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PROGRAM

8:00 AM - WELCOMING REMARKS - PAUL FINAMORE, PESSIN KATZ LAW FIRM (MD/DC)

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

JOHN SAFARLI, MACDONALD DEVIN (DALLAS TX) MELVIN DAVIS, REMINGER CO. (OH)

8:15 AM - THE CRITICAL ROLE OF PROPER CLAIMS HANDLING - A MOCK DEPOSITION

MODERATOR

PAUL FINAMORE, PESSIN KATZ LAW FIRM (MD/DC)

ATTORNEYS

MELVIN DAVIS, REMINGER CO. (OH)
DAVID HUDGINS, HUDGINS LAW FIRM (VA/DC)
MITCH ORPETT, TRIBLER ORPETT & MEYER (IL)

MOCK DEPOSITION PARTICIPANTS

JASON VAN RITE
TAYLOR CARVER
JOHN KELLY
HANNAH DENGEL

9:15AM - PROACTIVE EVALUATION OF PRE-LITIGATION CLAIMS MODERATOR

CATASTROPHIC BODILY INJURY CLAIMS

MICHAEL ACAIN, MCKAY, DELORIMIER & ACAIN (LOS ANGELES, CA)

PANELISTS

JASON CAMPBELL, GILL RAGON OWEN (AR) – SEXUAL MOLESTATION CLAIMS
JEREMY HAWK, TAYLOR WELLONS POLITZ DUHE (MS) – UIM CLAIMS
KRISTINA MAIBUECHER, TRIBLER ORPETT & MEYER (IL) –

10:15 AM - BREAK

10:30 AM - THE CRITICAL ROLE OF JURY CONSULTANTS AND FOCUS GROUPS MODERATOR

JENNIFER CUCULICH, SENIOR JURY CONSULTANT, JURYCONNECT CLOPENING #1 FRANK GASSLER, BANKER LOPEZ GASSLER (FL) CLOPENING #2 PAUL DE LORIMIER, MCKAY, DE LORIMIER & ACAIN (LOS ANGELES, CA)

JURY FOCUS GROUP

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11:30 AM - TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION

MODERATORS

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LINDSEY WOODROW, WALDECK & WOODROW (MN, WI)

PRESENTER

STEPHEN PANOFF, SENIOR MANAGING ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTIONIST ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION AND BIOCHEMICAL SERVICES, YOUNG & ASSOCIATES

12:30 PM CLOSING

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JENNIFER EARNED HER J.D. FROM LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW, AN M.ED. FROM NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY, AND A B.A. IN ECONOMICS AND PSYCHOLOGY FROM BOSTON COLLEGE. HAVING ONCE LIVED IN PARAGUAY, JENNIFER CONTINUES TO GIVE BACK THROUGH HER WORK AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE SUPERKIDS FOUNDATION, A NONPROFIT FOCUSED ON YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

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MELVIN'S TALENTS GO BEYOND THE COURTROOM, AS HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR KIDS VOTING OF CENTRAL OHIO, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO CREATING LIFELONG, INFORMED VOTERS AMONG TODAY'S YOUTH. HE WAS ALSO APPOINTED BY THE COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL TO THE COLUMBUS RECORDS COMMISSION. DUE TO HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, MELVIN WAS RECOGNIZED IN WHO'S WHO IN BLACK COLUMBUS, WHICH CELEBRATES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE COMMUNITY. RECENTLY, HE JOINED THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD FOR HIS UNDERGRADUATE ALMA MATTER CAPITAL UNIVERSITY.



