

NEWSLETTER

October 24, 2017

TO THE WINE COUNTRY COMMUNITY:

Our family at Dickenson Peatman & Fogarty, and our friends, families and clients, have been impacted by the unforgiving October fires. Homes, businesses, and irreplaceable memories have all been lost.

Those hurt by the fires have questions, and this community is looking for reliable advice in deciding how to move forward. The issues of liability, recovery of losses and rebuilding are complex, and getting clear and understandable answers requires the expertise of professionals with years of experience and proven success in these types of situations.

We have had many calls from clients, friends, and family needing answers and direction, and we know they are not alone. We want to make sure that they, and those who have yet to call, get informed advice, and where necessary, the best representation possible from attorneys that have experience investigating and prosecuting claims related to wildfire losses. To that end, we have associated with four highly talented law firms with years of experience in this type of catastrophic loss. These four firms and their respective websites are:

- Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP cpmlegal.com
- Panish Shea & Boyle psblaw.com
- Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora, LLP dbbwc.com
- Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger walkuplawoffices.com

These firms have handled numerous cases arising from similar catastrophic accidents involving PG&E, such as the San Bruno pipeline fire and the Butte fire, and as a result they already know a great deal about PG&E and its policies and procedures. We believe their experience and knowledge is an asset that should be passed on. In addition, they have agreed to work together to pool their significant resources, experience, and legal manpower to represent individuals in the Napa and Sonoma communities and seek recovery for the losses suffered as a result of the fires.

We are pleased to sponsor a free seminar organized by these firms to provide information to Napa and Sonoma fire loss victims regarding all aspects of the insurance claims process and victims' legal rights and remedies. This will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Silverado Country Club (see enclosed flyer).

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DP&F has been assisting Wine Country residents and businesses with their legal needs since 1965, the year after the devastating 1964 fire. We are here to help you navigate your losses from the 2017 firestorm.

We hope to see you at the seminar and we look forward to helping you begin the financial recovery process.

If you have any questions in the meantime please give us a call. You will not be charged.

Very truly yours,

DICKENSON, PEATMAN & FOGARTY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles H. Dickenson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles H. Dickenson

Informational Community Town Hall Meeting for Victims of the Wine Country Wildfires

Residents, business owners and community members affected by the ongoing Santa Rosa, Napa, Sonoma and Calistoga wildfires are encouraged to attend an Informational Town Hall meeting this coming Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at the Silverado Country Club in Napa. Sponsored by Dickenson, Peatman & Fogarty, the meeting is intended to serve as a resource for wildfire victims seeking guidance on any questions they may have as well as serve as an opportunity to discuss upcoming challenges facing our communities.

Topics for discussion will include insurance issues – how and when to make a claim, what to do about your mortgage if your home was destroyed as a result of fire, concerns of erosion and landslides when the rains return to our region, and possible recovery of uninsured losses.

- **When:** 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2017
- **Where:** Silverado Country Club, main ballroom
- **Parking:** On site

To date, the Wine Country Fires have burned more than 250,000 acres, claimed the lives of 42 people and destroyed more than 5,700 homes, businesses and structures in our communities.