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**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

**8:00 AM - 8:45 AM – Registration and Light Breakfast (Meeting Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**8:45 AM - 9:00 AM – Welcome and Co-Chair Opening Remarks**

**Jennifer Akre, Esq.**, Tyson & Mendes LLP, Houston, TX

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**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 – Managing Corporate Risk Through Large Regulatory Shifts**

- Is the current administration’s dramatic shift in deregulation the most dramatic of our lifetimes?
- Is deregulation a free-pass or should companies proceed with caution?
- How to best navigate the potential risks of embracing deregulation?

**Chad Higgins, Esq.**, Dentons, Portland, ME

*Additional Speakers to be Added.*

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM – PFAS Settlements**

- Dupont and 3M trial overview
- The proposed settlements and the current status
- PFAS Claims- What happened to the predictions of a tidal wave of PFAS claims?

**Dan Harrison, Esq.**, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, New York, NY

**Gary Weinberg, J.D.**, Senior Claims Expert, Vice President, Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, Armonk, NY

*Additional Speakers to be Added.*

**11:00 AM - 11:15 AM – Break**  
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**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM – Powering the Cloud, Managing the Risk: Environmental Exposures and Insurance Implications of Data Center**

- Rapid growth of data centers brings increasing environmental, health, and safety risks that need more industry attention.
- Key operational concerns include air and water pollution, waste, chemical storage, noise, and heavy water use for cooling.
- Major risk drivers include chemical and fuel spills, plus newer risks from battery systems
- Backup power systems, fire suppression (like AFFF), and e-waste handling can lead to contamination and regulatory issues.

**Alanna Garrison, CSP, CIH, CHMM**, Senior Consultant, EHS Services and Innovation, Antea Group, Cherry Hill, NJ

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

*Additional Speakers to be Added.*

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

**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM – Advances in Understanding Microplastics Exposures**

- Recent developments and future trend predictions for microplastics litigation
- Have we gotten better at sources identification?
- What have we learned about the complex fate and transport?
- What is the latest research saying about human health risk? And ecological risk?

**John Gardella, Esq.**, CMBG3 Law, Boston, MA

**Seth Kagan**, Vice President – Head of Environmental Casualty and Hazard Claims, Sompo North America, Jersey City, NJ

**Michael McClure, CIH**, Senior Forensic Scientist, HETI, Hartford, CT

**2:30 PM - 3:15 PM – Update on PFAS Epidemiology and Health Effects**

- Association v. Causation
- Changing evidence concerning the alleged C8 adverse health effects
- What the studies actually demonstrate

**Max Swetman, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, New Orleans, LA

*Additional Speakers to be Added.*

**3:15 PM - 3:30 PM – Break**

**3:30 PM - 4:15 PM – Cleanup Lessons Learned at the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)**

- Are there technical lessons related to assessment and cleanup?
- Are there coverage lessons?
- Has any state or agency established best practices for WUI cleanup?

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

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**4:15 PM - 5:00 PM – Overlapping Insurance Coverage Issues**

- How do GL, Environmental and Property Interface with respect to coverage, duty to defend and sharing? Tort liability v first party? Litigation management strategies?
- How is an insured how to manage the various emerging issues, coverages, and expectations?
- Defense Strategy and resolving a claim -what is the path forward?

**M. Claire Juliana, Esq.**, Director – Environmental Claims Advocacy, Aon, Sea Girt, NJ

**Larry Mason, Esq.**, Goldberg Segalla, Chicago, IL

**Marcel Ricciardelli**, Senior Vice President – North American Insurance, Allied World Assurance Company, Philadelphia, PA

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

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**Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

**8:15 AM - 9:00 AM – Light Breakfast** (Meeting Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**9:00 AM - 9:45 AM – AFFF MDL: Will Your PFAS Case End Up There?**

- Background on MDL and recent court rulings regarding jurisdiction.

- New wave of cases with municipalities against third parties to recover cost of improving water treatment facilities.
- State or federal court?
- How is the MDL being managed
- What are the impacts of the MDL for your case, and should you consider removing cases into the MDL?

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

**Paul Napoli, Esq.**, Napoli Shkolnik, San Juan, PR

**Joshua M.W. Salley, Esq.**, Maron Marvel, Charleston, SC

### 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM – Unintended Covered Conditions; How to Deal With That-When Intent of the Underwriter Didn't Follow Through

- Overview of how language applied by underwriting during policy inception was intended to establish policy exclusions
- What happens when an insured provides an interpretation of the policy language that would bring an intended exclusion to be considered for coverage under a policy

**Cameron Alasdair**, VP- National Fixed Facilities Practice Leader, Berkley Specialty Excess, Atlanta, GA

**Laura Berney**, Vice President, Claims Counsel, Distinguished, Philadelphia, PA

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

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

### 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM – Break

### 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM – Emerging Areas in PFAS

- Assessment of PFAS in Consumer Products
- Study aimed to quantify PFAS and fluorine content in three distinct consumer products using total fluorine, total inorganic fluoride, solvent extraction, and leachate analyses to assess PFAS presence and bioavailability of PFAS to consumers
- Short-Chained PFAS: Where are short-chained PFAS found compared to long-chained?
- How do the differences in chain-length results in different management strategies?
- Traditional PFAS treatment methods do not work for short-chained, so what do we do for treatment?
- Volatile PFAS- Fluorotelomer Alcohols- Are the concerns over volatile PFAS different than the PFAS we are already tracking?

- How does being volatile change the potential transport and exposure pathways?
- Novel PFAS that are not currently part of standard target analysis panels

**Elizabeth Denly**, VP, PFAS Initiative Leader & Chemistry Director, TRC Companies, Lowell, MA

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

**Taryn McKnight**, VP of Product, PFAS Practice Leader, Eurofins Environment Testing (USA), Folsom, CA

**Matthew Sonnenberg, CHMM, M.Sc.**, National Program Manager, EFI Global, Inc., Englewood, CO

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