



Talc Litigation Conference

May 20, 2025

The Midland Hotel, Chicago
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Co-Chairs

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Chicago, IL

Monday, May 19, 2025

5:15 PM - 6:15 PM – Opening Networking Cocktail Reception (Great Room I – Plateau Level)

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM – Coffee and Registration (Grand Ballroom Foyer)

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs

Chris T. Layloff, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL
Stephen Novakidis, Esq., New York, NY

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM – The Talc Litigation Overview

- Developments, trends and verdicts
- Recent talc case settlements
- The *Zundel* trial recap

Moderator: Patricia M. Henrich, Esq., Reilly, McDevitt & Henrich P.C., Cherry Hill, NJ
Leslie Lombardy, Esq., O'Toole Scrivo, Cedar Grove, NJ
Danny R. Kraft, Jr., Esq., Meiorowitz & Wasserberg, New York, NY
James Murdica, Esq., Barnes & Thornburg LLP, New York, NY
David E. Rutkowski, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, Newark, NJ
Nicholas J. Vogelzang, Esq., Vogelzang Law, Chicago, IL

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM – Break
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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Science and Genetics Update

- New issues in testing
- Recent scientific literature and data
- Update on discovery and trial rulings on genetics
- The value of tissue digestion analysis

Benjamin D. Braly, Esq., Dean Omar Branham Shirley, LLP, Dallas, TX
Emily Goswami, MS, CIH, Principal Scientist, Roux, Oakland, CA
Chris Massenburg, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, New York, NY
Richard Moynihan, Assistant Vice President, Senior Strategic Attorney, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

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

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM – Talc Litigation: Asbestos Redux or a Unique Legal Battleground

- Potential Plaintiffs and Exposure Timelines
- Managing Jurisdictional and Forum Challenges
- Impact of Bankruptcies
- Expert Witnesses and the Science Behind the Litigations
- Trial Strategies and Addressing Juror Preconceptions

Moderator: Whitney Seltzer, Esq., Foley Mansfield LLP, New York, NY
Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY
Rachel Gross, Esq., Lola Gross Forbes-King & Bollinger, LLP, Dallas, TX
Mary T. McKelvey, Esq., Polsinelli, Los Angeles, CA
Dan Myer, VP of Client Services, Verus LLC, Princeton, NJ

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM – Insurance & Risk Management

- Assessing risk of talc matters to a company
- Late exposures / what does that mean for policies?
- How to deal with influx of cases for a company/insurer
- Establishing the existence of responsive policies
- Uncovering lost policies: Establishing the existence of potentially responsive historical policies

Kyle E. Bjornlund, Esq., Cetrulo LLP, Boston, MA
Kristen Drake, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN
Shaun McKernan, Claims Adjuster – Asbestos and Toxic Tort Claims, Allianz Resolution Management, Boston, MA
David A. Warren, Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Chicago, IL

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM – Break

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM – Forecasting Claims with Contested Causation

John Bitetto, Esq., CMBG3, Boston, MA
Scott Frost, Esq., Frost Law Firm, PC, Los Angeles, CA
Pietro Grandi, PhD, Associate, The Brattle Group, Madrid, Spain

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM – The *Ramirez* Trial: Key Takeaways and Highlights

James M. Kramer, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY
Kasia Nowak, Esq., Gordon Rees, Chicago, IL
Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL
James M. Williams, Esq., Chehardy |Sherman |Williams, New Orleans, LA

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Grand Ballroom Foyer)
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**Speaker and Agenda are subject to change.*

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Midland Hotel, Chicago (Marriott)
172 W Adams St, Chicago, IL 60603

REGISTRATION

Registration Rate: \$925

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The Midland Hotel, Chicago (Marriott), 172 W Adams St, Chicago, IL 60603

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