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The Charleston Place Hotel
September 16-17, 2025

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Monday, September 15, 2025

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Golf Outing *(Bulls Bay Golf Club, separate registration)*

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.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Opening Networking Cocktail Reception *(Palmetto and Charleston Grill)*
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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast *(Grand Hall)*
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9:00 AM – 9:15 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs *(Live Oak/Magnolia Ballroom)*

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

- Filing trends, hot jurisdictions and future projections
- Recap of recent verdicts
- Jurisdictional updates
- Impact of the Trump Administration on recent decisions and regulatory changes
- New Illinois Statute

John P. Arranz, Esq., Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, Chicago, IL
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Raymond D. Rushing, Corporate Counsel – Global Litigation, Cummins Inc., Chicago, IL
Nicholas Vogelzang, Esq., Vogelzang Law, Chicago, IL

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM: Trial Attorney Perspectives: Trying Cases, Staying Sane and the Teams that Make that Possible

- Damages
- Mental health
- Alternative Exposures
- Trial Teams

Jennifer L. Alesio, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, San Francisco, CA
Suzanne Ratcliffe Stern, Esq., Maune Raichle Hartley French & Mudd, LLC, New York, NY
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11:15 AM – 11:30 AM: Break *(Grand Hall)*
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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Talc Litigation Overview

- Industrial talc and the interaction of other defendants
- Update on FDA and talc

Jessica Dean, Esq., Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Dallas, TX
Erin Smith-Corbally, Manager, Asbestos Claims, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
Jay E. Stuemke, Esq., Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Dallas, TX
Theodore C. Yarbrough, Esq., Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, San Diego, CA

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Women's Lunch *(Cypress/Dogwood Room)*
Sponsored by: Sinars Slowikowski LLC

Moderator: Megan Slowikowski, Esq., Sinars Slowikowski LLC, Chicago, IL
Betsy Czerwinski, AIC-M, AINS, Senior Claims Manager, Great American Insurance Group, Cincinnati, OH

Shannon E. Hall, CPCU, ARM, Are, Assistant Vice President, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA
Nicole Nystrom, Senior Corporate Claims Specialist, PMA Companies, Chicago, IL
Carrie Strasser, Senior Claim Analyst, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

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

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: Causes of Mesothelioma and Lung Cancer Cases

- Scott K. Keller v. ExxonMobil Oil Corporation
- Lung cancer dockets
- Modern lung cancer claims

Allyson B. Bertin, Esq., Maron Marvel, Pittsburgh, PA
Dennis E. Vega, Esq., Foley Mansfield, New York, NY
Sophie Zavaglia, Esq., SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO
Audra L. Zobrist, Esq., Hepler Broom LLC, Edwardsville, IL

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM: The Significance of Dissolution and Receiverships

- Corporate reorganization alternatives

Charles Branham, III, Esq., Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Dallas, TX
Michael Brockland, Esq., SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO
David J. Goodearl, Esq., Leader Berkon, New York, NY
Katherine Nickerson, Senior Claims Analyst, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
Edward A. Smallwood, Esq., Post & Schell, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Break
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4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: In-House Counsel Roundtable

- Evolving challenges defending national asbestos litigation
- Impact of Artificial Intelligence on asbestos litigation

Moderator: Timothy Gallagher, Esq., McMahon, Martine & Gallagher, LLP, New York, NY
Nicholas Fox, Counsel, Volvo Group North America, LLC, Greensboro, NC
Raymond D. Rushing, Corporate Counsel – Global Litigation, Cummins Inc., Chicago, IL
Paul Slater, Esq., Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT
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Abby U. Van Grinsven, J.D., Manager – Insurance, Litigation and Claims, Boeing, Chicago, IL

Nate Walker, General Counsel, NA, Legal Affairs, Husqvarna Group, Charlotte, NC

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, specialty cocktails and an open bar.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM: Continental Breakfast *(Grand Hall)*

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Developments in Asbestos-Related Bankruptcies

- Overview of the most recent wave of bankruptcies

Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY
Mary Margaret Gay, Esq., Gay Jones & Kuhn PLLC, Jackson, MS
Bruce E. Mattock, Esq., Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA
David J. Molton, Esq., Brown Rudnick LLP, New York, NY

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: The Insurance Perspective

- Carrier views on trial activity in new jurisdictions
- Perspectives on emerging high-risk jurisdictions
- A comparative look at other toxic torts to asbestos litigation

Brittany I. Hayes, Claims Specialist, Asbestos and Toxic Tort Cases**,** Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA
Richard Janisch, Principal, Arcina Risk Group LLC, Los Angeles, CA
Frederick C. Schaefer, Associate Vice President, Nationwide, Wausau, WI
Stephen Zarzecki, Senior Vice President, USAIG, New York, NY
Craig Ziolkowski, Assistant Vice President, Resolute Management, Inc., Chicago, IL

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM: Ethics and Successor Liability Issues

- Insurance archaeology as a tool for ethical defense
- Navigating mergers and legacy systems

