut, Esq., Rizzo Mattingly Bosworth PC

Betsy A. Gillaspay, Esq., Salmi & Gillaspay PLLC

Marlyn K. Hawkins, Esq., Barker Martin, P.S.

9:00am - 10:30am - Ballroom - Aqua 300

Concurrent Regional Breakout Session Rocky Mountain Breakout Session 6D Coverage and Current Trends

Panel Moderator:

Alexander S. Polsky, Esq., JAMS

Panelists:

Michael L. Ford, Esq., Strong & Hanni

Michael A. Hearn, Esq., McKenzie Rhody & Hearn, LLC

Edward W. McBride, Jr., Esq., Vial Fotheringham LLP

Sheri H. Roswell, Esq., Higgins, Hopkins, McLain & Roswell, LLC

Ivan A. Sarkissian, Esq., McConaughy & Sarkissian, P.C.

Friday, September 20

Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 9:00am - Exhibitor Area - Indigo Foyer

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9:00am - 10:30am - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

Concurrent Regional Breakout Session California Breakout Session 6A Coverage and Current Trends

Panel Moderator:

Phyllis Modlin, Markel

Panelists:

Kenneth G. Anderson, Esq., Haight Brown & Bonesteel LLP

David J. Frankenberger, Esq., Ericksen Arbuthnot

Miles C. Holden, Esq., Hanson Bridgett LLP

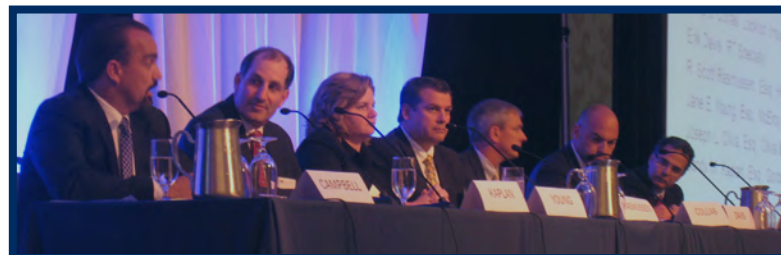
Eric J. Larson, Esq., Liedle, Lounsbury, Larson & Lidl, LLP

Peter K. Pritchard, Esq., Robert Smylie & Associates

Irene K. Yesowitch, Esq., Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP

Morning Break

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SESSION 7A

Additional Insurance Endorsements

Panel Moderator:

Caryn Siebert, Carl Warren & Company

Panelists:

David S. Blau, Esq., Blau & Associates, P.C.

Adrienne D. Cohen, Esq., Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen

Timothy C. Earl, Esq., Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez Engel

Michael E. Farnell, Esq., Parsons Farnell & Grein, LLP

Natasha A. Landrum, Esq., Lee, Hernandez, Landrum, Garofalo & Blake

- Can Coverage Be Resolved Prior to Mediation?

10:45am - 12:15pm - Ballroom - Aqua 310

Concurrent Breakout Session

SESSION 7B

Design Professionals and Their Carriers

Panel Moderator:

John D. Marino, Esq., Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP

Panelists:

Christopher M. Amen, Esq., Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

David Eichelberger, Travelers Insurance

Michele L. Gamble, Esq., Collins Collins Muir + Stewart LLP

Eric A. Kekel, Esq., Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue, LLP

10:45am - 12:15pm - Indigo Ballrooms B & C

Concurrent Breakout Session

SESSION 7C

SB800 – The 2013 Edition

Panel Moderator:

Joyia Z. Greenfield, Esq., Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP

Panelists:

Scott D. Calkins, Esq., Collinsworth, Specht & Calkins, LLP

Hon. Rex Heeseman, Los Angeles Superior Court, CA

Christian P. Lucia, Esq., Sellar Hazard & Lucia

Duane E. Shinnick, Esq., Shinnick & Ryan LLP

Jacqueline F. Stein, Esq., Fredrickson, Mazeika & Grant, LLP

Conference Adjourned

12:15pm

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