

General Press Statement
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West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar for 2011 will be held on May 12 and 13, 2011 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim CA. This construction defect seminar is the eighteenth (18th) in a series of seminars and is the largest event of its kind worldwide focusing on construction defect claims and litigation.

The West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar series has established itself as the undeniable leader in this field. Coral Stern, President of West Coast Casualty Service and the seminar's host stated, "People don't necessarily come only to speak at our event and share their own ideas and experiences but they also come to learn, as well as exchange ideas with their friends, their foes and all members of this community in general. Our speakers are clearly recognized, on a national and international level, as leaders in this subject and our seminars represented the forefront of emerging trends and ideas for both the construction and construction defect community."

Stern said "The West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar series was created because we believe that through the contribution of information and educational exchange by all members of this community, we all benefit. We believe that through seminars like ours, working together as a community, we'll reduce the cost, effort and frustration in this ever-expanding specialized area of claims and litigation for all parties concerned."

The West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar series has been known to not only discuss issues that currently face the construction, insurance and legal communities but regularly discuss emerging issues on the horizon of these specialized claims and litigation. Given the expansiveness of construction defect claims and litigation across the United States, changes in case law, proposed state legislative changes, changing weather patterns and insurance availability, the subject of construction defects now regularly attracts an increased national and international audience.

For its 2011 event, approximately 2000 attendees will come from 35 U.S. states and several foreign countries to hear the seminar's speakers' views on emerging issues of construction defects.

Topics include a variety of subjects including prosecution, defense, coverage as well as new technologies and methods of dealing with construction defect related matters. Speakers include judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals as well as judges from the Superior and District Courts. Speakers also include plaintiff, developer, subcontractor, coverage and in-house corporate counsel, claims personnel, underwriters, mediators, developers, subcontractors, and experts. The audience is traditionally made up of judges, attorneys, claims adjusters, experts, contractors, underwriters, MGA's, wholesale and retail brokers. MCLE/CE/CPE/CLE continuing education credits are available from 40 states (including ethics).

Stern also said, “Besides having the top speakers on this subject matter, we also have the honor of distributing a new book on nationwide insurance coverage issues entitled *“General Liability Insurance Coverage”* jointly written by Randy Maniloff, Esq. and Jeffrey Stempel, Esq. (Oxford University Press, 2011). One copy will be given to each attendee of our event and we are extremely proud to be part of this distribution which benefits the entire community.”

The seminar will also be having its second Science and Technology Fair which will feature some new technologies for construction and construction defect matters which many may not have seen before. The goal of the Science and Technology Fair is to focus on current aspects of technology as well as what is on the horizon to address the issues of new construction and to repair current construction defect issues that will also include green issues.

With the help of Pacific Property Consultants, a 40X20 construction defect house will be built on site in the Exhibit Hall which will display the majority of defects commonly seen in these cases to give attendees a "hands on" feel for the problems they see in pictures or hear about in mediation but never really get the chance to actually see and learn about first hand.

Updated information regarding West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar for 2011 can be found on the Internet at www.westcoastcasualty.com