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DEFENSE LAWYERS

An Organization of Civil Defense Attorneys

Please join us for LVDL's
ANNUAL MEETING
2025

Friday, May 2, 2025
11:30 am – 4:30 pm

Red Rock Casino



Earn up to 4.0 hours of General CLE!

SCHEDULE *(Subject to Change)*

11:30am – 12:30pm

Lunch: Strategies for Addressing Social Inflation in Settlements and Verdicts.

Presented by DRI's Social Inflation Task Force

The term "Social Inflation" describes a trend of dramatic increases in costs and verdicts associated with civil litigation that outpaces general economic inflation without significant change in legal or factual bases to support it. Social Inflation's causes are complex. Its damaging consequences are palpable for businesses, consumers, and the rule of law. This session discusses findings by DRI's Social Inflation Task Force and ways defense counsel can address it.

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Discovery Commissioners Adam Ganz and Erin Truman: Hot Topics in Discovery

The title says it all! Find out what is trending with Discovery Commissioners Adam Ganz and Erin Truman and how that affects your practice.

1:30pm – 1:45pm

Break - Sponsored by Lexitas



1:45pm – 2:45pm

We're not in Oz Anymore: What You Need to Know About Federal Civil Trials.

The majority of tort defense trials occur in state courts. But what happens to the few that are tried in federal courts? District Judges Andrew Gordon and Cristina Silva will present about the differences between state and federal civil trials and also offer best practices for your next federal trial.

2:45pm – 3:45pm

Orders from the Supreme, Appellate and District Court Perspective.

Concise, well drafted orders are key to preparing for trial and preserving issues for appeals. Orders that do not meet that standard only cloud the issues, cause delays and problems during trial, and may prevent effective appellate review. Judge Nadia Krall from the Eighth Judicial District, Judge Deborah Westbrook from the Court of Appeals, and Justice Patricia Lee from the Supreme Court will discuss the good, the bad, the ugly, and what you can do to draft effective orders.

3:45pm – 5:00pm

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