



Environmental Risk and PFAS Litigation Conference

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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM – Registration and Light Breakfast (Meeting Hall, 2nd Floor)

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs

Audrey O. Anyaele, Esq., Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC, Jersey City, NJ

Cindy Hunter, Underwriting Officer & Claims Liaison, Hartford Global Specialty – Environmental, The Hartford, New York, NY

Adam H. Love, Ph.D., Vice President/Principal Scientist, Roux, Oakland, CA

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM – Trump Administration Impacts on Environmental Claims

- Few Federal regulators, fewer Federal regulations
- Changes to EPA enforcement
- Supreme Court rulings overview
- How does this impact the nature and volume of environmental claims?

Joseph Adams, Esq., Dentons, Honolulu, HI

Robin Kelliher, Environmental Solutions – Group Counsel, USI Insurance Services, Short Hills, NJ

Alec Messina, Esq., Hepler Broom LLC, Springfield, IL

Frank Pagone, Ph.D., CIH, Senior Manager, RHP Risk Management Inc., Chicago, IL

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM – The Human Health Effects of PFAS

- The toxicology and epidemiology of the reported health effects of PFAS exposure

John Gardella, Esq., CMBG3, Boston, MA

Angela Perez, Ph.D., CIH, Principal Toxicologist/Senior Technical Fellow Industrial, Hygiene, J.S. Held LLC, Beaverton, OR

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11:00 AM - 11:15 AM – Break (Sponsored by: CMBG3)

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM – Microplastics 2.0: The Looming Challenges, Pitfalls, and Uncertainties Facing the Regulated Community, and Beyond

- Background and history of microplastics
- Environmental and toxic tort risks and latest scientific studies
- States leading the legislative charge
- Recommended risk mitigation strategies

George H. Buermann, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, Newark, NJ

Rebecca DuBoff, Executive Specialist, Environmental Claims, Crum & Forster, Morristown, NJ

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Andrew J. Scholz, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, New York, NY

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM – Lunch (on your own)

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM – How to Make an Allocation that Sticks

- How to develop allocation strategies that are defensible on Sites with co-mingled impacts that are covered under separate policies or are subject to separate deductibles due to unrelated sources
- Negotiation strategies and how to prepare for future litigation when a contributing party fails to agree to an equitable allocation settlement
- Unearthing potentially responsive historical coverage

Christopher C. DeCarlo, CHMM, LSRP, Technical Director, The Vertex Companies LLC, Branchburg, NJ

Kristen Drake, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN

Brian Margolies, Esq., Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP, Valhalla, NY

Vivian Villegas, Assistant Vice President, Latent & Environmental Claims, Zurich North America, Schaumburg, IL

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM – Wildfire Risk and Environmental Insurance

- How are large wildfire claims playing out for residential vs. commercial policyholders
- How are claims on various policies (GL, fire, and environmental) being handled?
- Are regions like California becoming uninsurable?
- What are the coverage issues?

Taylor Denier, SVP Environmental Liability, Mosaic Insurance, Philadelphia, PA

Brian Finnegan, Managing Director, Environmental Risk, Aon, Brielle, NJ

Kieran Purcell, P.E., LEED AP, Director, Environmental Practice, Rimkus, Austin, TX

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM – Break

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM – Incorporating Climate Change into Underwriting Evaluations

- Climate change uncertainty and the pace of climate change appears to be growing
- What steps are happening during underwriting where such risks are being considered?
- What steps can a policyholder take to help mitigate such risks?

Melissa S. Elwell Anderson, Esq., RPLU, CCP, Head of Design Professional & Environmental Claims, AXIS Insurance, Red Bank, NJ

Cindy Hunter, Underwriting Officer & Claims Liaison, Hartford Global Specialty – Environmental, The Hartford, New York, NY

Eric Paglieri, CPCU, ARe, Head of Environmental Underwriting, AXIS Insurance, New York, NY

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM – The Future of PFAS: Zero-discharge Facilities

- PFAS bans have the potential to negatively impact key industries
- Is there a path forward to continued PFAS use?
- Discussion of the technological and regulatory hurdles that need to be implemented

Jason Lagowski, Senior Consultant, Antea Group, Farmington, MI

Robert Petti, Esq., Maron Marvel, Chicago, IL

Joe Tarsavage, Division Manager, Environmental Solutions, Battelle, Columbus, OH

Verónica N. Vázquez, Esq., Napoli Shkolnik, San Juan, Puerto Rico

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Reception Area at NYC Bar Association)

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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM – Light Breakfast (Meeting Hall, 2nd Floor)

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM – From PFAS to Other Toxic Torts, Insurance Coverage Challenges Persist

- Current state of coverage issues for PFAS and exclusions as they stand now
- Evolution of pollution exclusion condition in policies
- Legacy insurance implications with PFAS claims and best practices that insurers and insureds can use to determine the scope of insurance

Richard A. Janisch, J.D., Founder/Principal, Arcina Risk Group LLC, Los Angeles, CA
Seth Kagan, Vice President, Head of Environmental Claims, Aspen Insurance, Jersey City, NJ

Rachel H. Kim, Vice President – Coverage and Bad Faith, Senior Claims Counsel, Sompco, Garden City, NY

Brad S. Moyer, Esq., Kennedys, Kalamazoo, MI

Joseph M. Saka, Esq., Nossaman LLP, Washington, DC

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM – Calculating Agricultural PFAS Damages Associated with Biosolids Application

- PFAS in biosolids may ultimately have the largest special impacts
- What are the variety of claimed damages associated with agricultural claims
- What are reasonable approaches to calculating damages to business and properties?
- Approaches to calculating damages: Importance of your claim form

Debra Forsythe, Senior Director, Epiq, Marathon, FL

Brian Gross, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Boston, MA

Ryan Stifter, M.S., Principal, Economic & Complex Analytics, Roux, San Francisco, CA

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM – Break

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM – Outlook on Mass Tort Reform

- Current MDLs, bellwether trends and emerging jurisdictions
- Is now the time for Mass Tort reform?
- Barrier to overcome to see this change enacted
- Challenging expert opinions
- Potential settlement frameworks and approaches to risk forecasting

Mark Eveland, Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, Verus LLC, Princeton, NJ

Joe Hargraves, Esq., The Cook Group, St. Louis, MO

Paul Hinton, Practice Co-Leader, The Brattle Group, New York, NY

Benjamin J. Nellans, Esq., Segal McCambridge, Chicago, IL

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM – Odor and Health Effects

- Odor nuisance is now often coupled with claims of significant health effects
- How are odor measurements performed and what standards are evaluations of odor nuisance measured by
- What do we know about the science of odors and its impacts on acute vs. chronic physiological/psychological health impacts

Scott Davis, Esq., Spencer Fane, Dallas, TX

Mike Henderson, Ph.D., CIH, Senior Environmental Scientist, HETI, Orlando, FL

Kate Leisch, Vice President, Environmental Claims, Ascot Group, New York, NY

Mary Ann Susavidge, Head of Environmental, Bowhead Specialty Underwriters, Inc., New York, NY

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