

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast
8:30 AM	Lecture
11:30 AM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Shotgun Start
5:30 PM	Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Awards

The speaker for the morning CE is generously sponsored by:



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2026 William C. Knauf, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

**EIGHTH DISTRICT
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RISK MANAGEMENT

**Defending the Dental
Profession: An Analysis of
Closed Claims**

Presented by
Dr. Michael Ragan

3 CE Credits

Monday, June 1, 2026

Transit Valley Country Club

8920 Transit Road
East Amherst, NY 14051

RISK MANAGEMENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Closed Fortress malpractice claims will be evaluated to identify strategies and resources that can help dentists improve patient safety, mitigate risk and improve the defensibility of medical professional liability claims. Closed claim topics include extractions, implants, sedation, orthodontics, cosmetics, endodontics, periodontics and oral cancer. Risk management education includes documentation, communication, informed consent, technology, referrals, and patient noncompliance. There are no prerequisites.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Provide an overview of the litigation and claim review process
- Identify contributing factors that may challenge a provider's defense in the course of litigation
- Assess how Fortress resources may assist in streamlining risk mitigation in practice
- Outline risk mitigation strategies to improve the defensibility of potential professional liability claims



SPEAKER:

Dr. Ragan is a defense trial attorney in a Miami, Florida law firm with 25 years of experience. Dr. Ragan received a B.A. from Syracuse University, a D.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center, and an L.L.M. in Health Law from Loyola University College of Law. Dr. Ragan is presently Adjunct Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Nova Southeastern College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Ragan practiced

clinical dentistry for fifteen years and supervised healthcare professional liability claims for seven years within the insurance industry. Dr. Ragan was on the Board of Directors of Fortress Insurance Company as well as the Chairman of their Claims Committee and currently serves as Medico-legal Consultant for Fortress. Dr. Ragan is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the American College of Legal Medicine. Dr. Ragan has nothing to disclose.

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Golf Tournament & CE

Please RSVP by Friday, May 22, 2026

Please complete this ENTIRE form and return with payment. We highly recommend you contact your teammates and encourage them to send their registrations ASAP.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My foursome includes (*payments and reservation forms must be received before the foursome is registered*):

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Please "X" one:

CE, Golf & Dinner: _____ \$225 **includes breakfast, lunch & dinner*

Golf, Lunch & Dinner: _____ \$225 **Dentists/Vendors*

Golf Lunch & Dinner: _____ \$175 **Students/Residents*

CE Only: _____ FREE *EDDS Dentist *includes breakfast*

CE Only: _____ \$ 30 *Non-Member Dentist & Staff*

**includes breakfast*

Dinner Only: _____ \$ 90

Please "X" the correct division for your group:

___ Men (*to age 55*) ___ Ladies (*to age 55*) ___ Senior (*age 56 to 65*)

___ Men/Ladies Mixed (*to age 55*) ___ Super Senior (*over age 65*)

These will be Scramble format

___ Championship (*Individual Score*)

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