



# National Asbestos Litigation Conference

September 29-30, 2020 (Virtual)

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**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

#### 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM: Welcome & Opening Remarks by Conference Chairs

**Perry J. Browder, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, Alton, IL  
**Nina Lynn Caroselli, Esq.**, Executive VP, Special Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH  
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#### 10:20 AM – 11:20 AM: National Trends Driving Asbestos Litigation

- The New Frontier of the Litigation
- Filing Trends and Hot Jurisdictions
- Recent Verdict Trends
- Critical Issues and Prospective Outlook
- How Do You Prepare for a Zoom Trial?
- Will Depositions Stay Virtual Going Forward?

**Perry J. Browder, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, Alton, IL  
**Bridget G. Longoria, Esq.**, Assistant Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Philadelphia, PA  
**Megan Shockley**, Senior Manager, KCIC, Washington, DC  
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**Erin Voyik**, VP, Director, APO Initiatives & Claims Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH  
**Joseph F. Rice, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mt. Pleasant, SC

#### 11:25 AM – 12:25 PM: Update on Talc Litigation

- What Does a Talc Trial Look Like?
- A Look at the Most Recent Talc Verdicts and Causation Rulings Effecting Litigation
- An Overview of the Major Appellate Rulings in 2020
- Government Efforts to Coordinate and Standardize Talc Testing; What Are the Effects of these Efforts to Prior Testing and Expert Assessment

**Moderator: Sabrina Mizrachi, Esq.**, Global Chief Litigation Counsel, Colgate-Palmolive Company, New York, NY

**Stephen T. Armato, Esq.**, Cetrulo LLP, Boston, MA  
**Christopher S. Kozak, Esq.**, Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford PC, Newark, NJ  
**James Kramer, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, New York, NY  
**Angela Springer**, Vice President, Claims, Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, McHenry, IL

## 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Lunch Discussion: The Women's Perspective

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**Christine D. Calareso, Esq.**, CMBG3 Law, Irvine, CA

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**Sabrina Mizrachi, Esq.**, Global Chief Litigation Counsel, Colgate-Palmolive Company, New York, NY

**Humma S. Siddiqi**, Managing Counsel, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., Plano, TX

**Paula L. Unrau, CPCU, CCLA**, Divisional Assistant Vice President, Asbestos & Environmental Claim Unit, Great American Insurance Group, Cincinnati, OH

## 1:35 PM – 1:50 PM: Meet Our Exhibitors

## 1:50 PM – 2:50 PM: The Insurer and Policyholder Relationship and Its Impact on the Asbestos Litigation

- Managing the Tripartite Relationship
- Reservation of Rights
- What to Do When You Have Multiple Carriers
- Managing the Litigation Self-Insured Perspective
- New Ways of Doing Business

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

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**Loree Shelko, Esq.**, Director of Litigation, Assistant General Counsel, Meritor, Inc., Detroit, MI

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

## 2:55 PM – 3:55 PM: The Advancing Roles of Science and Medicine in Litigation

- The Natural History of Cancer Formation
- Where Are We in Diagnosing and Treating Asbestos-Related Disease: Is a Cure on the Horizon
- The Challenges and Impact of Presenting DNA Evidence in the Court Room
- Identification of Some Key Research in Progress Regarding Genetic Factors in Disease Causation
- BAP1 Gene Mutation

**Jennifer Alesio, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, San Francisco, CA

**Arnold R. Brody, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Pathology, Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, LA

**Allyson M. Romani, Esq.**, Shrader & Associates, L.L.P., Houston, TX

**Angela Springer**, Vice President, Claims, Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, McHenry, IL

## 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Evolving Technology

- The Different Approaches Being Used: Which is Best? What are the Challenges?
- Remote Work / Mediations / Conferences / Trials – What Are the Positives and Negatives from Plaintiff and Defendant Points of View?

- Development of Technology Solutions
- Trends in Discovery / Electronic Searches

**Moderator: Mary Margaret Gay, Esq.**, Gay Jones & Kuhn PLLC, Jackson, MS

**Luke Dalton, Esq.**, SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO

**Sarah Paskiewicz**, Chief Executive Officer, Paszkiewicz Reporting & Records Retrieval, Glen Carbon, IL

**David A. Warren, Esq.**, Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Chicago, IL

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Virtual Wine Tasting & Cocktail Hour by Thirty-Seven Winery**  
*Hosted by: Brayton Purcell, LLP & Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC*

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**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: The State of the Bankruptcy Trusts**

- 2020 Significant Bankruptcy Trust Filings
- What are the True Values in Bankruptcy?
- Can Someone be Made Whole with Bankruptcy Compensation?
- Who Eats the Share When There is a Bankruptcy, the Plaintiff or Defendant?
- How Do You Get Documents from a Bankruptcy Trust?
- State Transparency Legislation Impact and Trends
- How the Trust Claims Affect the Value of the Case and What the Judge/Mediator Want to Know

