



ARTIFICIAL **STONE** **SILICOSIS** LITIGATION CONFERENCE

*JW Marriott Los Angeles
Tuesday, April 28, 2026*

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8:15am – 9:00am – Registration

9:00am – 9:15am – Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs

Jennifer Cormier, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, San Francisco, CA
James Nevin, Esq., Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA

9:15am – 10:00am – Status of the Artificial Stone Litigation in California

- Filing Trends and Emerging Jurisdictions
- What to expect in 2026 and beyond
- Overview of Plaintiff/Disease
- Overview of Defendants/Manufacturers, Suppliers, RPE and Equipment
- Legislative update

Geoff Davis, Esq., CMBG3, Pasadena, CA
Kevin M. Loew, Esq., Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel, Los Angeles, CA
James Nevin, Esq., Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA
Jana M. Simmons, Esq., Ropers Majeski, Los Angeles, CA

10:00am – 10:45am – CA – JCCP Coordination

- General Orders
- Preferential Trial Setting Committee
- Impact on Consolidation of Cases for Trial

Hon. Elihu Berle, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA
Raphael Metzger, Esq., Metzger Law Group, Long Beach, CA
Jason Rose, Esq., Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA

10:45am – 11:00am – Break

11:00am – 11:30am – Bankruptcy Update

Kevin M. Davis, Esq., Caplin & Drysdale, Washington, DC
James Nevin, Esq., Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA

11:30am – 12:15pm – KEYNOTE – H.R.5437

David Michaels, M.P.H., Ph.D., Epidemiologist, George Washington University, Washington DC

12:15pm – 1:45pm – Lunch (on your own)

1:45pm – 2:45pm – Medical Overview

- Complex vs. Simple silicosis
- Other Diseases
- Current Status of the Epidemic
- CDPH Data

Jane C. Fazio, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, UCLA Health, Los Angeles, CA

Andrew McClintock Greenberg, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Pulmonary and Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Oakland, CA

Allison Persing CIH, CSP, RHP Risk Management, Chicago, IL

2:45pm – 3:30pm – OSHA Compliance

- OSHA
- Cal-OSHA
- Employer Liability

Moderator: James Nevin, Esq., Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA

Ari Vourakis, The Alpha Consulting Group, Los Angeles, CA

Pablo Sanchez Soria, Ph.D., CIH, Principal Toxicologist, Director of Health Sciences, CTEH, Little Rock, AR

Khaled Taqi-Eddin, Esq., Womble Bond Dickinson, San Francisco, CA

3:30pm – 3:45pm – Break

3:45pm – 4:45pm – Insurance Coverage Issues

- Silica Exclusions
- Pollution Claims
- Duty to Defend
- Historical research as a recovery strategy and evidentiary requirements

Sharon A. Huerta, Esq., Fennemore, San Diego, CA

Richard A. Janisch, Founder/Principal, Arcina Risk Group LLC, Pasadena, CA

David R. Scheidemantle, Esq., Scheidemantle Law Group, Pasadena, CA

Amanda Webber, Senior Claims Technical Director, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc.,
Petaluma, CA

3:45pm – 4:45pm – National Trial Update

- Recent Verdicts/Lessons Learned
- Causes of Action
- Affirmative Defense
- Trial strategies

Moderator: Jennifer Cormier, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, San Francisco, CA

Kevin Conway, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chiacgo, IL

Jennifer Judin, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Kerrville, TX

James Nevin, Esq., Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception

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