



# EMERGING FRONTS IN SEX TRAFFICKING LITIGATION CONFERENCE

THE UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA  
MAY 12, 2026

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**Perrin Conferences**  
**Emerging Fronts in Sex Trafficking Litigation Conference**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**  
**Union League of Philadelphia**

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**8:15 AM – 9:00 AM – Registration & Coffee (Lincoln Hall)**

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs**

**Brenda Hakavy, Esq.**, Laffey Bucci D’Andrea Reich & Ryan, Philadelphia, PA  
**Meghan Wynkoop, Esq.**, Margolis Edelstein, Philadelphia, PA

**9:15 AM – 10:15 AM – Early Investigation in Trafficking Cases**

- Pre-suit viability and defendant targeting
- Evidence/preservation holds
- Privilege, internal investigations, discoverability
- Early expert use
- Early resolution and litigation risk management

**Moderator: Danielle Pascale, Esq.**, Tyson & Mendes, New York, NY  
**Katie W. Myers, Esq.**, Phelps Dunbar LLP, New Orleans, LA  
**Deborah Rosenthal**, Senior Claims Consultant, Nationwide, Somerville, NJ

**10:15 AM – 11:15 AM – Trauma Informed Lawyering**

- Trauma Profiles Vary Case by Case (hotel; platform/cda; single-defendant/single-victim cases; multi plaintiff/high profile cases)
- Trauma and Credibility
- Trauma Aware Depositions/Discovery Strategy
- Trauma, Optics, Case Valuation

**Laurelly Dale, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, San Francisco, CA  
**Alexandria MacMaster, Esq.**, Laffey Bucci D’Andrea Reich & Ryan, Philadelphia, PA  
**Janelle Winters, Esq.**, Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford P.C., Newark, NJ

**11:15 AM – 11:30 AM – Break**

## 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Litigation Strategy and Procedure

- Early Motion Practice
- TVPRA Motions to Dismiss
- Discovery Battles in Trafficking Litigation
- Class Actions & Aggregation Theories: Class Certification, Commonality Issues in Trafficking Cases, MDL Trends and Consolidation Risks
- Unique Challenges in Administering Settlements for Sex Trafficking Cases: Guiding Victims Through a Complex Claims Process
- Mediating a Sex Trafficking Case: When to mediate and what actually occurs?

**Simone K. Lechuk, Esq.**, Mediator, Resolution Services LLC, New York, NY  
**Lisl Miller, Esq.**, Client Services Senior Project Manager, Epiq, Portland, OR  
**Matt Williams, Esq.**, McGivney Kluger Clark & Intoccia, New York, NY

*Additional Speaker to be Added.*

## 12:30 PM – 1:45 PM – Networking Lunch (Lincoln Hall at the Union League)

## 1:45 PM – 2:15 PM – Coverage Issues and Aspects

- Knowing Conduct and Intentional Exclusion Acts
- Duty to Defend vs. Duty to Indemnify
- Coverage Triggers
- Emerging Coverage Battles: “abuse or molestation” exclusions; coverage for civil conspiracy/aiding and abetting
- Practical Takeaways for both sides

**Derrick Harris, MBA, AIC**, Major Case Unit Specialist, FCCI Insurance Group, Sarasota, FL

*Additional Speaker to be Added.*

## 2:15 PM – 3:00 PM – From Voir Dire to Verdict: Special Issues in Trafficking Cases

- Methods and interpretation by courts
- Motions in Limine
- Jury Selection (Voir Dire/Juror Bias)
- Role of Traffickers & 3rd Parties During Litigation

**Christopher A. Nelson, Esq., CPCU**, Sr. Claim Consultant, Nationwide. St. Paul, MN  
**Stewart Ryan, Esq.**, Laffey Bucci D’Andrea Reich & Ryan, Philadelphia, PA

### 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM – Break

### 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM – Section 230: A Law to Protect Children or A Law to Protect Tech?

- Current trends surrounding the 230 Communications Decency Act Litigation

**Lisa D. Haba, Esq.**, The Haba Law Firm, P.A., Longwood, FL

**Tori Hirsch, Esq.**, National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Washington DC

### 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Emerging Fronts and Policy Issues

- The Next Wave of Defendants (financial institutions, technology intermediaries, property owners/franchise models)
- Legislative & Regulatory Trends: state level analogs to TVPRA, potential amendments affecting civil liability
- Corporate Compliance Programs as Litigation Shields (when compliance helps/when it hurts, use of training, audits and reporting mechanisms in defense etc.)
- Hospitality Liability

**Anastasia Baranowski, Esq.**, Margolis Edelstein, Philadelphia, PA

**Brenda Hakavy, Esq.**, Laffey Bucci D'Andrea Reich & Ryan, Philadelphia, PA

**Michelle Stegmann**, President/CEO ProClaim Strategies, LLC/General Counsel, NJ  
Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Short Hills, NJ

### 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Grant Room – Union League)

Join us for this cocktail reception, which will combine the Emerging Fronts in Sex Trafficking Litigation Conference attendees with the Insurance Coverage and Allocation Issues Conference attendees.

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**[CONFERENCE LOCATION](#)**

**Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102**

## **REGISTRATION**

**Registration Rate:** \$795

**Paralegal Rate:** \$295

**Dual Conference Registration Rate:** \$1,195

*Perrin Conferences is hosting the full day, [Insurance Coverage and Allocation Issues Conference](#), the day after the [Emerging Fronts in Sex Trafficking Litigation Conference](#)- on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at the Union League of Philadelphia. Register for both conferences together at the reduced rate of **\$1,195**.*

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:** [Emerging Fronts in Sex Trafficking Litigation Conference](#)

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

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*Group discounts available, please inquire.*

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**Men:** Jacket and tie are strongly preferred. Jacket and collared shirt are required at all times on the first floor members-only section of the League House.

**Women:** Business suits, tailored pant or skirt ensembles and dresses.

**Not Permitted:** Spandex, open midriffs, halter tops, shorts, leggings, extremely short hemlines (not more than 3" above the knee), jeans, t-shirts, athletic attire, sneakers, and flip-flops.

## **HOTEL ROOM BLOCK**

**The W Philadelphia Hotel (Marriott): 1439 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102**

We have a room block for conference speakers and attendees at the W Philadelphia. The group rate is \$319.00 USD per night.

### [Reserve your room](#)

Please contact [Bethany Corio](#) with any questions.

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