San Francisco Chapter

Upcoming Meeting
March 12th, 2014
6 pm
Fior D’Italia
2237 Mason St,
San Francisco
(415) 986-1886
www.fior.com

“Exposing the Truth in Photographic Evidence”
by, Keith Rosenthal

Keith Rosenthal has been working as a professional photographer for more than 40 years. He is one of fewer than 100 people worldwide who has attained the highest technical accreditation as a Certified Evidence Photographer. Mr. Rosenthal has been appointed to the panel of Expert Witnesses for the Los Angeles Superior Courts as a Forensic Photographer. Mr. Rosenthal is currently the Director of Photography Training for Lynn Peavey Company, a major supplier of crime scene products. For 2 ½ years, Mr. Rosenthal was the official photographer and Artist in Residence for the construction of the San Francisco Giants’ Ballpark. Rosenthal was commissioned to document every stage of the construction -- from the ground breaking to the first pitch. Mr. Rosenthal will discuss:

- How to implement an online photographic documentation project for experts
- The current requirements for using photographs as courtroom documentation
- When you need to bring in a trained Forensic Photographer
- How to effectively use photography to support your case
- How to discover hidden evidence in existing photographs to support your case
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The President’s Corner

March 2014

The San Francisco Chapter of FEWA held our dinner meeting for the month of February at a brand new location for our chapter. Scott’s Seafood in San Jose was chosen as our South Bay location. This was in response to the challenges raised regarding the Palo Alto venue.

While your Chapter President was unable to attend this new location during our inaugural visit, the reports that I have heard are very favorable, with only a small miscue on the coffee and some audio-visual technical difficulties not attributable to the venue. The Board will be adding this new location into the dinner meeting rotation that alternates between our San Francisco location, the wonderful Fior D’Italia and the Oakland establishment of Scott’s Seafood. Please make a point to attend this new South Bay location and check it out. These 3 dinner meeting locations give us the broadest geographical coverage for our members. One of these locations just HAS to be close to you, and your Board of Directors wants to see you at the dinner meetings. The Board of Directors and the Program Chairperson, have been working hard to keep the speakers and topics for the dinner meetings informative and interesting for you. All you have to do is sign in to the website and confirm your attendance at the next meeting that is near to you.

Please note that the website now requires you to login using your username (email address) and your password, to get the member pricing for the dinner meetings. This was required due to the occasion of some non-members signing up at members only pricing. Once again, membership has its privileges! If you have not renewed your membership, I am sure you have gotten a reminder from the National FEWA office. Please renew today, and if you are not a member yet, now is the time to place yourself on the membership list.

Our next meeting will be held in San Francisco at Fior D’Italia 2337 Mason St. in San Francisco. The topic will be “Exposing the truth in Photographic Evidence”, and will be very informative for all of us.

Please RSVP today and I will see you there!

Mark C. Hunter – Plumbing Expert, SF Chapter President
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**Upcoming Meetings**

Our chapter meetings are held every month ...except August and December, when we are “dark”. They are scheduled for the second Wednesday in the calendar month. Please check the calendar at www.forensic.org.

**Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Fior D’Italia, San Francisco

**Program:** “Exposing the Truth in Photographic Evidence”

**Keith Rosenthal,**

**Certified Evidence Photographer**

- Understand the invisible evidence in digital photography. What you do not see can hurt you.
- How do you form a credible objection to existing photographic evidence.
- What image enhancements are acceptable in court to support your testimony.
- When do you bring in a forensic photography expert and who pays for the service.
- How do you know when a photograph is a forgery?

**Fior D’Italia, San Francisco**

Pre-registered FEWA Members: $50

Guests & Walk-in Members: $60

**Times:** Networking 6:00 p.m., Dinner & Program 6:30 p.m.

*Dinner is included with salad, entrée, and dessert. Please inform us if you prefer vegetarian options before the reservation deadline.*

**Reservation:** Please go to www.forensic.org and click on the event calendar to register on-line, or download the registration form and return by **mail, fax:** (562) 692-3425 or **email:** RSVP@forensic.org.

We have updated the FEWA policy to encourage prepayment as it streamlines the registration process. Prepaid members receive a reduced cost of $50. If you choose to pay at the door, please be aware the cost will be $60. Cancellations are refundable **prior** to the reservation deadline. Cash, Check, MasterCard, Visa, and American Express accepted.

**It’s time to Renew your FEWA Dues & Directory Listing!**

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Upcoming Meetings – cont’d

April 9, 2014 – Scott’s Seafood, Oakland
“Testimony Skills for Experts” – Attorney John Coker, Esq.

