



2023 Florida Insurance Network Symposium

Thursday & Friday, August 10-11, 2023
Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel

4200 Jim Walter Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33607

The Florida Defense Lawyers Association invites you to attend the 2023 Florida Insurance Network Symposium (FINS), a conference focused on 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 has been approved.



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REGISTRATION:

\$249 – FDLA Members

\$125 – Claims Professionals

\$299 – Non-Members

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Room block closes July 24th

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

5:00pm **Welcome Reception - *Sponsored by Litify***
6:30pm **Dine Arounds**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

7:00am **Breakfast - *Sponsored by Forcon***

7:55am **Introductions**

8:00am **Utilizing and Leveraging the Option to Repair Process Under the Policy**

Tracey Latson, AVP of Claims - *Olympus Insurance*
Katelyn Ferry, Partner - *Bolin Law Group*

This session will discuss the Option to Repair provision of the policy, the timeframe within which the carrier may invoke this Option, and the risks and benefits to doing so. The session will also cover recent case law on the issue.

9:00am **Brave New World: How to Learn and Leverage SB-2A to Cut Through Cases Like Butter**

Ian Ronderos, Senior Partner - *Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson, LLP*
Tanaz Salehi, Founder/Managing Shareholder - *Salehi Boyer Lavigne Lombana, P.A.*

This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the ground-shaking legislative reforms to Florida's first party property insurance and how to leverage same changes into effective litigation strategies.

10:00am **Networking Break - *Sponsored by Feld Legal Mediation and Dispute Resolution***

10:15am **Florida Tort Reform and Insurance Coverage Litigation: New Limitations on One-Way Fee Shifting and the Rise of Proposals for Settlement**

Greg Gidus, Shareholder - *Carlton Fields*

A discussion on the changes to Florida's one-way fee shifting framework in insurance litigation, including the repeal of Florida Statue § 627.428, the creation of § 86.121, and how these changes will affect current and future insurance coverage litigation. Also covered, the anticipated uptick in proposals for settlement filed by policyholders, a primer on Florida's proposal for settlement law, and a refresher on how insurance carriers can use proposals for settlement to their benefit.

11:15am **First Party Coverage and Policy Interpretation Panel: Analysis of Recent Statutory Changes and Coverage Issues Affecting the Commercial and Residential Property World**

Nicole Fluet, Director - *Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith*

Tyrone James, Claims Manager - *Olympus Insurance*
Kenneth Hall, Director of Litigation - *Universal North America*

A panel discussion of the recent statutory changes, case law, and cover issues affecting residential and commercial property claims and litigation, including a look at how the statutory changes have affected claims handling and recent coverage disputes that shed light on litigation trends.

12:15pm **Lunch - *Sponsored by Tierra, Inc.***

1:15pm **First Party Bad Faith: A Look Behind the Curtain**

Ryan Jones, Partner - *Traub Lieberman*
John Henley, Chief Claims Officer - *Swyfft*

An attorney and claims professional will discuss first party bad faith lawsuits, including the claims that can be asserted, the damages potentially recoverable, and defenses available. The discussion will include lessons learned from a recently-tried case.

2:15pm **Are We Going Back to the Future? Handling Bad Faith Claims After Tort Reform**

Ronald Kammer, Partner - *Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP*

This program will address the recent changes in Florida's bad faith law including a discussion of when those changes may go into effect, how those changes may impact discovery and trial strategy and what the new jury instructions may (or should) look like under the new law.

3:15pm **Networking Break - *Sponsored by ESI***

3:30pm **The Storm Before the Calm: Tort Reform and its Aftermath**

William Large, President - *Florida Justice Reform Institute*
Frank Ramos, Partner - *Clarke Silvergate, PA*

A discussion of the new tort reform bill, the wave of new cases, and the change that follows.