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# Howard Merten to Present at FDCC Corporate Counsel Regional Meeting

## Description

Partridge Snow & Hahn's Managing Partner, [Howard Merten](#), will present at FDCC's Corporate Counsel Regional Meeting on **June 14th** in Chicago, IL. This program presents a great opportunity for corporate and industry professionals to understand more about issues impacting our industry, meet FDCC members, and obtain CLE and CE credit. We invite you to join Howard in Chicago and partake in this high quality programming and opportunity for FDCC fellowship. To learn more about this event and to register, please click [here](#).

## Agenda:

***“#Not You Too – What Employers Need to Know to Avoid Liability.”*** This presentation will address sexual harassment in the #Me Too era, including recent regulatory activity, best practices for employers, and proper parameters of investigations. Sexual orientation and gender identity issues will also be addressed, including case law and statutory requirements under Title VII and the Americans with Disabilities Act, with specific discussions addressing sexual orientation, discrimination, and protections for transgender individuals. The concluding portion of this section will address pay equity laws, both federal and state, lessons from recent federal and state decisions, data collection and salary history issues, including the OFCCP and EEOC, and mitigating risk and best practices. Presenters are Paul Finamore, Helen Holden, Jean Faure, and Caroline Berdzik.

***“What do you mean the Feds are in the Lobby”?*** The presentation will address federal and state government subpoenas seeking production of documents, federal and state subpoenas seeking to interview and/or depose witnesses, and best practices for responding to such subpoenas. The presenters will also address Consumer Product Safety Commission requests for information in documents, OSHA investigations, and FAA and DOT administrative audits regarding the shipment of potentially hazardous products in interstate commerce and particularly batteries. Presenters are William Vita, Howard Merten, and Mark Hickok of Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation.

***Discovery strategies for defeating class action certification and winning at trial.*** Presenters Neil Hartzell and Linda Woolf will discuss recent federal decisions of interest and strategies for defeating class action certification, and laying the ground work to prevail at trial.

***“In the Trenches: Experience and guidance to assist in the planning for and responding to emerging cyber security threats.”*** The cyber and data breach legal landscape and emerging trends will be addressed as will FTC enforcement priorities. The case law and regulations surrounding the internet of things, vulnerabilities and risk management role in identifying potential privacy concerns, and the EU's General Data Protection Regulation which has now come into effect in May, 2018 will also be discussed. Insurance coverage issues associated with cyber and privacy matters, including coverages of available under the traditional suite of insurance policies, such as general liability, professional liability, product liability policies, and limitations associated with such coverage, as well as under dedicated cyber policies; will be discussed. Steven Embry, Marissa Trasatti, and Brian Margolies are the presenters.

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