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**Sexual Abuse Litigation and Coverage Conference**  
**October 7, 2025**  
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**8:15 AM – 8:45 AM: Registration and Light Breakfast** (Reception Area- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**8:45 AM – 9:00 AM: Welcome and Opening Remarks** (Meeting Hall- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**9:00 AM – 10:15 AM: Update on Sexual Abuse Litigation, Legislative Update, and Trends**

- Jurisdictional updates on case law and legislation
- Recent decisions
- Issues related to clergy sexual abuse cases
- CVA at Five: The shifting landscape of defense strategy

**Moderator: Michael E. Appelbaum, Esq.**, Goldberg Segalla, Buffalo, NY  
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**10:15 AM – 11:15 AM: Damages, Valuation and Settlements**

- What are the obstacles?
- How to get sexual abuse cases settled
- The use of expert witnesses in litigation, when and who to retain
- Standard of care
- Lien resolution considerations in sexual abuse settlements

**Katie Hosty**, Sr. Director & Special Counsel, Epiq, Charlotte, NC  
**Jordan Merson, Esq.**, Merson Law, PLLC, New York, NY  
**Rachel Mihai, Esq.**, Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, LLP, Newport Beach, CA  
**Sara J. Sabbagh, JD**, Senior Claims Expert, Vice President, Swiss Re, Armonk, NY  
**Hon. Alexander M. Tisch**, New York State Supreme Court, New York, NY

**11:15 AM – 11:30 AM: Break (Reception Area)**

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Ethical Challenges with Discovery and Spoliation of Evidence**

- Carrier perspective when requesting information
- Ethical rules
- Practical challenges
- Tripartite relationship
- Benefits of early investigation and special considerations
- Destruction of evidence

**Brian Corcoran, Esq.**, Reilly, McDevitt & Henrich, P.C., Philadelphia, PA

**Harry Harrison, Esq.**, Tyson & Mendes, San Diego, CA

**Patrick Shea, CPCU**, Claims Specialist, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA

**12:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Lunch (on your own)**

**1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: Finding Coverage for Sexual Molestation and Sex Trafficking Claims and Coverage Litigation Update**

- What types of coverage may apply?
- How to find historic policies?
- What happens if you find incomplete policies or evidence of potential policies?
- Update on coverage litigation – sex abuse and sex trafficking claims

**Kristen Drake**, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN

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**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM: Emerging Fronts in Sex Trafficking Litigation**

- Expanding risks and coverage challenges
- Handling claims for franchisors and franchisees in sex trafficking claims, and the coordination of the defense for these types of defendants
- Practical insights on navigating liability exposure, policy interpretation, and reputational risk
- The range of entities involved including websites, employers, etc.

**Brenda Harkavy, Esq.**, Laffey Bucci D'Andrea Reich & Ryan, Philadelphia, PA

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**3:45 PM- 4:00 PM: Break (Reception Area)**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Media Attention and Sexual Abuse Cases**

- The impact and use of media in these cases

**Andy Merrill**, Partner, Prosek Partners, New York, NY

**Paul T. Llewellyn, Esq.**, Lewis & Llewellyn LLP, San Francisco, CA

**Douglas Rochen, Esq.**, DiCello Levitt LLP, Los Angeles, CA

**5:00 PM – 6:30 PM: Networking Cocktail Reception (Offsite Location)**

*Connolly's Pub & Restaurant- 121 W 45<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY*

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