



# **NATIONAL ASBESTOS LITIGATION CONFERENCE**

**The Charleston Place Hotel  
September 11-12, 2024**

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**National Asbestos Litigation Conference**  
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**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**10:00 AM: Golf Outing at Bulls Bay Golf Club**

Kick off the conference by joining attendees and speakers for a round of golf at Bulls Bay Golf Club. For more information and to sign up, see the Golf Outing section at the end of the brochure. Transportation is provided to/from The Charleston Place Hotel.

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Opening Networking Cocktail Reception** (*Market Street Circle – Outside 1<sup>st</sup> Floor at The Charleston Place Hotel*)

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Start the week in a relaxed outdoor southern atmosphere with beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. Wear your sandals and shorts for this casual attire outdoor welcome reception.

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**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast** (*Live Oak/Magnolia Foyer*)

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**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs** (*Live Oak/Magnolia Ballroom*)

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

**John B. Manning, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, Boston, MA

**Joseph F. Rice, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mount Pleasant, SC

**Erin M. Voyik, Esq.**, Vice President/Director, APO Global Initiatives and Claims Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

**9:15 AM – 10:15 AM: National Trends Driving Asbestos Litigation**

- Filing trends, hot jurisdictions and future projections
- Overview of recent verdicts

**John Cosmich, Esq.**, Cosmich, Simmons & Brown, Jackson, MS

**Thomas W. Edgington**, Executive Counsel, Claim Legal-SRG, Travelers, Hartford, CT  
**Joseph F. Rice, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mount Pleasant, SC  
**Carrie Scott**, CIO, Senior Managing Director, KCIC, Washington, DC

### **10:15 AM – 11:15 AM: Assessing Case Risk in Asbestos Litigation: What Really Drives Case Value?**

- Primary factors that impact risk on a case
- Meso diagnosis numbers
- Historical verdicts
- Statistical numbers the bankruptcy trusts use
- Future predictions
- Reorganizing to manage the risk
- Dissolution
- Receivership

**Moderator: Mary Margaret Gay, Esq.**, Gay Jones & Kuhn, Jackson, MS  
**Joseph W. Belluck, Esq.**, Belluck & Fox, LLP, New York, NY  
**Kristen Drake**, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN  
**Leslie Lombardy, Esq.**, O'Toole Scrivo, Cedar Grove, NJ  
**Amanda Webber**, Claims Technical Director, Allianz Resolution Management, Petaluma, CA

### **11:15 AM – 11:30 AM: Break** *Sponsored by: Maron Marvel*

### **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Bankruptcy Updates**

- Overview of the most recent wave of bankruptcies
- What trends are we seeing?
- Cosmetic talc bankruptcy overview

**Moderator: Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, New York, NY  
**John A. Baden IV, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mount Pleasant, SC  
**Rickey Glover, Vice President, Director of Litigation**, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH  
**Bruce E. Mattock, Esq.**, Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA  
**Ann C. McMillan, Esq.**, Caplin & Drysdale, Washington, D.C.  
**David J. Molton, Esq.**, Brown Rudnick LLP, New York, NY

### **12:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Women's Lunch (Cypress/Dogwood Room)** *Sponsored by: Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP*

**Moderator: Anna M. Kohut, Esq.**, Goldberg Segalla, St. Louis, MO  
**Beverly M. Bond, Esq.**, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, Dallas, TX

**Holly L. Deihl, Esq.**, SWMW Law, Pittsburgh, PA  
**Amy E. Fitzpatrick, CPCU, SPPA, SCLA**, Claims Manager, CoAction Specialty Insurance Group, Morristown, NJ

**12:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Lunch** (*on your own*)

**1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: Talc Litigation**

- Industrial talc and the interaction of other defendants
- Concerns with asbestos in talc, why now?
- Pre and post bankruptcy perspectives
- Talc science and updates in the literature

**Mitchell Charchalis, Esq.**, Barnes & Thornburg, New York, NY  
**S. Christopher Collier, Esq.**, Lewis Brisbois, Atlanta, GA  
**Jessica Dean, Esq.**, Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Dallas, TX  
**James Kramer, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, New York, NY

