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The Charleston Place Hotel
September 15-16, 2026

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Monday, September 14, 2026

11:00 AM: Golf Outing *(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, 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 *(Charleston Grill, Palmetto Café + Courtyard at The Charleston Place Hotel)*
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Tuesday, September 15, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast *(Grand Hall)*
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8:45 AM – 9:00 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs *(Live Oak/Magnolia Ballroom)*

Perry J. Browder, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP, Alton, IL
John B. Manning, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Boston, MA
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Erin M. Voyik, Esq., VP, Leader of Litigation & Legal Reform, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: National Trends Driving Asbestos Litigation

- Filing trends, hot jurisdictions and future projections
- Recap of recent verdicts
- Jurisdictional updates
- Increase in new defendants and emerging exposures
- Trends driving higher-damage cases and claim values

John P. Arranz, Esq., Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, Chicago, IL
Joseph Belluck, Esq., Belluck Law, New York, NY
Trey Branham, Esq., Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Dallas, TX
Megan Burns, Senior Managing Director, KCIC, Washington, DC
Scott Hymes, Director, Gleason, Pittsburgh, PA

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Trial Attorney Perspectives

- Motions *in Limine* (necessary or not)
- Jury selection – what's new, what's old
- Recent trial discussions
- Use of demonstratives
- AI at trial

Jennifer Alesio, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP, San Fransico, CA
James Campbell, Esq., The Lanier Law Firm, Chicago, IL
Haley L. Hansen, Esq., Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, Chicago, IL
Brittany Russell, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM: Break *(Grand Hall)*
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11:15 AM – 12:15 PM: The Role of Science and Medicine in Asbestos Litigation

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

Daniel P. Blouin, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP, New York, NY
Mark Love, Esq., Hawkins Parnell & Young LLP, San Francisco, CA
Richard Moynihan, AVP, Director of Legal Reform and Strategy, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
Pierre Ratzki, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM: Women's Lunch *(Cypress/Dogwood Room)*
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Moderator: Bethann S. Kagan, Esq., Belluck Law, Philadelphia, PA
Amaryah Bocchino, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Wilmington, DE
Haley Combs, Esq., Foley Mansfield, St. Louis, MO
Michaela E. Lancer, Esq., CMBG3 Law, P.C., Boston, MA
Sharon Sonnett, Senior Counsel, American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Torrance, CA
Carrie Strasser, Senior Claims, Analyst, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

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

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: In-House Counsel Roundtable

- Evolving challenges defending national asbestos litigation
- NCC/Local relationships

Moderator: Matt Alva, Esq., Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP, Chicago, IL
Paul Slater, Chief Litigation Counsel, GE Aerospace, Fairfield, CT
Brendan J. Tuohy, Senior Counsel – Litigation, National Grid, Waltham, MA
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

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM: From Intake to Resolution: Strategic Document Management in Complex Litigation

- Managing historical and current case records
- Using organized case records to strengthen litigation and settlement strategy
- Supporting insurance recovery, allocation, and settlement analysis
- Reducing discovery disputes and settlement costs through efficient document management
- AI-assisted review and case management
- Privilege, confidentiality, consent, and document retention
- AI agents

Moderator: Debra Forsythe, Sr. Director, Business Execution, Epiq, Marathon, FL
John A. Baden Esq., Motley Rice LLC, Mount Pleasant, SC
Kevin Chenelle, Vice President, Manager, Premier Liability Management Solutions, Manchester, NH
Aaron Heckaman, Esq., Bailey Cowan Heckaman PLLC, Houston, TX
Robert Parrish, Director, Alvarez & Marsal, Washington, DC

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM: Break

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM: The Judicial Roundtable

Moderators: Kerryann M. Cook, Esq., The Cook Group, New York, NY
Bethann S. Kagan, Esq., Belluck Law, Philadelphia, PA
Chris Layloff, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL
Justin Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
Hon. Andrew Carruthers, Circuit Court, Madison County, Edwardsville, IL
Hon. Andrew Gleeson, Chief Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judge, St. Clair County, Belleville, IL
Hon. Joshua Roberts, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, PA

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

4:45 PM – 6:30 PM: Networking Cocktail Reception *(The Riviera Theater, 225 King St.- located across the street from The Charleston Place Hotel)*
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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 16, 2026

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM: Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by: Alvarez & Marsal

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Expert Retention and Development

- New experts (retirements, passings)
- Successes and failures
- How to work up an expert
- Development of new expert areas

David B. Halpern, Esq., The Halpern Law Firm, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
Yancey A. McLeod III, Esq., Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC, Charleston, SC
Edward A. Smallwood, Esq., Post & Schell P.C., Pittsburgh, PA
Amanda Webber, Senior Claims Technical Director, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA