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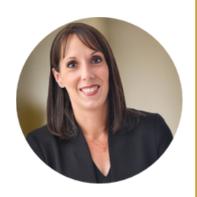
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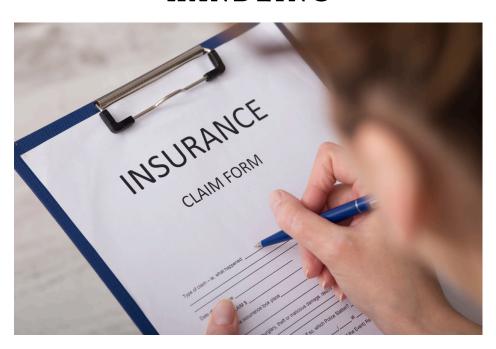


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THE CRITICAL ROLE OF PROPER CLAIMS HANDLING



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The Critical Role of Proper Claims Handling

In the insurance industry, the importance of sound and timely claims handling cannot be overstated. When an insurance company receives notice of a claim, the way it responds and manages that claim from the outset can have significant legal consequences—particularly if a lawsuit eventually follows. Proactive, transparent, and thorough claims handling practices not only fulfill an insurer's contractual and statutory obligations but also serve as a critical defense against bad faith allegations and unfavorable litigation outcomes. This paper explores the foundational importance of proper claims handling before litigation, emphasizing timely communication with insureds and the necessity of a well-documented investigation. It also highlights how missteps during this early phase can create major vulnerabilities during the deposition of the claim adjuster and throughout the litigation process.

Timely Responses and Clear Communication of Coverage Positions

One of the first responsibilities of an insurance carrier upon receiving a claim is to provide timely acknowledgment and maintain consistent communication with the insured. This includes providing updates about the claim's status and clearly stating the insurer's position on coverage. Insureds have a right to know whether their claim is being accepted, denied, or reserved under certain conditions. Jurisdictions across the country recognize the insurer's duty to communicate these positions promptly under both common law and applicable state statutes.

Failure to do so can lead to a breakdown of trust and the appearance of bad faith. Moreover, delays in responding to coverage inquiries or silence regarding claim status can prejudice the insured's ability to respond effectively or prepare for potential litigation. Courts often look unfavorably on insurers who fail to provide adequate notice of denial or reservation of rights, and such inaction can be used by opposing counsel to demonstrate an absence of diligence or transparency in claims handling.

Importance of a Thorough Pre-Litigation Investigation

Before any coverage decision is made or claim is denied, insurers must perform a thorough and objective investigation. Adjusters are required to consider all relevant information, obtain necessary documentation, and speak with involved parties when appropriate. This investigative duty must be fulfilled promptly and fairly; insurers may not cherry-pick evidence that supports a denial while ignoring facts that may support coverage or liability.

Inadequate investigations can result in incorrect coverage determinations or unjustified denials. When litigation arises, these shortcomings come under heavy scrutiny. Courts and juries expect that coverage decisions are based on facts, not assumptions, and that all claims are evaluated on a fair and balanced basis.

Consequences of Mishandling Claims: The Deposition of the Adjuster When a claim mishandled in the pre-litigation stage proceeds to trial, the insurance adjuster who handled the matter is often deposed. This deposition becomes a focal point for plaintiff's counsel, who will closely examine any inconsistencies, delays, or omissions in the claim file. Common lines of questioning include: Why did the insurer fail to respond within a reasonable time? Was all relevant information considered before denying the claim? Were internal guidelines and regulatory requirements followed?

Any failures in these areas can paint a picture of negligence or bad faith. Even where there was no malicious intent, poor documentation or ambiguous internal notes can lead to damaging testimony. For example, if an adjuster cannot recall why a certain decision was made, or if the claim file lacks key communications, it raises questions about whether the decision was made arbitrarily or without proper review.

Such scenarios not only weaken the defense's position but also open the door for punitive damages and bad faith claims. Juries are often sympathetic to insureds who appear to have been treated unfairly or left in the dark. Consequently, missteps during claims handling can escalate a straightforward coverage dispute into a far more complex and high-risk legal battle.

Best Practices to Mitigate Litigation Risks

To mitigate these risks, insurers must adopt rigorous claims-handling protocols:

	Respond to claims and coverage inquiries in a timely and documented manner
	Provide clear and consistent communication throughout the claims process
	Document all investigative steps and decision-making processes thoroughly. Train
	adjusters to understand the legal implications of their role and the importance of accurate recordkeeping.
П	Conduct internal audits to ensure compliance with best practices and regulatory
_	requirements.