**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM: The Insurance Perspective**

- Carrier views on trial activity in new jurisdictions
- Perspectives on emerging high-risk jurisdictions

**Moderator: David J. Goodearl, Esq.**, Leader Berkon Colao & Silverstein LLP, New York, NY

**David Donohue**, Legal Counsel, Nationwide Indemnity, Wausau, WI  
**Thomas W. Edgington**, Executive Counsel, Claim Legal-SRG, Travelers, Hartford, CT  
**Brittany I. Hayes**, Claims Specialist, Asbestos and Toxic Tort Cases, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA  
**David A. Warren**, Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Chicago, IL  
**Steve Zarzecki**, Senior Vice President, USAIG, New York, NY

**3:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Break**  
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**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: The Judicial Perspectives: View from the Bench**

**Moderator: Alysa B. Koloms, Esq.**, The Cook Group, Buffalo, NY  
**Moderator: Sara M. Salger, Esq.**, The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL  
**Hon. Andrew Carruthers**, Circuit Court, Madison County, Edwardsville, IL  
**Hon. Adam Silvera**, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY

**5:00 PM – 6:30 PM: Networking Cocktail Reception** (*The Riviera Theater, 225 King St.- located across the street from The Charleston Place Hotel*)  
**Sponsored by: MG+M The Law Firm**

*Join us at the corner of King and Market Streets for live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres and stations, open bar and specialty cocktails.*

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## **Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**8:00 AM – 8:45 AM: Continental Breakfast** (*Live Oak/Magnolia Foyer*)  
**Sponsored by: Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP**

### **8:45 AM – 9:30 AM: The Future of Lung Cancer Cases**

- Alternative causes and exposures
- Lung cancer dockets
- Trial strategies
- History and future of lung cancer cases
- Modern lung cancer claims

**Lindsey W. Cheek, Esq.**, The Cheek Law Firm, New Orleans, LA

**Jay Evans, Esq.**, Segal McCambridge, Pittsburgh, PA

**Lily Keefer**, Director – Disputes, Claims & Investigations, Stout, Chicago, IL

**Michael Owen**, Vice President, Claims Counsel, Trial and Litigation Support, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

**Brittany A. Russell, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg, New York, NY

### **9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Jury Selection and Trial Procedures**

- Large verdicts and the impact on jurors
- Observations and trends in recent jury trials such as longer deliberations and more hung jurors
- The impact of anchoring / anchoring in general

**Stephen T. Armato, Esq.**, Cetrulo LLP, Boston, MA

**Jessica Kansky, PhD**, Director of Jury Consulting, Immersion Legal, Charleston, SC

**Brandon Harris Perlman, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg, New York, NY

**Jeanette Riggins, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, New Orleans, LA

**Hon. Stephen Stobbs**, Circuit Court, Madison County, IL

### **10:30 AM – 10:45 AM: Break**

### **10:45 AM – 11:45 AM: Late Exposures and Non-Traditional Jurisdictions**

- The nuances and challenges of taking cases in unique jurisdictions without historical asbestos filings
- Michigan, Oregon, Texas, Massachusetts
- The impact on insurance industry with non-traditional jurisdictions
- Increase in young plaintiffs and women
- Take home exposure

**Lorianne Conklin Hanson, Esq.**, Bullivant Houser, Seattle, WA

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

**Beau Inabinet, Esq.**, Maron Marvel, Daniel Island, SC

### 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM: In-House Counsel Roundtable

- Evolving challenges defending national asbestos litigation
- The value of diverse representation in litigation

**Moderator: C. Matt Alva, Esq.**, Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, Chicago, IL

**Sarah Lickus**, Manager – Insurance, Litigation and Claims, Boeing Chicago, IL

**Raymond D. Rushing**, Corporate Counsel – Global Litigation, Cummins Inc., Chicago, IL

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

**Nate Walker**, Associate General Counsel, Husqvarna Group, Charlotte, NC

### 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Next Gen Networking Lunch

*(The Charleston Grill Restaurant in The Charleston Place Hotel)*

*Attendance Open to All*

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**Jesse Ainlay, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell LLP, Boston, MA

