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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: Christina G. Holdsworth, 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)

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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

Moderator: Kate Vaughn, Assistant Vice President, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

Kristen Drake, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN

Richard Janisch, Principal, Arcina Risk Group LLC, Los Angeles, CA

Diana Kantner, Senior Managing Director, KCIC, Chicago, IL

Danielle Valliere, Esq., Kennedys, Berkeley Heights, NJ

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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Danielle Pascale, Esq., Tyson & Mendes, New York, NY
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

- Managing the Media: Case Studies in Effective and Ineffective Approaches

Paul T. Llewellyn, Esq., Lewis & Llewellyn LLP, San Francisco, CA
Andy Merrill, Partner, Prosek Partners, New York, NY
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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