These practices not only support fair outcomes for insureds but also create a defensible record should litigation occur.

Conclusion

Proper claims handling is not simply good business—it is a legal imperative. Insurers who fail to promptly communicate with insureds and conduct comprehensive pre-lawsuit investigations place themselves at significant legal risk. Mistakes made during this early phase often become the centerpiece of damaging deposition testimony and may ultimately shape the outcome of the case. By prioritizing clarity, timeliness, and diligence in claims handling, insurers can not only reduce the likelihood of litigation but also strengthen their position should a dispute proceed to court.

PROACTIVE EVALUATION OF PRE-LITIGATION CLAIMS



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Proactive Evaluation of Pre-Litigation Claims

The window before a claim matures into a lawsuit is a critical opportunity for insurance companies and defense attorneys to evaluate risk, assess claim value, and make strategic decisions that can significantly reduce costs and exposure. Early, thorough evaluation is essential for distinguishing between claims that should be resolved expediently through settlement and those that warrant litigation. This paper explores the methodologies insurers and their counsel can employ to conduct comprehensive pre-suit evaluations and outlines specific tactics—including jury verdict research, expert engagement, and factual investigations—to guide settlement versus litigation decisions. Special focus is given to sensitive, high-risk claims such as those involving allegations of sexual molestation, where unique strategies are required.

I. The Importance of Early Claim Evaluation

Thorough claim evaluation before litigation serves multiple purposes: it identifies legal and factual weaknesses, forecasts jury perceptions, estimates financial exposure, and helps determine whether early resolution is warranted. This process involves collaboration between insurers, in-house or panel counsel, and—where appropriate—outside consultants or experts. Early action reduces the likelihood of surprises in litigation and allows for more control over the direction and cost of the dispute.

II. Key Tactics in Pre-Litigation Claim Assessment A. Jury Verdict Reviews

Reviewing jury verdicts in similar cases—especially within the same jurisdiction—is a powerful benchmarking tool. Verdict trends can help insurers and counsel predict how a jury might respond to comparable facts. This tactic is especially helpful in assessing non-economic damages such as emotional distress, pain and suffering, and reputational harm, which can vary widely by region. Verdict research can also reveal patterns in punitive damages awards or judicial attitudes toward specific causes of action.

B. Use of Expert Witnesses

Engaging experts early, even before litigation is filed, can be invaluable in high-exposure or complex claims. For instance, in medical malpractice or construction defect cases, experts can assist in evaluating causation and standard of care. In cases involving mental health injuries, psychological experts can assess the legitimacy and severity of alleged trauma. Experts can also help identify technical defenses that may inform a decision to contest liability or propose a limited settlement.

C. Thorough Investigations

A detailed factual investigation should be conducted immediately upon receiving notice of a serious claim. This includes collecting physical evidence, interviewing witnesses, inspecting documents, and reviewing internal policies or records relevant to the alleged incident. Claims handlers and defense attorneys should work in tandem to ensure no critical evidence is missed, and that the insured's version of events is well-documented.

When appropriate, third-party investigators can provide independent insight, especially in cases involving potential misconduct, such as employee behavior or third-party negligence. Thorough documentation is crucial for both potential defenses and for evidentiary support if the matter progresses to court.

III. Case Study: Handling Sexual Molestation Claims

Sexual molestation claims present uniquely high risks in terms of financial exposure, reputational damage, and emotional stakes. These cases often involve institutions such as schools, churches, or youth organizations, where the accused may be an employee, volunteer, or third-party contractor.

A. Immediate Action and Sensitive Investigation

Due to the serious nature of these allegations, insurers and counsel must act quickly and discreetly. Prompt investigations should focus on verifying the facts while preserving the privacy and dignity of all involved. Internal documents—such as background checks, personnel files, and prior complaints—must be reviewed immediately.