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
- The role of historical insurance reconstruction

Moderator: Corey Schaecher, Esq., Husch Blackwell LLP, St. Louis, MO
Kristen Drake, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN
Andrew Fantasia, Senior Claims Superintendent, Admiral Insurance Group, Moorestown, NJ
Brittany Hayes, Director - Asbestos and Health Hazard Claims, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Boston, MA
Erin M. Voyik, Esq., VP, Leader of Litigation & Legal Reform, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

Jeffrey Ward, Director – Indemnity/Specialty Claims, Nationwide, Wausau, WI

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM: Lung Cancer Cases

- Most active jurisdictions and why
- Impact of reduction in smoking
- Lung cancer causation
- Differences in strategy: Lung cancer v. Mesothelioma

S. Christopher Collier, Esq., Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Atlanta, GA
Sergio R. Gomez, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Katherine Nickerson, Esq., Manager, Asbestos Claims, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
Brandon Perlman, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
Ben Schmickle, Esq., SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM: Lunch *(on your own)*

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM: Talc Litigation Overview

- New developments in science and exposure analysis
- Cutting edge motion strategy
- Recent verdicts
- Current appellate issues

David S. Haase, Esq., Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., Philadelphia, PA
Christopher Kozak, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, New York, NY
James M. Kramer, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP, New York, NY
Joseph J. Mandia, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., Cherry Hill, NJ

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM: Developments in Bankruptcy, Dissolutions and Receiverships in Asbestos Litigation

- Overview of the most recent wave of bankruptcies
- Significance of dissolution and receiverships
- Corporate reorganization
- Dissolved entities
- Liquidating trusts
- Significance of exhausting coverage

Moderator: Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP, New York, NY
Trey Branham, Esq., Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Dallas, TX

Bruce E. Mattock, Esq., Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA
David Molton, Esq., Brown Rudnick LLP, New York, NY
Christina Wolff, Esq., Holland Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM: Break

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: Professionalism and Ethics in the Litigation

- What is professionalism?
- How does professionalism relate to ethical rules/obligations?
- Professionalism in practice and how to address unprofessional behaviors
- Risks of failing to address unprofessional behavior

Christa Chance, Esq., Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer P.A., Dallas, TX
Nicole Brodie Jackson, Esq., Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, Seattle, WA
Karen E. Ross, Esq., Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, OH
Kush Shukla, Esq., Meirowitz & Wasserberg, LLP, New York, NY

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM: Networking Cocktail Reception *(Grand Hall)*
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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Conference Closing Party *(El Jefe Texican Cantina, 468 King St.)*
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An optional golf event is scheduled for Monday, September 14, beginning at 11:00 AM. More detailed registration information below.

The Opening Networking Cocktail Reception will take place on the evening of Monday, September 14. The conference is two full days, on September 15 and 16 with a conference closing party on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00-8:00pm.

**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

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Group discounts available, please inquire.

HOTEL ROOM BLOCKS

The following hotels blocks are available for conference attendees and speakers:

The Charleston Place Hotel
205 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401
Group rate: $370 per night
Click here to book.

Emeline Hotel
181 Church Street, Charleston, SC 29401
Group rate: $389 per night
Click here to book.

The Mills House (Curio Collection - Hilton)
115 Meeting St, Charleston, SC 29401
Group rate: $409 per night Sept. 14/15 and $449 per night on Sept. 16
Click here to book.

Planter's Inn
112 North Meeting St, Charleston, SC 29401

Group rate: $549 per night
Click here to book. Online Booking Code: GPERRIN

The Lindy Renaissance Charleston Hotel (Marriott)- ***GROUP RATE SOLD OUT***
68 Wentworth Street, Charleston, SC 29401
Group rate: $359 per night
Please make reservations prior to August 14, 2026.
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We suggest booking as soon as possible, hotel blocks do sell out.

Contact Bethany Corio with questions about rooms.

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GOLF OUTING AT BULLS BAY GOLF CLUB

Outing Details:

Monday, September 14, 11:00 AM

Join us for a round at Bulls Bay Golf Club with conference attendees and speakers. Format will be play your own ball. The cost is $325 per golfer, which includes round-trip transportation from The Charleston Place Hotel, one round, cart, lunch, and drinks. Pairings will be set by the course.

Please contact Ali Gill (agill@perrinconferences.com) with any questions or concerns. No cancellations or refunds will be provided after September 7.

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 1, 2026, and we will refund your fee, less a $25 administrative 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 or after September 2, 2026 will not be refunded. You may enroll a substitute at any time before the conference starts. Cancellations received on or after September 2, 2026 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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  - 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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