**Simran Modi, Esq.**, King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, GA

### 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Lunch *(on your own)*

### 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: Medical & Scientific Literature Update on Asbestos & Mesothelioma

- Pleural mesothelioma classification update
- Status of genomics in mesothelioma litigation
- The role of genetics in connection with mesothelioma
- New mesothelioma science book by Carbone/Dodson/Pass/Yang
- June 2024 UK paper on pathogenicity of all BAP1 mutations
- Newly identified genetic cause of mesothelioma in young people (Novelli/Carbone et al 2024)

**Jennifer L. Alesio, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, San Francisco, CA  
**Nick C. Giallourakis, Esq.**, Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP, Jackson, MS  
**Anne M. Kearse, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mount Pleasant, SC  
**Josh Lee, Esq.**, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Chicago, IL  
**Len M. van Zyl**, CEO, ArrayXpress Inc., Raleigh, NC

### 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM: Medicare Compliance in the Age of Civil Money Penalties

- Discussion of whether AMP may prevent the fines for defendants
- Hear how to prevent fines for non-compliance with MMSEA Section 111 Reporting for cases settled from October 2024 onward
- Learn to prepare your clients for federal audits on Medicare compliance
- Discovery and timely reporting upon resolution
- A short-lived age? - Will *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* upend MMSEA Regulations?

**Moderator: Catherine E. Goldhaber, Esq.**, Hawkins Parnell, Chicago, IL  
**Debra Forsythe**, Senior Director, Epiq, Marathon, FL  
**Marie Ianniello-Occhigrossi, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg, New York, NY  
**Andrea Morton**, Vice President of Operations, LitPro, Charlotte, NC  
**Barrye Panepinto Miyagi, Esq.**, Taylor Porter, Baton Rouge, LA

### 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM: Ethics and Mental Health

- The process and the results
- How the process can improve the practice for all parties involved
- A review of recent sanctions/disciplinary actions resulting from addiction
- Warning signs that could lead into an ethical program

**Brent Eisenberg, Esq.**, DeHay & Elliston, LLP, Chicago, IL  
**Stephanie Gold, Esq.**, SWMW Law, St Louis, MO  
**Ashleigh Johnson, Esq.**, Foley & Mansfield, St. Louis, MO  
**George A. Kiser, Esq.**, Hepler Broom, Edwardsville, IL

**4:45 PM – 6:00 PM: Closing Networking Cocktail Reception (Live Oak/Magnolia Foyer)**

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**National Asbestos Litigation Conference**  
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**The Charleston Place (Charleston, SC)**

The Opening Networking Cocktail Reception will take place on the evening of Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The conference is two full days on September 11-12, 2024.

An optional golf event is scheduled for Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 PM. More information with details will be posted closer to the conference date.

*\*Speaker and Agenda are subject to change.*

**CONFERENCE LOCATION**

**The Charleston Place Hotel, 205 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401**

**REGISTRATION**

**Registration Rates:** \$1395

In-house counsel and insurance claims professionals who assign work to outside counsel receive complimentary registration at Perrin Conferences.

Contact Bethany Corio ([bcorio@perrinconferences.com](mailto:bcorio@perrinconferences.com)) 610-220-1817 or Lynnsey Perrin ([lperrin@perrinconferences.com](mailto:lperrin@perrinconferences.com)) 610-804-6165 with questions or to register at the complimentary rate.

**Register Online:** [National Asbestos Litigation Conference | Perrin Conferences](#)

**Register by Mail/E-mail:** Complete the Mail-In Registration Form at the end of brochure.

**Mail to:** Perrin Conferences, 214 Orchard Way, Wayne, PA 19087

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*Group discounts available, please inquire ([bcorio@perrinconferences.com](mailto:bcorio@perrinconferences.com)).*

**HOTEL ROOM BLOCK**

**The Charleston Place Hotel, 205 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401**



The discounted room block rate is \$350/night.

Charleston Place Room Block Link: [The Charleston Place - Reservations - Room Availability \(synxis.com\)](#)

**The Lindy Renaissance Charleston Hotel (Marriott), 68 Wentworth Street, Charleston, SC 29401**

This discounted room block rate is \$369/night.

