



# 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  
**Camille Hunt, 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  
**Mark Love, Esq.**, Hawkins Parnell & Young LLP, San Francisco, 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 - Stopping the Silicosis Epidemic: OSHA, Product Stewardship, and H.R. 5437

David Michaels, PhD, MPH, served as Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 2009-2017, the longest serving administrator in OSHA's history. He will speak from a regulatory perspective, addressing ways to prevent more workers from getting sick.

**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

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

**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

**Aki 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

**Moderator: David R. Scheidemantle, Esq.**, Scheidemantle Law Group, Pasadena, CA  
**Richard A. Janisch**, Founder/Principal, Arcina Risk Group LLC, Pasadena, CA  
**Jeff Kiburtz, Esq.**, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Los Angeles, CA  
**Amanda Webber**, Senior Claims Technical Director, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc.,  
Petaluma, CA

#### **4:45pm – 5:30pm – 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, Chicago, IL  
**James Nevin, Esq.**, Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA

#### **5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception**

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