**John A. Baden, IV, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Bruce E. Mattock, Esq.**, Goldberg Persky White P.C., Pittsburgh, PA

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**11:05 AM – 11:20 AM: Meet Our Exhibitors**

**11:20 AM – 12:20 PM: COVID-19: Science and Medical**

- Impacts on Mesotheliomas and Lung Cancers
- Vulnerabilities of Asbestos-Exposed to COVID-19
- Managing Litigation in the National Context
- Damages/Superseding and Intervening Causes/Modeling and Analysis

**Daniel P. Blouin, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, New York, NY

**Thomas J. Burns, Esq.**, Foley & Mansfield, Chicago, IL

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

**12:25 PM – 1:25 PM: Understanding and Appreciating Diversity: Creating and Standing Behind a Workplace Diverse of Gender, Race and Thought**

- Understanding the problem and facing the facts of diversity among lawyers, experts, the corporate board room, and beyond
- Appreciating and incorporating diversity and inclusion on your team
- How diversity is not just a social decision but also good business practice
- What protocols have corporations put in place to identify and quantify levels of diversity (gender and race) within law firms?
- Recognition by organizations not just of race and gender but of thought leadership and creativity
- How are decision makers in the hiring process incorporating diversity into the workplace while working with a non-diverse pool of applicants? How do life experiences effect this decision-making process?
- Why is there a need for diversity on trial teams? How are organizations including diversity on trial teams?
- Is the diversity issue more prominent on the plaintiff or defendant side?

**Brenda Godfrey**, Corporate Counsel, Litigation & Claims, SPX Corporation, Charlotte, NC

**P. Saxon Guerriere, Esq.**, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, Dallas, TX

**Jackie Olinger Rochelle, Esq.**, Maune Raichle Hartley French & Mudd, LLC, St. Louis, MO

**Frederick C. Schaefer**, Associate Vice President, Nationwide Indemnity, Wausau, WI

**Sharon J. Zinns, Esq.**, Zinns Law, LLC, Atlanta, GA

### **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Jurisdictional Update Quick Hits– Overview of the Most Active and Emerging Jurisdictions**

- Impact on Judicial Resources
- Trends in Federal Asbestos Litigation – Courts, Judges, Parties, Counsel, Experts
- Legal Analytics for Asbestos Litigation – Case Timing, Motions, Findings, Damages, Resolutions

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

**Meagan E. Dean, Esq.**, McGivney Kluger Clark & Intoccia, P.C., Syracuse, NY

**Jeremy D. Milbrodt, Esq.**, Prindle, Goetz, Barnes & Reinholtz LLP, Long Beach, CA

**Nicholas J. Vogelzang, Esq.**, Vogelzang Law, Chicago, IL

### **2:35 PM – 2:45 PM: Meet Our Exhibitors**

### **2:50 PM – 3:20 PM: Update on FDA and EPA**

- Criteria for Toxic Substance
- Testing Methodologies
- Site Assessment and Characterization of Talc

**Richard Moynihan, Esq.**, Senior Strategic Attorney, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

**W. Christopher Swett, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Gary D. Van Lieu, Esq.**, O'Toole Scrivo, Cedar Grove, NJ

### **3:25 PM – 4:25 PM: PART I COVID-19 and The Courts: How Coronavirus Changes the Practice of Law and the Ethical Issues that Arise**

- Post COVID-19 Law Firm Management
- How to Ethically Handle the Practical Aspects
- Practical Do's and Don'ts in Conducting Remote Trials

- Limits/ Potentials

**Joseph W. Belluck, Esq.**, Belluck & Fox, New York, NY

**Lisa L. Oberg, Esq.**, Dentons US LLP, San Francisco, CA

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#### **4:30 PM – 5:30 PM: PART II COVID-19 and The Courts: The Judicial Perspectives**

- How Is COVID-19 Going to Effect Jurors and Jury Verdicts?
- Trials / Bench Trials
- Practical Do's and Don'ts in Conducting Remote Trials
- Zoom and Other Logistical Implications
- Who Has the Advantage? Traditional Setting vs. Remote Setting
- Managing Court Appearances During COVID-19

**Moderator: Joseph W. Belluck, Esq.**, Belluck & Fox, New York, NY

**Hon. Christopher J. Bruno**, New Orleans Civil District Court, New Orleans, LA

**Hon. David S. Cunningham III**, Los Angeles Superior Court, Department 15, Los Angeles, CA

**Hon. Erin P. Gall**, Oneida County Supreme Court, Utica, NY

**Hon. Jo-Lynne Q. Lee**, Alameda County Superior Court, Oakland, CA

**Hon. Clare E. McWilliams**, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

#### **5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Virtual Cocktail Reception**

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