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### SEPTEMBER 2018 SUBROGATION NEWSLETTER

#### Subrogating The Deer In The Headlights

In many insurance claims involving deer collisions, the insured is struck by the swerving car or truck or it comes upon wreckage in the road that resulted from the collision. Subrogating the vehicle that swerved to avoid the deer is often an after-thought, if a thought at all. However, aggressive subrogation professionals should remember that prudent drivers who react appropriately when confronted with a deer in the headlights can usually avoid the devastation and carnage that results from acting inappropriately. [Read More....](#)



#### Subrogating Gree Dehumidifier Fires

Where there's smoke, there's subrogation. At least it often works out that way. The adage is certainly true in the case of Gree dehumidifiers. If you have anything to do with property insurance, you have most likely been exposed to multiple claims involving Gree dehumidifiers. Gree's mistakes have cost American homeowners and property insurance companies well over \$30 million. These translate into subrogation opportunities that should not be ignored. There's also an important lesson here for other manufacturers as to how not to respond to a product defect. [Read More....](#)

#### A New Era Of Automobile Insurance For The Wolverine State

Everyone in Michigan is financially frustrated with the high price of auto insurance. Recently, Detroit Mayor, Mike Duggan, along with eight other motorists filed a suit in U.S. District Court in an effort to expedite removal of Michigan's no-fault system. The litigation comes as insurance premiums continue to rise, and after two bills were presented in the Michigan Legislature aimed at eliminating the no-fault system. The average cost of insurance premiums in Detroit is \$6,197 per driver, whereas the average in California's tort jurisdiction is \$1,518. Removing the no-fault system would return Michigan to a tort jurisdiction and rates are predicted to drop by 50% if that happens. [Read More....](#)

#### Verdicts and Settlements

Attorney **Rich Schuster** recently settled a six-figure lawsuit against a multitude of Gree companies. The case, *Home-Owners Ins. v. Gree U.S.A., Inc. et al.*, Case Number 2:17-cv-07383-DOC-JC, was venued in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, and the

docket (available on PACER) includes astounding affidavit admissions by Gree's national counsel, Greg Minkin, a default judgment fight, and a claim for punitive damages that most attorneys handling Gree claims do not make, but should absolutely be pursued.



## Join MWL for a Webinar on the Complete Guide to Selecting, Hiring, and Using the Right Experts in Subrogation Cases

Gary L. Wickert will be presenting a MWL webinar on "*The Complete Guide to Selecting, Hiring, and Using the Right Expert in Subrogation Cases*" on October 23, 2018 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (CDT). MWL webinars are free to attend and are open to all who want to attend. To learn more about this webinar or to register for it, click [HERE](#).

## Time Travel For The Insurance Industry

See [HERE](#) for a provocative 60-second video explaining why Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer views the handling of your subrogation claims - large and small - as time travel for the insurance industry. We help turn back the hands of time and attack the enemy of our industry - claims - utilizing our experience and expertise. Check it out!



## Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer, S.C. Launches A Subrogation Support Network Group In LinkedIn!

We welcome you to join our LinkedIn **Subrogation Support Network** Group! It is a community managed by Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer, S.C., that offers insurance professionals a place to interact, discuss subrogation insurance-related topics and issues, ask subrogation questions, and keep abreast of new developments and/or changes in the subrogation law for all 50 states. If you would like to join this LinkedIn group, please click [HERE](#).

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