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WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE

We are excited to head to Scottsdale, Arizona for the 2017 Midyear Meeting and to have the JW Marriott Camelback Inn as our host.

This property and town have such charm and history and the JW Marriott Camelback Inn has an equally unique story. It was the first resort hotel built in the Scottsdale area and beginning in 1948, Bill Marriott, Executive Chair and Chairman of the Board of Marriott International, began visiting on a regular basis with his parents. Bill fell in love with the property so much that he bought it in 1968 and continues to visit every year with his family. It is truly a place full of tradition and wonderful memories – we can't wait for you to make your own.

The planning team, staff, and CLE Committee have been working hard to put together a program that you will enjoy and from which you will benefit professionally.

Foundation Forum speaker Ari Shapiro, award-winning journalist and NPR host of *All Things Considered*, kicks off our meeting on Sunday, February 19 immediately after our Opening Session. The continuing education programs offered throughout the week will feature topics that are applicable to you and your practice. Programs will address the Pulse shooting and its aftermath; the direction the Supreme Court is headed in 2017; how to incorporate interactive deposition technology; the implications and consequences of Brexit; what you need to know about representing juveniles in immigration court; and our popular IADC Talks session, where speakers will discuss legal trends that will impact your practice. We are also hosting the Insurance Oasis event on Tuesday afternoon, which will offer a unique opportunity for IADC members, in-house counsel, and local insurance professionals to gather in an intimate conference environment to address hot issues and trending topics in the industry. For more details on this program, see page 9.

On the social side, get ready for some fun. Enjoy the mountainous setting of Scottsdale, *The Old West* Theme Party, and on our final evening together – the *White Nights* Dinner Dance. We've planned plenty of other receptions and arranged tours and activities that you are sure to enjoy.

This is going to be such a great meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing everything we have planned.

~John T. and Sharon Lay