

# Committee Reports

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## 2017 Litigation Skills & Management Conference: It's a Wrap!

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*As the Chair for this year's Litigation Skills & Management Conference, I extend a warm and sincere "thank you" to all the speakers for their hard work and dedication to make this conference one of the best ever!*

Titled "Construction Defects, Maintenance, and Repairs," the conference kicked off with keynote presentations on two of the largest subrogation cases in American history: the World Trade Center loss and the I-35W bridge collapse. Speaking to an attentive audience, Steven Badger and Chris Messerly provided their insight on lessons learned in these large loss cases that can be applied to all subrogation claims, including

how subrogation counsel and plaintiff attorneys representing injured parties can work together to achieve an amicable resolution.

The conference sessions provided master level programs, across all lines, on subrogation opportunities arising from faulty construction work, improper maintenance, and poor repairs, along with legal issues confronted in the construction arena. Conference attendees learned tips on overcoming the independent contractor claim, subrogation waiver clauses, and CGL exclusions, while also becoming educated on certificates of merit, Right to Repair Acts, and many other legal or statutory obstacles facing subrogation professionals. Attendees learned to identify issues at multi-employer worksites, with scaffolding failures, in the investigation of complex loss scenes, and when confronted with an ethical dilemma on a construction defect claim. Subrogation professionals

were also presented with substantive information across all trades—roofing, electric, wood framing, plumbing, insulation, steel, concrete, roadway construction, vehicle maintenance, chimneys and fireplaces—to educate subrogators on typical failures seen in these type subrogation matters. The quality and quantity of information shared by our speakers is a testament to their highly regarded status in our industry, and I cannot fully express my gratitude for their willingness to share their knowledge with our audience!

I urge you to place next year's Litigation Skills & Management Conference on your calendar now, so you will not miss out on this great educational opportunity.

**The 2018 Conference will be held in New Orleans at the historic Roosevelt Hotel from March 22 – March 23rd. Jazz up your subrogation knowledge! I'll see you there!**

# CONFERENCE PHOTOS

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