

It's contract law, stupid.

What: ACAR Accountability for Collision Auto Repair

When: October 19, 2007, 9 AM to 5 PM

Where: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20045

Cost: \$150 (limited to 85 people who want to adopt a Code of Ethics)

WASHINGTON, DC August 3, 2007—James Carville, president Bill Clinton's political operative, coined the saying: "It's the economy, stupid." Bill Clinton won the election in 1992.

About the same time President Clinton took office, a group of collision repairers met in Washington, DC, and established ACAR. The group decided that repair standards were the only thing the auto collision repair industry had control over. It launched its ACAR standards effort, which was soon taken up by the Exact Foundation, funded largely by Sherwin-Williams. The standards effort was eventually bought by I-CAR, which developed its Uniform Procedures for Collision Repair (UPCR). It is lingering on the shelf at I-CAR, as the industry didn't respond to the product.

ACAR is back: Accountability for Collision Auto Repair.

Friday, October 19, 2007, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, in the First Amendment room, which overlooks the White House, ACAR participants will adopt a Code of Ethics drafted by those in the room and modeled after a guideline produced by attorney Erica Eversman.

The contract to repair a vehicle is between the collision repair shop and the car owner. Period. The repair work performed should be done according to car manufacturers' specifications. The price repairers charge for their work should be reasonable.

Asking the insurance company permission to do this or that to the repair is not necessary. The collision repair shop is the professional. The car manufacturers set the repair standard.

Space is limited to the first 85 people who pay \$150. Send check made out to Sheila's Information Network (SIN) to 5303 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20015.

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