



Letter from the President

Dear Northern Nevada Association Members,



Spring is here, although at times, it appears winter is still hanging on to keep us on our toes. Typically, this is the time of year for spring cleaning, a time of renewal and growth. As such, our organization is no different as we endeavor to provide value to our membership. The only way we can stay fresh and current is to accept that change happens and the best way to be prepared is to learn. We will be holding elections at our May Lunch & Learn for new officers.

Thanks again to our March speaker, Sean Heenan for his talk on OSHA and our April presenter, Brian Foote of [BELFOR Property Restoration](#) for his talk on document restoration. It always makes me nervous when the speaker provides examples and cautions you not to open the zip lock package. Well, we made it through without an incident and all seemed to enjoy the presentation. Our May 14 lunch presentation will be by Joe Van Walraven from the law office of Van Walraven and Harris. He will be speaking about liability in regard to product defect allegations and investigation. Plan on attending!

We will be bowling again this year, so start thinking of your teams. The board will be establishing the date and theme; we need to sell out the event. The funds raised are split between a charitable organization and the Association. We are also considering a lunch or evening mixer for the membership and will let you know as more develops. Lots of things to do, so little time. Thanks again to our March Lunch Sponsor, [JM Environmental](#) and our April Lunch sponsor, [Residence Inn by Marriott](#). The sponsors allow us to keep our program reasonable.

On a sad note, Marshall Newman, our VP and member of the Board of Directors for the Nevada State Claims, succumbed to injuries as a result of a fall. David White of American Family Insurance passed away after a brief illness. We send our

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Upcoming Events

[May 14 Lunch & Learn](#)

[June 11 Lunch & Learn](#)

[June 1-3 ACE in Las Vegas](#)

Other Links of Interest

[Nevada Department of Insurance](#)

[NWS Storm Predictor](#)

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condolences to the families.

See you at our next lunch meeting!

Paul R Camacho, ARM, RPA
Mission Adjusters
President, Northern Nevada Claims Association

Lunch & Learn

Time: The second Thursday of each month. 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Location: South Valleys Library
15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno ([map](#))

Cost: Members: \$20, Non-members: \$25

May 14, 2009

Topic: Product Defect Allegations Liability & Investigation

Speaker: Joe Van Walraven from Van Walraven and Harris

June 11, 2009

Topic: Employee Dishonesty and Fraud Investigation

Speaker: Jim McCurley of RGL Forensic Accountants

[RSVP Online](#) or call (775) 333-5967 to reserve your spot.

Sponsorship (\$150). Allows your company to put promotional items at each seat and make a 3-minute presentation at the beginning of the meeting. [More details.](#)

ACE Convention in Las Vegas

The Nevada State Claims Association will have a table at the 13th Annual American Claims Event (ACE) June 1-3, 2009 at Caesar's Palace Hotel Casino in Las Vegas. If you are attending, please stop by and visit our table.

At ACE, experts in our industry show how to successfully tackle current challenges, explore innovative techniques, and share best practices. ACE is extending a deep discount to Nevada State Claims Association members who [register](#) by April 30. (Promotion Code: WA6617NVA3. Valid for new registrations only.)

Chinese Drywall Litigation

Claims for construction defects, breach of contract and

personal injuries arising from the use of Chinese drywall in recently built homes has led to new litigation in Florida and may soon spread throughout the Country: . [Read more...](#)

More Classic Quotes from Actual Auto Claims

"To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front I struck a pedestrian."

"My car was legally parked as it backed into another vehicle."

"I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat found that I had a fractured skull."

"I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him."

"The pedestrian had no idea which way to run as I ran over him."

"I saw the slow-moving, sad-faced old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car."

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Nevada Claims Association Mission Statement

The object of the Association shall be to guide the activities of insurance adjusters in Nevada in such a way as to maintain the dignity of the profession; to establish standards of conduct and technical abilities; to encourage cooperation and foster cordial relations among them; to improve adjusting methods; to encourage educational efforts in all subjects relating to adjusting and to promote the general welfare of the insurance business.

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