B. Trauma-Informed Expert Evaluation

Utilizing trauma-informed psychological experts is essential in evaluating the claimant's alleged harm. Experts can assess the consistency of the claimant's narrative, the psychological impact of the alleged event, and the presence of corroborating evidence. Such evaluations often inform early settlement decisions, especially when litigation could result in significant reputational harm or public scrutiny.

C. Verdict and Settlement Data in Abuse Cases

Jury verdicts in sexual abuse cases often involve large damage awards, particularly when institutions are perceived as having failed to protect vulnerable individuals. Settlement ranges should be evaluated based on precedent within the jurisdiction and factoring in aggravating circumstances such as prior complaints or systemic failures.

D. Confidentiality and Reputation Management

Even where liability is unclear, settlement may be advisable to protect the institution's public standing. Defense counsel should explore the use of confidential settlement agreements, mediation with trauma-trained neutrals, and carefully drafted public statements, when necessary.

IV. Deciding Whether to Settle or Litigate

The ultimate decision to settle or litigate should balance legal merit, financial exposure, and reputational risk. Key considerations include:

	Strength of liability defenses or coverage exclusions.
	Credibility of witnesses and potential for sympathetic plaintiffs.
	Costs of expert witnesses and prolonged discovery.
П	The potential for damaging depositions or media attention.
	Insurance policy limits and potential for excess exposure.

Engaging in early mediation or settlement conferences may be beneficial, particularly in emotionally charged cases. Where litigation is unavoidable, early preparation and comprehensive documentation place insurers and counsel in a stronger position to manage the case effectively.

V. Conclusion

Insurance companies and defense attorneys who take a proactive and strategic approach to claim evaluation before litigation are better positioned to control outcomes, manage exposure, and reduce litigation costs. By leveraging verdict research, expert analysis, and in-depth investigations, and applying claim-specific strategies—particularly in high-risk cases like sexual molestation claims—they can make informed decisions on settlement and litigation that align with legal, financial, and reputational objectives. The pre-litigation phase is not merely a waiting period; it is a critical stage where diligence and strategic thinking yield substantial dividends.

THE CRITICAL ROLE OF JURY CONSULTANTS AND FOCUS GROUPS



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The Critical Role of Jury Consultants and Focus Groups

In today's complex litigation environment, trial attorneys increasingly recognize the value of integrating jury consultants and focus groups into their pre-trial preparation. These tools are not just reserved for high-stakes, high-profile cases; they are now essential instruments for any attorney seeking to understand how jurors may perceive evidence, witnesses, and legal arguments. By leveraging the insights provided through professional jury consulting and structured focus groups, attorneys can proactively shape their litigation strategies, mitigate weaknesses, and enhance persuasive messaging.

I. The Role of Jury Consultants

Jury consultants are specialists in behavioral science, communication, and legal strategy. They assist legal teams in selecting jurors, preparing witnesses, crafting trial themes, and interpreting group dynamics. However, one of their most valuable services lies in facilitating and analyzing focus groups. With their expertise in moderating discussions and interpreting psychological and sociological data, jury consultants can provide actionable insights into how a jury is likely to respond to various aspects of a case.

II. Types of Focus Groups

Focus groups vary in structure depending on the goals of the legal team and the nature of the case. The most commonly used formats include:

	Exploratory Focus Groups: These are open-ended sessions conducted in the early
	stages of case development. They help attorneys test different case theories, identify juro biases, and understand emotional triggers related to case facts. Structured Focus Groups: These simulate mini-trials with evidence presentation, opening and closing statements, and deliberation periods. Attorneys can observe juror reactions to key themes, assess credibility of witnesses, and test demonstratives or
	exhibits. Online Focus Groups: Leveraging digital platforms, these groups allow broader geographic reach and cost efficiency. Although they lack the nuance of in-person observation, they can still provide valuable feedback on the clarity and persuasiveness of legal arguments.
П	Shadow Juries: Composed of demographically matched individuals, shadow juries

attend trials (or simulations thereof) and provide real-time feedback to the trial team. This

allows for strategic adjustments during the trial itself.