April 24 – 26 FEWA National Conference, Tempe Palms Resort, AZ.

June 11, 2014 – Scott’s Seafood, San Jose, CA
“Defense Attorney’s Critique of Expert’s Do’s & Don’ts”
- Attorney Tom Nolan, Esq.

July 8, 2014 – Basque Cultural Center, Burlingame
TUESDAY Annual Legal Nurses Joint Meeting
“Writing for Experts- Your Reports & Your Articles”
- Michelle Rubin, Editor, Writing Specialist

September 10, 2014 – Scott’s Seafood, Oakland

October 8, 2014 – Scott’s Seafood, San Jose

November 12, 2014 – Fiore D’Italia, San Francisco

Mark Your Calendar & Attend All Of These Events!
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**FEWA's 2014 National Conference**  
FEWA will hold the International Annual Conference April 24-26, 2013, in Tempe, Arizona at the Tempe Mission Palms in conjunction with the Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.  

Our conference this April is shaping up to be one of the best yet. Three days of networking with experts from all over the nation, tips on the profession, and fun. Plan to learn about marketing and management of your practice, attend a review of the litigation process from the complaint through trial phase, get current on the expert challenge process, and see how to excel in depositions and cross examinations. This looks to be the “go-to educational event” of the year for seasoned and entry level experts desiring to be up to date on recent policies and practices in the expert witness industry.  

**Topics Include:**  
- Law School in an Day  
- Mediation and Arbitration  
- Marketing, Public Relations: Growing your Forensic Expert Practice  
- Science and Law  
- Networking: Polish your style  
- Evidence  
- Report Writing  
- Depositions and Testimony
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February Meeting Review
By: Joseph Quilici, Civil & Structural Engineering Expert, SF Vice President

"Experts Under Fire" - Hon. Ronald M. Del Pozzo

Rosemary Coates – Chinese Manufacturing Expert
Lyle Coe – Construction Contracting Expert
Andrew Cromarty – High Tech & Patents Expert
Don Dunning – Real Estate Expert
Patricia Fisher – Document Examination Expert
James Jeffery III – Traffic & Civil Engineering Expert
Jerry Klein – High Tech and Patents Expert
Tom Liston – Mechanical Engineering Expert
Robert Miller – Property Management Expert
Glenn Peterson – Fire Protection Engineer
Rebecca Pickart – Real Estate Evaluation Expert
Joseph Quilici – Civil & Structural Engineering Expert
David Saldivar – Property Management Expert
Robert Tucknott – Electrical Contracting Expert
Dr. Rexford “Rex” Upp – Geotechnical Expert
John Wallace – Commercial Real Estate Expert

Judge Del Pozzo shares a story about an expert in his courtroom.
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"Experts Under Fire"
Video Analysis of Witnesses in the Zimmerman Trial

Hon. Ronald M. Del Pozzo – Judge
Santa Clara County Superior Court

The honorable Ronald Del Pozzo clarified for the group that when in his courthouse, most attorneys and trained experts address him as “Your Honor”, “Judge”, or “Judge Del Pozzo”; but if we run into him at the grocery store, we can say: “Hi Ron”.

Judge Del Pozzo opened the meeting with humorous remarks and stories from his court. He cited some rather bazaar criminal cases and defenses that had been tried. Judge Del Pozzo explained while the group watched news clips and 911 recordings from the State of Florida v. Geo. Zimmerman case, why the judge in that case disallowed an audio expert’s evidence. The group noticed a marked contrast in the delivery of testimony from the eye-witnesses, verses the expert witnesses. The judge explained the patterns he’s seen and heard from victim’s relatives, crime lab technicians, medical examiners & coroners in his courtroom. The group was impressed how one expert handled the question has to how much he had been paid, and was less enamored with a police procedures expert who sought-out and contacted the defense team in order to be in the case, and who used professional words and jargon that was left unexplained.

The meeting format was saved by SF FEWA member Jorge Mendoza- Computer Expert’s skills, and we thank him and Judge Del Pozzo for an informational evening.

Rex Upp, Geotechnical Expert & FEWA Director congratulates Judge Del Pozzo on an entertaining and informative meeting.
(b) A party desiring to depose an expert witness described in subdivision (a) shall pay the expert's reasonable and customary hourly or daily fee for any time spent at the deposition from the time noticed in the deposition subpoena, or from the time of the arrival of the expert witness should that time be later than the time noticed in the deposition subpoena, until the time the expert witness is dismissed from the deposition, regardless of whether the expert is actually deposed by any party attending the deposition.

