

Kelley Kronenberg Sponsored the 23rd Annual Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee's Conference

Kelley Kronenberg proudly served as a sponsor of this year's Florida Insurance Fraud Educational Committee's (FIFEC) Conference. Principal Partner/Chief Operating Officer, Howard Wander and Partners of the firm's Property and Casualty practice group attended the event. Partner Christy Brigman and Partner Jose Pagan presented at the conference on "Interacting with the Insured's Representative" with Detective Tim Smith of the Miami-Dade Police Department and Detective and Attorney Charlie Toledo of the Florida Fire Marshall's office. The panel fielded questions regarding the multi-agency investigation of "**Operation Flames and Flood**" which netted over 30 arrests. Both Detective Smith and Toledo played critical roles in the arrests of many accused of insurance fraud. Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Florida's Fire Marshall called the arrests "significant." Atwater said they were able to get away with the fake claims because the ring leader purposely found people who used different insurance companies. They also were able to fool fire inspectors by not using fuel or other agents to start the fires. "It's important for all members of the industry to work together to fight the pervasive fraud that is present in property claims and to understand that it's often the result of a large ring and not just one individual case of insurance fraud." Said Kelley Kronenberg Partners, Jose Pagan and Christy Brigman – Over the past 23 years, FIFEC's annual training conference has evolved into one of the most comprehensive, respected and meaningful conferences in the Country. FIFEC began as a way to develop a working relationship with the Division of Insurance Fraud, law enforcement and the insurance Special Investigative Unit (SIU) community. Recognizing that it takes "Team Work" to be successful in the fight against insurance fraud, the FIFEC Committee works hard to provide a forum for both education and networking. The conference provides a unique opportunity to learn new and improved ideas on how to combat insurance fraud from a talented cross section of subject matter experts. The event took place June 10th through the 12th at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, FL.



Partner Jorge Cruz-Bustillo, Partner Christy Brigman and Principal Partner/COO Howard Wander



Kelley Kronenberg's Property & Casualty Partners Christy Brigman, Jose Pagan, Detective and Attorney Charlie Toledo of the Florida Fire Marshall's office and Detective Tim Smith of the Miami Dade Police Department