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THURSDAY & FRIDAY | SEP 17-18, 2026

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The Florida Defense Lawyers Association invites you to attend the 2026 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 adjuster CE credit will be requested.

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THURSDAY, September 17, 2026

5:00 PM **Welcome Reception**
6:30 PM **Dine Arounds**

FRIDAY, September 18, 2026

7:00 AM **Breakfast**
7:55 AM **Introductions**

8:00 AM **Coverage Issues in Construction Defect Cases: AI Defense, Carrier Participation, and Assignments**

Derrick Harris, MBA, AIC | Major Case Unit Specialist, FCCI Insurance Group
Nicholas E. Richardson | Shareholder, Segal McCambridge Segal & Mahoney

A discussion on challenges facing carriers in construction defect lawsuits, including AI defense obligations and rights of the defending carriers, obtaining participation from co-insurers, and issues facing settlement of claims including contribution rights and assignments between builder and associations.

9:00 AM **Beyond the Report: Using Expert Insights to Drive Settlement in Mediation**

Sarah Burke | Attorney/Certified Mediator, Burke Resolutions
Thamir Kaddouri | Shareholder, Law Office of Thamir A. R. Kaddouri, Jr. P.A.
Paul McCullough, P.E. | Tampa Operations Manager and Civil Discipline Lead, S.E.A.

Expert reports are often treated as trial tools rather than opportunities for resolution. This panel explores how attorneys can strategically use expert analysis in mediation to strengthen their position, influence negotiation dynamics, and drive more effective settlement outcomes.

10:00 AM **Networking Break**

10:15 AM **Civil Remedy Notices in Third-Party Bodily Injury Claims**

Daniel Martinez | Partner, Segundo Law Group
Emily Silver | Partner, Segundo Law Group
Jennifer Worden | Partner, Segundo Law Group

This course analyzes an uptick in CRNs in third-party cases and the theories behind it. The course also reviews best practices with CRNs in first and third-party cases.

11:15 AM **Construction Defect Inspections: What's That Thing Called Again?**

Christian A. Paw | Partner, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.
Andrew Schrader, P.E., CGC, SI | Professional Engineer/Certified General Contractor/Florida Certified Special Inspector of Threshold Building, Recon Response Engineering LLC

Construction defect claims often involve a site inspection by expert witnesses, technicians, and counsel. This course provides an introduction to building types most often seen in Florida and provides a "road map" for what attorneys can learn when looking at a building. Roofs, walls, balconies, stucco and concrete—we'll examine it all.

12:15 PM **Lunch**

1:15 PM **Deposition Readiness for Corporate Witnesses: Strategies in Insurance Bad Faith and Coverage Litigation**

Colin Hite | President/Litigation & Insurance Counsel, Hite Insurance Consulting, LLC
Matthew Lavisky | Partner, Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig

In insurance bad faith and coverage litigation, the corporate representative's deposition often becomes the most critical moment in the case. This presentation provides a comprehensive framework for selecting, preparing, and supporting witnesses so they can withstand aggressive plaintiff counsel without harming the case.

2:15 PM **Utilizing the Loss Settlement Provision in Litigating First Party Property Breach of Contract Claims**

Carlos G. Pazos | Associate, Bush Ross
Nicolas G. Pazos | Shareholder, Bush Ross
Christina M. Wrenn | Associate, Bush Ross

A comprehensive guide to litigating Replacement Cost Value (RCV) versus Actual Cash Value (ACV) defenses in first-party property cases, utilizing the recent 1st DCA precedent in Homeowners Choice Prop. & Cas. Ins. Co. v. Clark. Attendees will learn how to identify ACV/RCV issues, incorporate these defenses into pleadings, summary judgments, and directed verdicts, and apply the multiple opinions, including the Clark opinion, to secure favorable outcomes. The session includes a detailed breakdown of the Loss Settlement provision found in most Florida policies and analysis of conflicting DCA rulings across Florida.

3:15 PM **Networking Break**

3:30 PM **Agent and Broker Liability: Claims, Defenses, and Emerging Risks**

David Krouk | Partner, Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig
James Shaw | Partner, Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig

This course will examine the law regarding liability of insurance agents and brokers for both contractual and extracontractual theories outside the terms of an insurance policy. The session surveys key claim types, including negligent procurement, negligent advice, and failure to offer advice, and when the law gives rise to a "special relationship" that creates additional exposure to an insurance intermediary. The program addresses litigation issues including direct claims against insurers through vicarious liability, reformation based on agent representations, and promissory estoppel, proximate causation, conditions precedent to actions against an agent or broker, comparative fault, evidentiary concerns, and recoverable damages.