

DIVISION 1: LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
ABA FORUM ON CONSTRUCTION LAW

Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 11, 2021 Meeting

3:00 PM EST

Join Via Zoom

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1. Steering Committee Roster – in attendance

Tom Dunn (Chair)	Katie Kohm
Cassidy Rosenthal (Past Chair)	Rob Ruesch
Catherine Delorey	Jason Rodgers-da Cruz
Scott Griffith	Tom Nocar
	Mike Lane
Jess Sabbath	Doug Green
Elizabeth Connelly	Brenda Kosma Radmacher
Katherine Stnons	David Ponte
Nicky Akande	George Fink
Brett Hensen	Patricia Thompson

1. Virtual Construction Law Conference (Feb 24-26, 2021). Cassidy reported that the registration should open during the week of January 18th. There will be two CLEs each day. Fundamentals of Construction Law each morning mid-day (ET). One CLE each afternoon around 4:30PM (False Claims, Racism in Construction Industry, and Economic Outlook). Divisions will be given 1 hour for a Division event of their choosing, but that event should not conflict with Forum programing.

- (a) Joint Program – D7 (Insurance) and D9 (Subcontractors). Mike Lane reported on the status of the joint program. Now that there is more clarity on timing, Mike will talk with his counterparts to arrange something. We had a discussion about various social events such as trivia, cooking, and wine tasting. Fink volunteered to look into wine tasting.
- (b) Toolbox Talk Series – our regular time conflicts with the Forum programs so we will assess whether to not do a February program or reschedule the timing to fit.
- (c) D10 Co-Program – Hot Tubbing Experts. Ben Patrick (D10 Chair) inquired whether D1 wants to team up with the same program we had planned for Seattle. Because Cassidy was the speaker for that program, we are going to decline on this opportunity and hopefully do it in-person in the Fall in Seattle.

2. D1 Toolbox Talk Series – Jade Davis, Scott Griffith, David Ponte, Jennifer Millender, Daya Naef, Patricia Thompson

- (i) January 28, 2021 | 12PM ET – Pre-Suit ADR in House. Collaboration with D11. Tom reported about the status of the program and encouraged people to sign-up and attend. We will be keeping track of RSVPs for the program and working with Daya/Brian on the program.



3. D1 Neutral Feature Series.

- (a) Dunn stated this program has two components: (1) D1 Neutral Directory and (2) Features on The Dispute Resolver. Dunn sent out a survey to gather the contact information of the neutrals. He reported that he had received 30+ names. We will work to publish this directory on ABA Connect and The Dispute Resolver by the end of the month.

- (b) [**CLICK HERE TO BE ADDED TO D1 NEUTRALS DIRECTORY**](#). We will update it quarterly.

4. Under Construction Column

- (a) Dunn reported that Chase Calloway wrote a very interesting article for TDR and UC that will be published in the Spring 2021 Under Construction Column – *Dispute Resolver*.

5. Concepts Book / D1 Virtual Programs Team – Joe Imperiale, Chase Callaway, Chris Stanek. Dunn reported that Imperiale / Callaway are moving forward on case assessments and ROI for March 2021. Dunn solicited volunteers for D1 attorneys to assist in this webinar program.

6. The Dispute Resolver Blog.

- (a) Delorey provided an update that there has been regular content on TDR. She encouraged D1 members to submit articles and submissions.

7. CLE Working Group

- (a) Fink reported that he is following up with CLE leads developed last year for spring and summer CLE programming

8. Litigation Skills Virtual Programs with CLC. Dunn will stay in touch with CLC Co-Chair regarding this program. It is tied up with the Section of Litigation at this point.

9. Reports from Division 1 Liaisons to Forum's Standing Committees

- (a) Young Lawyers – Chris Wise did not have an update
- (b) In-House Counsel – Edward Green did not have an update
- (c) Membership – Roy Wagner did not have an update (no membership meeting)
- (d) Technology – Brett Henson discussed the remote conferencing committee and the status of the same. He will provide us with a copy as it is developed. Dunn encouraged this team to stay current with the zoom updates / developments and inform D1 other Forum leadership.
- (e) SPEC (Special Programs and Education) – George Fink reported about upcoming programs including the February 2021 conference, Fall meeting, and September regionals. Rob reported on upcoming CLEs as well.
- (f) Diversity – Jessica Sabbath did not have an update (no meeting)
- (g) Publications – Mike Lane did not have an update other than books are progressing forward including the construction trial deskbook. Search for associate editors for UC and TCL will start soon. Law student writing competition deadline is in July 2021.
- (h) Marketing – MJ Torres-Martin discussed promotion for the upcoming February virtual conference, “I am the Forum” video series, and other initiatives.

10. Next Steering Committee Meeting:

Monday, February 8, 2021 3PM ET

