



Perrin Conferences Cutting-Edge Issues in Asbestos Litigation Conference

March 6–7, 2023

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Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel (Beverly Hills, CA)
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Sunday, March 5, 2023

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Pre-Registration/Name Badge Pick Up (Located in Le Grand Trianon)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Opening Cocktail Reception (Located in Le Grand Trianon)
Sponsored by: Husch Blackwell and Simmons Hanly Conroy

Monday, March 6, 2023

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM – Registration & Breakfast (Located in Wintergarden)
Sponsored by: Forman, Watkins & Krutz, LLP and KCIC

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM – Opening Remarks and Welcome from the Chairs

Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
Anthony S. Guardione, Senior Counsel, Travelers, Hartford, CT
Lisa L. Oberg, Esq., Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – The Top Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation

- Filing trends: Disease, jurisdiction and plaintiff firm
- Hot and emerging jurisdictions
- Update on talc litigation

Megan Burns, Managing Director, KCIC, Washington, DC
D. Todd Mathews, Esq., Bailey & Glasser LLP, St. Louis, MO
John “Jack” C. McCants III, Esq., Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC, Ridgeland, MS
David Oyamendi, Esq., Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, New York, NY
Benjamin Schmickle, Esq., Member, SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO
Paul Slater, Esq., Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Recent Bankruptcies and the Impact on Asbestos Litigation

- Overview of current bankruptcy trusts and what is being litigated
- Discussion on recent rulings
- Coverage issues
- Third-party releases in bankruptcy

Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
Gary Svirsky, Esq., O’Melveny & Myers, New York, NY

Ben A. Vinson, Jr., Esq., Vinson Law P.A., Tampa, FL
Trey Watkins, Esq., Forman, Watkins & Krutz, LLP, Jackson, MS

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Break (Located in Wintergarden)
Sponsored by: Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM – Ethics and Perspectives from the Bench

- Civility and professionalism in the courtroom

Moderator: Katharine C. Byrne, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Moderator: Timothy L. Krippner, Esq., MG + M The Law Firm, Chicago, IL
Hon. Clare E. McWilliams, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL
Hon. Laura A. Seigle, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA
Hon. Adam Silvera, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM – Women's Lunch (Located in Le Grand Trianon)
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Jill M. Felkins, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL
Anna M. Kohut, Esq., Foley & Mansfield, St. Louis, MO
Alexandra Nassopoulos, Assistant Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Boston, MA
Lauren Williams, Esq., SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM – The Insurance Perspectives

Moderator: Edward Casmere, Esq., Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP, Chicago, IL
Thomas W. Edgington, Sr. Counsel, Claim Legal-SRG, Travelers, Hartford, CT
Fred C. Schaefer, Associate Vice President, Nationwide, Wausau, WI
Erin M. Voyik, Esq., Vice President, Director, Claims Legal Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
Amanda Webber, Claims Technical Director, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA
Craig Ziolkowski, Assistant Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Chicago, IL

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM – Mock Trial Exercise - The New Direction of Trials: The Overlap of Asbestos and Talc
Sponsored by: Trial Partners Inc.

Michael A. Brown, Esq., Nelson Mullins, Baltimore, MD
Jason J. Irvin, Esq., Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, Dallas, TX
Joseph J. Mandia, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., Cherry Hill, NJ
J. Lee Meihls, Ph.D., President and Founder, Trial Partners, Inc., Los Angeles CA
Lance Ungelsby, Esq., Ungelsby Law Firm, New Orleans, LA

4:05 PM – 4:15 PM – Break

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM – Live Juror Deliberation

J. Lee Meihls, Ph.D., President and Founder, Trial Partners, Inc., Los Angeles CA

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Located in Le Grand Trianon)
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10:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Perrin Conferences and Cooney & Conway invites all attendees to gather and celebrate our friend and co-chair, John Cooney
(Hosted at CUT Lounge in the Beverly Wilshire Hotel)

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM – Breakfast (Located in Wintergarden)
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9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Recent Verdicts

- How are law firms viewing trials differently?
- How are jurors changing and what do we expect going forward
- Significant impacts on relationship of insurance companies and corporations
- How do companies view the risk?

Nicholas J. Angelides, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, Alton, IL
Glenn Frankel, SVP, Head of North America PC & Claims, Gen Re, Hartford CT
Peter K. Renstrom, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, San Francisco, CA
Jay Surdukowski, Strategic Attorney, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – The Lung Cancer Docket Update

- A review of recent lung cancer filing trends: When, where and how much?
- Important developments in science and medicine involving smoking and lung cancer: Is there a meaningful impact on the lung cancer case?
- Can strained dockets accommodate the influx of these claims as filings mature?

Tracy Cowan, Esq., Lewis Brisbois, St. Louis, MO
Eric P. Hall, Esq., Hepler Broom, Edwardsville, IL
Christopher T. Layloff, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL
Nicholas P. Vari, Esq., K&L Gates, Pittsburgh, PA

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Update on Science and Genetics

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

Kirk T. Hartley, Esq., LSP Group, Chicago, IL

Lisa L. Oberg, Esq., Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA

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WOMEN'S LUNCH

All attendees and speakers are welcome at this networking lunch.

Monday, March 6, 2023

12:15pm – 1:30pm

This lunch will be held in the Le Grand Trianon room at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. There is no RSVP required to attend the lunch.

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