

February 2017

**FDCC Winter Meeting March 6-10, 2017.** Our Winter Meeting in Charleston is coming soon. If you still need hotel reservations, please call 800-831-3490 or email [reservations.cph@belmond.com](mailto:reservations.cph@belmond.com). Be sure to mention the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel to receive the group rate.



Don't miss our Section Meeting Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 am. The New Defend Trade Secrets Act will be examined in detail by a great panel.

Upcoming meetings.

Summer 2017—Switzerland, at Fairmont Montreux

Winter 2018—Amelia Island, FL

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During the week of July 23 – 29, 2017 at the Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Sonia Bjorkquist and Mary Lopato will be heading a panel on the lessons from International Dispute Resolution.

Please send to Jim Clancy at [jclancy@branscombpc.com](mailto:jclancy@branscombpc.com) notice of new noteworthy verdicts, settlements, decisions; awards, honors, or achievements; and articles for publication to the Construction Section.

Our next section conference call will be held on Thursday February 16 at 4 pm Eastern. The dial in is 361-698-7399, code 1801. The Agenda is

1. Winter Meeting
2. Blog Posts
3. FDCC Insights
4. Annual Meeting 2017 Program
5. Winter Meeting 2018 Program

**See you in Charleston!**

# MEET YOUR TEXAS SECTION MEMBERS



**Jim Clancy**

My firm has 32 lawyers

I mostly practice in state court in Texas

My favorite weekend activity is a long bike ride on my Cervelo road bike.

Raised by Brooklyn Dodger fans, I am sworn by blood to support the NY Mets.

My undergraduate degree was in Mathematics from West Point.

I've handled four refinery explosion cases.

In my last jury trial I represented an executor accused of breach of fiduciary duty.



**Charlie Frazier**

I am a naturalized Texan, having been born and raised in Kentucky. I came to Texas to attend Baylor University, and earned both an undergraduate and law degree there. In between those degrees, I studied in England and earned a Masters in International

Relations from the University of Kent, in Canterbury.

I remain keenly interested in all things British, as well in as international politics and world events.

My (as well as my firm's) practice is devoted exclusively to appellate law, state and federal, with nearly half of my work being in the trial court, assisting trial counsel with strategy, complex briefing, and error preservation. I have appeared in all 14 appellate courts in Texas, and have argued in the Texas Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

I am a fly fisherman, and enjoy baseball (lifelong Cincinnati Reds fan; followed second by the Texas Rangers). My wife and I just became grandparents for the first time, so our new pastime is spoiling our grandson. We enjoy traveling, especially to California.