Moderator: Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY
Kristen Drake, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN
Holly Harris, Senior Counsel, Chevron Products Company, San Ramon, CA
Anne Kearse, Esq., Motley Rice LLC, Mount Pleasant, SC

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM: Lunch *(on your own)*

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM: Recent Decisions and Their Impact on Employer Liability Cases

- Implications for personal injury litigation

Edward Casmere, Esq., Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Chicago, IL
Judith Conway, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Jay Evans, Esq., Segal McCambridge, Pittsburgh, PA

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM: The Role of Medicine and Science in Asbestos Litigation

- Current state of genetics
- Genetics related to mesothelioma causation and treatments

Nathan Finch, Esq., Motley Rice LLC, Washington, D.C.
Len M. van Zyl, CEO, ArrayXpress Inc., Raleigh, NC

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM: Best Practices When Multiple Parties Are Retained for a Mass Tort Program

- The value of a proactive lien program
- The importance of defense-side coordination in Medicare reporting

Debra Forsythe, Sr. Director, Epiq, Charlotte, NC
Aaron Heckaman, Esq., Bailey Cowan Heckaman PLLC, Houston TX
Andrea Morton, Chief Operating Officer, LitPRO, Charlotte, NC

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM: Break

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM: The Judicial Perspectives

Hon. Andrew K. Carruthers, Circuit Court, Madison County, Edwardsville, IL
Mark K. Hsu, Esq., Hawkins Parnell & Young, LLP, New York, NY
Chris T. Layloff, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL
Hon. Jennifer Medley, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Hon. Eric Schumacher, Coordinating Judge for New York City Asbestos Litigation (NYCAL), Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY
Hon. Maura Slattery Boyle, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL
Justin Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg, New York, New York

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM: Networking Cocktail Reception *(Grand Hall)*
Co-Sponsored by: Brown Rudnick, Epiq, Leader & Berkon LLP and LitPRO

6:00 – 8:00 PM: Closing Conference Party *(El Jefe Texican Cantina – 468 King St.)*
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Join us for this casual gathering with an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

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An optional golf event is scheduled for Monday, September 15, beginning at 11:00 AM. More information with details will be posted closer to the conference date.

The Opening Networking Cocktail Reception will take place on the evening of Monday, September 15. The conference is two full days on September 16-17.

**Speaker and Agenda are subject to change.*

CONFERENCE LOCATION

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

REGISTRATION

General Registration: $1,395
Paralegal: $475

All in-house counsel and insurance claims professionals receive complimentary registration at Perrin Conferences live programs.

Contact Bethany Corio 610-220-1817 or Lynnsey Perrin 610-804-6165 with questions or to register at the complimentary rate.

Register Online: National Asbestos Litigation Conference

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

Each registration includes private website access to course materials and admission to all sessions and networking events such as refreshment breaks and cocktail receptions.

Group discounts available, please inquire.

HOTEL ROOM BLOCKS

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

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

Perrin Conferences has an additional room block at The Lindy, which is located near the conference hotel. The group rate is $349 per night. Click here to make your room reservation.

We suggest booking as soon as possible, hotel blocks do sell out.

The Ryder Hotel

237 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Perrin Conferences has a third room block at The Ryder Hotel. The group rate is $348 per night. Click here to make your room reservation. We suggest booking as soon as possible.

Contact Bethany Corio (bcorio@perrinconferences.com) with questions about rooms.

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Applications are being made to all CLE states as requested by attendees. 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 contact Kelsey Minerd with questions regarding approved states for CLE Credit.

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GOLF OUTING AT BULLS BAY GOLF CLUB

Monday, September 15, 11:00 AM

Join us for a round at Bulls Bay Golf Club with conference attendees and speakers. Format will be a golf scramble. The cost is $300 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 8.

Golf Registration Link: Perrin Conferences Golf Outing at Bulls Bay Golf

Please contact Bethany Corio with any questions or concerns. No cancellations or refunds will be provided after September 8.

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 September 2, 2025 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.

Cancellations received on September 3, 2025 and after will not be refunded. You may enroll a substitute at any time before the conference starts. Cancellations received on September 3, 2025 and after may receive a credit for $200 less than the registration amount paid and can be used by their firm/company within one year from the conference date.

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waiver or reduction in fee. Factors to be considered include employment status and annual income. Please send a written letter to Lynnsey Perrin addressing your financial situation for consideration. All requests must be submitted 14 days prior to the start of the program and are kept confidential.

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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 - 4pm

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
  - 10am - 12am
- SNOB (Slightly North of Broad)
  - 192 East Bay Street, Charleston, SC
  - 11am- 10pm
- 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 - 10pm
- HUSK
  - 76 Queen St, Charleston, SC
  - 5pm - 10pm
- Stars Rooftop
  - 495 King St, Charleston, SC
  - 4pm-12am
- 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
  - 11am – 11pm

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Attendee Name _____

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Email Address _____

CIRCLE ONE: Attorney Non-Attorney Insurance Professional In-House Counsel

***Registration Fee*: $1,395**

***Paralegal Fee*: $475**

***Golf Fee*: $300**

**All Insurance Professionals & In-House Counsel receive Complimentary attendance*

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