



Cutting-Edge Issues in Asbestos Litigation Conference

March 16-17, 2020

Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Beverly Hills, CA

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Sunday, March 15, 2020

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Opening Networking Cocktail Reception (located in Le Grand Trianon)
Sponsored by: Cooney & Conway, Dentons US LLP, Segal, McCambridge, Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., and Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C.

Monday, March 16, 2020

8:00 AM – Registration & Continental Breakfast (located in Wintergarden)
Sponsored by: Forman, Watkins & Krutz LLP and KCIC

8:45 AM – Opening Remarks

Sara M. Salger, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL

9:00 AM – Welcome from the Chairs

John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Timothy L. Krippner, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL
Lisa L. Oberg, Esq., Dentons US LLP, Oakland, CA
Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

9:30 AM – The Top Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation

- Discussion of national filing trends and statistics
- Recent verdicts, appellate decisions and bankruptcies which will shape upcoming trial dockets
- An overview of the most significant developments in 2019
- What factors will drive the industry in 2020?

Perry J. Browder, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, Alton, IL
Nina Lynn Caroselli, Esq., Executive Vice President, Special Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Michelle Potter, Vice President, KCIC, Washington, DC
Thomas W. Tardy, III, Esq., Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC, Jackson, MS

10:30 AM – Recent Bankruptcies and the Impact on Asbestos Litigation

- A review of recent filings
- Are emerging models equitable and how will they impact the asbestos litigation?
- How will new bankruptcy filings and trusts impact claimants and tort defendants in 2020

Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

Trey Watkins, Esq., Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP, Jackson, MS

11:00 AM – Break (located in Wintergarden)

Sponsored by: Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC

11:15 AM – A Discussion of Current Litigation Practices and Strategies Involving Personal Jurisdiction: What's Happening in the Field?

- Update and impact of recent decisions
- How the judiciaries in key jurisdictions are currently interpreting and entering rulings on PJ motions
- Has Personal Jurisdiction caused a major shift in filing trends?
- Are Plaintiffs refiling and other responsive strategies
- Jurisdiction, Cost and Risk: The factors driving decisions to pursue Personal Jurisdiction motions and the issue of refiling

Charles M. Ferguson, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

Honorable Manuel J. Mendez, Asbestos Coordinating Judge, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY

Nicholas Vogelzang, Esq., Vogelzang Law, Chicago, IL

Craig Ziolkowski, Senior Asbestos Claims Analyst, Resolute Management, Inc., Chicago, IL

12:00 PM – Women's Lunch (located in Le Grand Trianon)

Sponsored by: Barr Mediation, Cetrulo LLP & Litchfield Cavo LLP

Sarah Beth Jones, Esq., Gay Jones & Kuhn PLLC, Jackson, MS

Sabrina Mizrachi, Esq., Chief Litigation Counsel, Colgate-Palmolive Company, New York, NY

12:00 PM – Lunch (*on your own*)

1:30 PM – Litigating Late Exposure Cases

- How are changing demographics impacting trial strategies?
 - Post-OSHA exposure responsibility
 - The impact of abatement practices
- The reallocation of focus and liability amongst employers, premises owners, contractors and product manufacturers
- Evidence at trial: Admissibility considerations and practical concerns
- Does the nature of late occurring exposures have an impact on value assessment?

Thomas J. Burns, Esq., Foley & Mansfield, Chicago, IL

Danny R. Kraft, Jr., Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

Ryan Dickherber, Esq., SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO

2:15 PM – Trying the Talc Case

John D. Cosmich, Esq., Cosmich, Simmons & Brown, PLLC, Jackson, MS

James M. Kramer, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY

Richard M. Moynihan, Esq., Senior Strategic Attorney, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

Jeffrey B. Simon, Esq., Simon Greenstone & Panatier, PC., Dallas, TX

3:00 PM – Break

3:15 PM – The In-House Perspective

- Administrative Arrangements
- Best Practices
- Global Resolutions Outside the Tort System
- Working with your Outside Counsel

Moderator: Loree Shelko, Esq., Director of Litigation, Assistant General Counsel, Meritor, Inc., Detroit, MI

Holly A. Harris, Esq., Senior Counsel, Chevron Products Company, San Ramon, CA

Sabrina Mizrachi, Esq., Chief Litigation Counsel, Colgate-Palmolive Company, New York, NY

Paul Slater, Esq., Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT

4:00 PM – The Advancing Roles of Science and Medicine in Litigation

- Where are we in diagnosing and treating asbestos-related disease: is a cure on the horizon?
- The role of DNA in cancer causation
- The challenges and impact of presenting DNA evidence in the court room
- Identification of some key research in progress regarding genetic factors in disease causation

Jennifer Alesio, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, San Francisco, CA

Arnold R. Brody, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of Pathology, Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, LA

Lisa L. Oberg, Esq., Dentons US LLP, Oakland, CA

Kurt L. Rasmussen, Esq., Rasmussen Dickey Moore LLC, Kansas City, MO

Allyson M. Romani, Esq., Shrader & Associates, L.L.P., Houston, TX

4:45 PM – Diversity in the Courtroom

- The importance of commitment to diversity in the legal field
- Recruiting, retention and turnover: Challenges of implementing diversity policies and the related financial impact
- The role of diversity from the eyes of the jury in the courtroom

Bobbie R. Bailey, Esq., Leader Berkon Colao & Silverstein, Los Angeles, CA

Lindsey A. Cheek, Esq., The Cheek Law Firm, New Orleans, LA

Christina A. Gonzales, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, Philadelphia, PA

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9:00 AM – Hot and Emerging Jurisdictions

- The main factors impacting filing trends and resolution rates
- Key verdicts and other developments impacting these important jurisdictions
- An overview of appellate decisions guiding the litigation
- Update on pending legislation and potential rule changes

Kyle Bjornlund, Esq., Cetrulo LLP, Boston, MA

Aaron Heckaman, Esq., Bailey Cowan Heckaman PLLC, Houston, TX

Sara M. Salger, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL

Erin Voyik, Vice President, Director, Claims Legal Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

9:45 AM – The Friction Case: An update on the current status of theories and defenses

- The state of the maintenance/mechanic case in commercial vehicle friction claims
- The expansion of the friction claim: the role of friction in other industrial systems machinery
 - Are the products, science and causation the same?
- The role of shade tree mechanic allegations
 - Are these claims viable and who is pursuing them

Benno Ashrafi, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., Los Angeles, CA

Jason J. Irvin, Esq., Gordon & Rees Scully Mansukhani, Dallas, TX

10:30 AM – Talc: Evaluating the Key Legal and Strategic Issues

- Litigation Update from State Courts to the MDL
- The Evolution of Product Testing Methodologies and Associated Daubert Challenges: What's Coming In, What's Staying Out, and Where

Ken Battis, Vice President, Property & Casualty Business Management, Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, St. Louis, MO

Mark D. Bratt, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg, Los Angeles, CA

Lindsey A. Cheek, Esq., The Cheek Law Firm, New Orleans, LA

Lindsay Weiss, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Los Angeles, CA

11:00 AM –Social Inflation and Jury Verdicts

Scott Masterson, Esq., Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Atlanta, GA

Danny R. Kraft, Jr. Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

11:30 AM – Making Your Case Out of the Gate: Agility and Civility during Motions in Limine and Jury Selection.

- Motions in Limine
- Jury Selection

Kathy Byrne, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Hon. Clare E. McWilliams, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL
Edward A. Smallwood, Esq., Litchfield Cavo LLP, Pittsburgh, PA

12:30 PM – Conference Concludes

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