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March 5-6, 2026

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Wednesday, March 4, 2026

4:00 PM – Registration (Outdoor - Spa Garden)

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – Rapid Connections Session (Outdoor - Spa Garden)

Kick start the conference and join us for a fun express networking event providing face-to-face time with judges, in-house counsel, and insurance executives. This is your opportunity to have several short conversations where you can ask questions, exchange information, discuss professional backgrounds, and explore potential collaborations in a casual environment. The goal is to facilitate quick and efficient introductions, allowing participants to make valuable connections within a short period. We will gather at round tables and spend a set period of time meeting multiple people. When you hear the signal, it's time to rotate and meet someone new! Cocktails will be provided.

Session hosts:

Hon. Andrew K. Carruthers, Circuit Court, Madison County, Edwardsville, IL
Anthony S. Guardione, Senior Counsel, Travelers, Hartford, CT
Jessica McMullen Zimmerman, Esq., Corporate Counsel, International Motors, Chicago, IL
Lisa L. Oberg, Esq., Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA
Hon. Jose M. Rodriguez (Ret.), 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Miami, FL
Raymond D. Rushing, Cummins Inc., Chicago, IL
Hon. Eric Schumacher, Coordinating Judge for New York City Asbestos Litigation (NYCAL), Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY
Hon. Maura Slattery Boyle, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Outdoor - Spa Garden)
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Thursday, March 5, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM – Light Breakfast and Registration (Eden Roc II Foyer)
Sponsored by: Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM – Welcome and Co-Chair Opening Remarks (Eden Roc II)

Anthony S. Guardione, Senior Counsel, Travelers, Hartford, CT
Lisa L. Oberg, Esq., Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA
Paul Slater, Esq., Chief Litigation Counsel, GE Aerospace, Fairfield, CT
Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – National Trends in Asbestos Litigation

- Filing trends: Disease, jurisdiction and plaintiff firms
- Hot and emerging jurisdictions
- The footprint and the future of the litigation: expectations and projections
- Assessing case risk

David Breslau, Senior Asbestos Claim Analyst – Asbestos Strategic Unit, Resolute Management, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Kathrin Hashemi, Managing Director, KCIC, Washington, DC
Sam Iola, Esq., Iola Gross & Forbes-King, Dallas, TX
Lee Ziffer, Esq., Gay Jones & Kuhn PLLC, New Orleans, LA

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM – Talc Litigation

- Intricacies of talc trials
- Differences between talc and traditional asbestos cases
- Emerging case law
- Industrial talc

James M. Kramer, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY
Matthew O'Brien, Esq., Polsinelli, Los Angeles, CA
Pierre Ratzki, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
Amanda Webber, Senior Claims Technical Director, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM – Break (Eden Roc II Foyer)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – From Claims Management to Enterprise Risk: Rethinking Asbestos Litigation in the Boardroom Era

- Examine asbestos litigation as a long-term, repeat-player environment, reframing it from individual claims to enterprise decision-making
- How financial predictability, reputation, and credibility among the same players who see each other year after year shape real-world outcomes

Kerryann M. Cook, Esq., The Cook Group, New York, NY

Michael Maienza, Esq., Vogelzang Law, Chicago, IL
Raymond D. Rushing, Corporate Counsel, Cummins Inc., Chicago, IL
Jessica McMullen Zimmerman, Esq., Corporate Counsel, International Motors, Chicago, IL

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Lunch *(on your own)*

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM – Recent Bankruptcies and the Impact on Asbestos Litigation

Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY
Kevin M. Davis, Esq., Caplin & Drysdale, Washington, DC
Adam S. Dreksler, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
David J. Molton, Esq., Brown Rudnick LLP, New York, NY

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – The Evolving Landscape in Asbestos Litigation

- Federal Officer Removal and Impact of Disclaimer
- Receivership
- Legacy settlements

Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY
John Elder, Esq., Paine Bickers Elder King & Williams, Knoxville, TN
Paul Slater, Esq., Chief Litigation Counsel, GE Aerospace, Fairfield, CT

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Break (Eden Roc II Foyer)

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Damages: Proving, Collecting and Reporting

- Remittitur
- Insurance discovery
- Management of damages and various approaches
- Understanding and allocating damages

Venus Burns, Esq., Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Los Angeles, CA
Debra Forsythe, Sr. Director, Business Execution, Epiq, Marathon, FL
Bethann S. Kagan, Esq., Shein Law, Philadelphia, PA
Brittany Russell, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
Erin Voyik, Esq., VP, Leader of Litigation & Legal Reform RiverStone, Manchester, NH

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – Judicial Perspectives

Moderator: Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
Hon. Andrew K. Carruthers, Circuit Court, Madison County, Edwardsville, IL

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Friday, March 6, 2026

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM – Light Breakfast (Eden Roc II Foyer)
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9:15 AM – 10:15 AM – Insurance and In-House Counsel Perspectives

- How do you evaluate the risk?

Kate Cook, Assistant General Counsel, Jacobs, Boston, MA
Anthony S. Guardione, Senior Counsel, Travelers, Hartford, CT
Brittany I. Hayes, Claims Manager, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Boston, MA
Michael Owen, Claims Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM – Genetics Overview

- The science is changing
- Genetic evidence in low dose asbestos cases

Jennifer L. Alesio, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, San Francisco, CA
Hon. Jo-Lynne Lee (Ret.), Mediator/Arbitrator, ADR Services, Inc., San Francisco, CA
Kelvin Wyles, Esq., Husch Blackwell, Los Angeles, CA

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – AI and Ethical Considerations

- Court orders requiring AI certifications (across the country)
- Sanctions
- How to avoid the pitfalls
- Communicating with clients about the use of AI

James Campbell, Esq., The Lanier Law Firm, Chicago, IL
Melanie Chung-Tims, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Miami, FL
Neil Lloyd, Esq., ArentFox Schiff LLP, Chicago, IL

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