III. Types of Insights Focus Groups Provide Focus groups reveal how laypersons interpret case facts, perceive witnesses, and react to legal arguments—often in ways that surprise even seasoned litigators. Common insights include: Theme Resonance: What story themes—fairness, corporate greed, personal responsibility—resonate most with jurors? Juror Bias: Are there prevalent attitudes or preconceived notions that might color how evidence is received?

☐ Witness Impact: How credible and likable are key witnesses? Are they persuasive or do they raise skepticism?
☐ Damage Assessment: What do participants believe is a fair measure of damages. if

☐ Damage Assessment: What do participants believe is a fair measure of damages—if any? Are they inclined toward punitive responses?

□ Communication Clarity: Are legal arguments being understood, or are they mired in jargon and legalese?

This feedback can dramatically change an attorney's case strategy—from reordering evidence presentation to changing witnesses or even pursuing settlement.

IV. Using Focus Groups and Verdict Data to Improve Defense Strategy By studying focus group feedback and comparing it with actual jury verdict trends in similar cases, attorneys can better calibrate their approach. For example:

Risk Evaluation: Focus groups help assess the likelihood of liability or a significant
damages award, thereby informing whether to settle or proceed to trial.
Refinement of Case Theory: Focus group reactions can help lawyers discard weak
themes and emphasize those that are more persuasive, ultimately crafting a clearer
narrative for trial.
Voir Dire Strategy: Understanding what qualities or attitudes correlate with adverse
verdicts helps tailor jury selection questions and challenges for cause.
Trial Preparation: Focus group testing can guide the development of exhibits, visual
aids, and witness preparation to maximize trial effectiveness.
Client Communication: Clear feedback from mock jurors allows attorneys to better
explain litigation risks to clients, grounding their advice in observable data rather than

V. Ethical and Practical Considerations

speculation.

Attorneys must ensure that focus groups are conducted ethically, with participant confidentiality and appropriate compensation. Additionally, while focus groups are not predictive of exact trial outcomes, they serve as an indispensable diagnostic tool. When integrated with sound legal reasoning, thorough investigation, and persuasive courtroom advocacy, focus groups can dramatically improve the likelihood of a favorable defense outcome.

Conclusion Incorporating jury consultants and focus group research into pretrial strategy is no longer a luxury; it is a necessity for attorneys committed to delivering the best defense possible. Whether used to test arguments, evaluate risk, or refine communication strategies, these tools empower lawyers with a deeper, data-driven understanding of how real jurors think. In an age where perception often outweighs facts, understanding the minds of the jury before stepping into the courtroom may be the greatest legal advantage of all.

RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION



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Recent Technological Developments in Accident Reconstruction

Introduction

The field of accident reconstruction has undergone significant transformation in recent years, propelled by rapid advancements in technology. These developments have not only enhanced the precision and efficiency of reconstructing vehicular accidents but have also profoundly influenced the legal landscape surrounding such incidents. This paper explores the latest technological innovations in accident reconstruction and examines their implications for lawsuits pertaining to vehicular accidents.

Advancements in Accident Reconstruction Technology

1. Event Data Recorders (EDRs) and Telematics

Modern vehicles are increasingly equipped with Event Data Recorders, commonly referred to as "black boxes," which capture critical data moments before, during, and after a collision. These devices record parameters such as vehicle speed, brake application, steering input, and seatbelt usage. The data retrieved from EDRs provide objective insights into the dynamics of a crash, enabling reconstruction experts to establish a factual sequence of events. This information is invaluable in legal proceedings, offering concrete evidence that can corroborate or challenge testimonies and claims made by involved parties.

