



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

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

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8:15am – 9:00am – Light Breakfast and Registration (Platinum Ballroom F)

9:00am – 9:15am – Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs (Platinum Ballroom H-J)

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 (Platinum Ballroom F)

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

Arturo Sandoval, Esq., Womble Bond Dickinson, San Francisco, CA

Aki Vourakis, The Alpha Consulting Group, Los Angeles, 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
Sergio Gomez, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
James Nevin, Esq., Brayton Purcell LLP, San Francisco, CA

5:30pm – 6:30pm – Networking Cocktail Reception (Atrium III)
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