Lindy Renaissance Charleston Hotel Block Link: [The Lindy Renaissance Charleston Hotel – Reservations – Room Availability](#)

If you have questions, please call Reservations 800-611-5545 or email [reservations@charlestonplace.com](mailto:reservations@charlestonplace.com) and reference Perrin National Asbestos Litigation Conference when booking.

If you need assistance from Perrin Conferences, please contact Bethany Corio ([bcorio@perrinconferences.com](mailto:bcorio@perrinconferences.com)).

### **CLE & CE CREDIT INFORMATION**

Applications are being made to all CLE states as requested by attendees. CE Adjuster credit is pending approval for 12.0 credits in FL, NC, OK and TX. Please note, there will be no partial credit awarded for CE credit – The full conference must be attended to earn credit.

\*Perrin files for CLE approval for all requested states prior to the conference with materials provided, and therefore cannot guarantee accreditation by each jurisdiction's governing body.

Please send requests for state specific accreditation to Kelsey Minernd at [kaminernd@perrinconferences.com](mailto:kaminernd@perrinconferences.com).

### **GOLF OUTING AT BULLS BAY GOLF CLUB**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

Join us for a round at Bulls Bay Golf Club with conference attendees and speakers. Format will be a golf scramble. The cost is \$275 per golfer, which includes roundtrip transportation from The Charleston Place Hotel, one round, cart, lunch, and drinks. Pairings will be set by the course. Please register by September 5<sup>th</sup>

**Golf Registration Link:** [Perrin Conferences Golf Outing at Bulls Bay Golf Club Tickets, Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Please contact Bethany Corio at [bcorio@perrinconferences.com](mailto:bcorio@perrinconferences.com) with any questions or concerns. No cancellations or refunds will be provided after September 5<sup>th</sup>.

We strongly suggest bringing your own clubs. There are only a limited number of rental clubs at the course. If you are interested in renting a set of clubs, please contact the Bulls Bay Golf Club to reserve equipment.

Bulls Bay Golf Club, 995 Bulls Bay Boulevard, Awendaw, SC 29429 | (843) 881-2223

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If you cannot attend the conference, please notify us prior to August 28, 2024 and we will refund your fee or provide a credit for a future conference. The credit needs to be used within one year from the conference date.

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## BREAKFAST

- Millers All Day
  - 120 King St, Charleston, SC
  - 8am - 3pm
- Callie's Hot Little Biscuit
  - 188 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC
  - 476 ½ King St, Charleston, SC,
  - 8am - 2pm
- Bodega
  - 23 Ann St, Charleston, SC
  - 7am - 2am

## THINGS TO SEE

- Historic Charleston City Market
  - 188 Meeting St, Charleston, SC
  - 9:30am - 5pm
- Rainbow Row
  - 83-107 E Bay St, Charleston, SC
- Pineapple Fountain
  - 1 Vendue Range, Charleston, SC



## LUNCH & DINNER

- Church & Union
  - 32b N Market Street, Charleston, SC
  - 11am - 10pm
- SNOB (Slightly North of Broad)
  - 192 East Bay Street, Charleston, SC
  - 11:30am through Dinner
- Magnolias
  - 185 East Bay Street, Charleston, SC
  - 11:30am - 9pm
- 167 Raw Oyster Bar
  - 193 King Steet, Charleston, SC
  - 11am - 11pm
- High Cotton
  - 199 E Bay Street, Charleston, SC
  - 4pm - 11pm
- HUSK
  - 76 Queen St, Charleston, SC
  - 5pm - 10pm
- Stars Rooftop
  - 495 King St, Charleston, SC
  - 5pm - 11pm
- Halls Chophouse
  - 434 King St, Charleston, SC
  - 4pm - 11pm
- The Darling Oyster Bar
  - 513 King St, Charleston, SC
  - 4pm - 10pm
- The Watch | Rooftop Kitchen & Spirits
  - 75 Wentworth St, Charleston, SC
  - 8am - 11pm



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Registration Form

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