2. 3D Laser Scanning and Photogrammetry

The adoption of 3D laser scanning technology has revolutionized the documentation of accident scenes. By capturing millions of data points, these scanners create precise, three-dimensional representations of crash sites, including road conditions, vehicle positions, and surrounding environments. Photogrammetry, which involves extracting measurements from photographs, complements this by allowing for the reconstruction of scenes from images taken at the time of the accident. These technologies facilitate a more accurate and detailed analysis, which is crucial for both investigators and legal professionals.

3. Drone Technology

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) have become instrumental in accident reconstruction, particularly in complex or large-scale incidents. Drones can swiftly survey crash sites, capturing high-resolution aerial imagery and video footage. This bird's-eye view provides a comprehensive perspective of the accident scene, aiding in the identification of factors such as skid marks, debris distribution, and vehicle resting positions. The efficiency and accessibility of drones enhance the speed and accuracy of data collection, which is critical in time-sensitive investigations.

4. Virtual Reality (VR) and Simulation Software

The integration of Virtual Reality into accident reconstruction allows for immersive simulations of vehicular accidents. By recreating crash scenarios in a virtual environment, legal professionals can experience the event from various perspectives, gaining a deeper understanding of the circumstances leading to the collision. Simulation software further enables the modeling of different variables, such as vehicle speed and driver behavior, to assess their impact on the outcome of the accident. These tools are particularly effective in courtroom settings, where visual demonstrations can significantly influence jury perceptions.

Impact on Vehicular Accident Litigation

1. Enhanced Evidence Quality

The incorporation of advanced technologies has elevated the quality and reliability of evidence presented in vehicular accident cases. Objective data from EDRs and detailed reconstructions from 3D scanning and simulations provide factual foundations for legal arguments, reducing reliance on subjective testimonies. This shift towards data-driven evidence enhances the credibility of claims and defenses, facilitating more informed judicial decisions.

2. Improved Determination of Liability

Accurate reconstruction of accidents is pivotal in establishing fault and liability. Technological tools enable a meticulous analysis of contributing factors, such as vehicle malfunctions, road conditions, and driver actions. By delineating the sequence of events with precision, these technologies assist in attributing responsibility more accurately, which is essential for fair adjudication and settlement negotiations.

3. Expedited Legal Proceedings

The efficiency of data collection and analysis afforded by modern technologies can significantly expedite legal processes. Rapid acquisition of comprehensive evidence allows for quicker case assessments, reducing delays in litigation. Furthermore, the clarity provided by visual reconstructions and simulations can lead to earlier settlements, as parties are better equipped to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their positions.

4. Influence on Jury Perception

The use of visual aids, such as VR simulations and 3D models, can profoundly impact jury understanding and engagement. These tools translate complex technical data into accessible visual narratives, aiding jurors in grasping the nuances of the case. However, it is imperative to ensure that such presentations are balanced and accurately represent the facts, to prevent undue influence or bias.

Challenges and Considerations

While technological advancements offer substantial benefits, they also introduce challenges that must be addressed:

- Data Privacy and Ownership: The collection and use of data from EDRs and other devices raise concerns about privacy and data ownership. Legal frameworks must evolve to address these issues, ensuring that data is handled ethically and in compliance with privacy laws.
- Cost and Accessibility: The deployment of advanced reconstruction technologies can be cost-prohibitive, potentially limiting access for smaller firms or under-resourced jurisdictions. Efforts should be made to democratize access to these tools to ensure equitable legal processes.
- Standardization and Training: The effective use of new technologies requires standardized protocols and specialized training for legal and investigative professionals. Establishing best practices and certification programs can help maintain the integrity and reliability of technological applications in legal contexts.

Conclusion

The integration of cutting-edge technologies into accident reconstruction has markedly improved the accuracy, efficiency, and effectiveness of vehicular accident investigations and subsequent legal proceedings. These advancements facilitate a more objective and comprehensive understanding of accidents, thereby enhancing the pursuit of justice. As technology continues to evolve, it is incumbent upon legal professionals to stay abreast of these developments, ensuring that they are adept at leveraging these tools to serve the interests of their clients and the legal system at large.