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8:15 AM – 8:45 AM: Registration and Light Breakfast (Reception Area- 2nd Floor)

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM: Welcome and Opening Remarks (Meeting Hall- 2nd Floor)

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9:00 AM – 9:30 AM: Overview of Sexual Abuse Litigation

- History
- Significant cases
- How to successfully navigate the current environment

John C. Manly, Esq., Manly, Stewart & Finaldi, Irvine, CA

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: National Trends and Legislative Updates

- 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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Michael J. Mazurczak, Esq., Melick & Porter, LLP, Boston, MA
Kathryn Robb, Esq., National Director, Children's Justice Campaign, Boston, MA

10:30 AM – 11:30 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
- Mediation and settlement conferences
- 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

11:30 AM – 11:40 AM: Break (Reception Area)

11:40 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

Pamela Budreau, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Chicago, IL
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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Deborah Rosenthal, Senior Claims Consultant, Nationwide, Somerville, NJ
Meghan Wynkoop, Esq., Margolis Edelstein, Philadelphia, PA

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 45th Street, New York, NY

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