(c) If any counsel representing the expert or a non-noticing party is late to the deposition, the expert's reasonable and customary hourly or daily fee for the time period determined from the time noticed in the deposition subpoena until the counsel's late arrival, shall be paid by that tardy counsel.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), the hourly or daily fee charged to the tardy counsel shall not exceed the fee charged to the party who retained the expert, except where the expert donated services to a charitable or other nonprofit organization.

(e) A daily fee shall only be charged for a full day of attendance at a deposition or where the expert was required by the deposing party to be available for a full day and the expert necessarily had to forgo all business that the expert would otherwise have conducted that day but for the request that the expert be available all day for the scheduled deposition.
FEWA Recommended Resource List

• The Expert Expert

• Guidelines For Forensic Engineering Practice
  J. B. Kardon, PhD, SE  ISBN 978-0-7844-1246-6

• The Expert Witness Marketing Book
  Hamilton  ISBN 10: 0972323732

• The Comprehensive Forensic Services Manual

• Litigation Expert Advice –The Recorder 2006 Special Report
  Chip Rice Esq. – Shartsis Friese

• Writing And Defending Your Expert Report
  Babitsky, Mangraviti  ISBN 1-892904-21-7

• How To Excel During Depositions
  Babitsky, Mangraviti  ISBN 1-1892904-004

• The Expert Witness Handbook
  Dan Poynter

• Trial Techniques
  Thomas Mauet  ISBN 13 978-0-7355-5559-4
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Past San Francisco FEWA Speakers and Training Topics
A Partial List


“SECURITY THREAT - What Experts Need to Know: Case Study From a Behavioral Science Perspective”
Michael H. Corcoran, Ph.D., Doctor of Behavioral Science

“Effective Collaboration Between Experts and Attorneys in High Tech Investigations and Lawsuits”
Stephen S Wu, Esq.- Cooke Kobrick & Wu

“How Jurors View Experts and their Testimony”
Carol Bauss, J.D., Senior Trial Consultant

“Veteran Panel Discussion & Testimony Skills”
Joint Meeting with American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants

“Video Analysis of Experts in Live Trial Settings”

“What Experts Must Know About 3-D Laser Imaging Technology”
Ron Aarts – CEO of Innovtec

“At Least 10 Things Experts Must Know When Searching On-Line With Google”
Dr. Daniel Russell, Ph.D. - Google

“New California Supreme Court Decision Affects Experts – Sarman Motions”
Peter Brewer, Esq.- Trial Attorney, Harold Justman, Esq.- Real Estate Attorney, Expert, Lecturer

“How Trials are Won and Juries Persuaded by Effective Graphics”
Christopher Ritter – Focal Point Trial Graphics

“How Experts Neutralize the Use of False Logic by Attorneys in Cross Examination”
Dr. James Woolever, Esq.- Dean, Provost, Menlo College Law Dept.

“Deposition and Trial Issues for the Expert Witness”
Roger Honey, Esq. – The Carlson Group, Pleasanton

“Key Issues for Experts of All Disciplines and Skill Levels”
FEWA – OpinExperts: Joint Veteran Panel

“E-Discovery – What Every Expert should know now”
Browning Marean III, Esq. – DLA Piper Electronic Discovery Readiness and Response Group

“Become an Effective Expert: -Use Modern Trial Techniques”
Michael Gatto, Esq. – The Veen Firm, San Francisco, CA
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About FEWA

Website: www.forensic.org

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  FEWA provides valuable benefits and services to our members.
  • An administrative office responsive to members and those seeking to hire forensic consultants
  • An annual directory provided to those seeking to retain forensic consultants, enabling selection from the membership
  • Education through seminars, workshops, & dinner meetings designed to provide practical assistance and knowledge
  • Training to better able members to serve the legal community
  • Networking to expand members' circle of contacts and, thereby, opportunities
  • Referrals

• **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:**
  Benefits of membership in the Forensic Expert Witness Association continue to expand as our association continues to grow.
  • Annual Expert Witness Directory
  • Member rate for monthly membership meeting
  • Training videos and educational conferences
  • Outstanding speakers on forensic subjects and materials
  • Networking with other consultants, attorneys, potential clients
  • Quarterly Newsletter -- with updates via email as needed
  • Forensic Library - with membership borrowing privileges
  • World Wide Web listing
  • World Wide Web referrals
  • Speakers' Bureau

Additional Resources:

www.forensic.org
http://www.expertcommunications.com/
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