



# **CUTTING EDGE** **ISSUES IN ASBESTOS** **LITIGATION**

*Eden Roc Miami Beach Resort*  
*March 4-5, 2025*

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**Cutting-Edge Issues in Asbestos Litigation Conference**  
**Eden Roc Hotel (Miami, FL)**  
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**Monday, March 3, 2025**

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception** (Eden Roc Garden)  
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**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

**8:00 AM – 8:45 AM – Registration and Light Breakfast** (Eden Roc II Foyer)  
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**8:45 AM – 9:00 AM – Welcome and Co-Chair Opening Remarks** (Eden Roc II)

**Anthony S. Guardione**, Senior Counsel, Travelers, Hartford, CT  
**Lisa L. Oberg, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA  
**Paul Slater, Esq.**, Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT  
**Perry Weitz Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

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

- Filing trends: Disease, jurisdiction and plaintiff firms
- Hot and emerging jurisdictions
- Defense-Plaintiff Coordination

**Joe Belluck, Esq.**, Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY  
**David Goodearl, Esq.**, Leader, Berkon Colao & Silverstein LLP, New York, NY  
**Kathrin Hashemi**, Director, KCIC, Washington, DC  
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**Hon. Adam Silvera**, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Within New York City,  
Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY  
**Erin Voyik**, VP/Director, APO Strategy & Claims Counsel, The RiverStone Group,  
Manchester, NH

## 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM – Herold and Martin: What recent decisions mean for Employer Liability Cases

- PA Supreme Court expands employer liability for latent occupational disease claims

**Matthew J. Adair, Esq.**, Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL

**Michael C. Cooney, Esq.**, Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL

**Holly Deihl, Esq.**, SWMW Law, Pittsburgh, PA

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

## 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM – Break (Eden Roc II Foyer)

## 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Recent Large Verdicts

- Where are the resources going?
- Jurisdictional impact
- How do you evaluate the risk?

**Moderator: Lisa L. Oberg, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA

**Perry J. Browder, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy, Alton, IL

**Christopher T. Layloff, Esq.**, The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL

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**Clint Townson, PhD**, Founder and Jury Advisor, Townson Litigation Consulting, Boston, MA

**Amanda Webber**, Senior Claims Technical Director, Allianz Resolution Management, Petaluma, CA

## 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM – Conference Networking Lunch – All Welcome (Spa Garden) *Sponsored by: SWMW Law*

## 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM – The Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Asbestos Litigation

- What are the applications in this litigation?
- Competitive advantages
- Pitfalls

**Jaime Careathers, Esq.**, Maron Marvel, Jersey City, NJ

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

**Brandon H. Perlman, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

**Shayan Heidarzadeh, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA

## 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – The In-House Counsel and Insurance Perspectives

**Moderator: Matt Alva, Esq.**, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, LLP, Chicago, IL  
**David Breslau**, Senior Asbestos Claim Analyst – Asbestos Strategic Unit, Resolute Management, Inc., Philadelphia, PA  
**Kate Cook**, Assistant General Counsel, Jacobs, Boston, MA  
**Raymond D. Rushing, Esq.**, Corporate Counsel, Cummins Inc., Chicago, IL  
**Paul Slater, Esq.**, Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT

## 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Break (Eden Roc II Foyer)

## 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM – Genetics: Causes and Treatments of Asbestos Related Cancers

- Genetic causes of lung cancer
- Immunotherapy for asbestos related cancers

**Lisa L. Oberg, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA  
**Brittany Russell, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY  
**Carol M. Tempesta, Esq.**, Foley Mansfield, New York, NY

## 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – The Judicial Perspectives

**Moderator: Jason P. Eckerly, Esq.**, Segal McCambridge, Chicago, IL  
**Moderator: Suzanne M. Ratcliffe, Esq.**, Maune Raichle Hartley French & Mudd, LLC, New York, NY  
**Hon. Andrew Carruthers**, Associate Judge, Presiding Asbestos Judge, Madison County, Edwardsville, IL  
**Hon. Andrew J. Gleeson**, Chief Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judge, St. Clair County, Belleville, IL  
**Hon. Eric Schumacher**, Coordinating Judge for New York City Asbestos Litigation (NYCAL), Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY

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## Wednesday, March 5, 2025

## 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM – Light Breakfast (Eden Roc II Foyer)

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## 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM – Recent Bankruptcies and the Impact on Asbestos Litigation

**Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY  
**Eric R. Goodman, Esq.**, Brown Rudnick, Washington, D.C.  
**Mary Margaret Gay, Esq.**, Gay Jones & Kuhn PLLC, Jackson, MS

## 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – New York: New Judge, New Rules, New NYCAL

**Moderator: Kerryann Cook, Esq.**, The Cook Group, New York, NY  
**Moderator: Justin Weitz Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY  
**Hon. Eric Schumacher**, Coordinating Judge for New York City Asbestos Litigation (NYCAL),  
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## 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Innovations in Lien Resolution

- CMP Update
- When is reporting necessary?
- Asbestos malignancy process AMP

**Mark Eveland**, Founder & Chief Strategy Officer, Verus LLC, Princeton, NJ  
**Debra Forsythe**, Sr. Director Business Execution, Epiq, Marathon, FL

## 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Mental Health at Work and the Ethical Considerations

**Melanie Chung-Tims, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, Miami, FL  
**Kevin Hannemann, Esq.**, The Cook Group, New York, NY  
**Nicholas Larkins, Esq.**, Vinson Law, Tampa, FL  
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