



TALC LITIGATION CONFERENCE

June 4, 2026

The Midland Hotel, Chicago
A Tribute Hotel- Marriott

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Perrin Conferences Talc Litigation Conference
Thursday, June 4, 2026
The Midland Hotel, Chicago, IL

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

4:45 PM – 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception
Sponsored by: Brogan Donovan Reporting, PC, The Cook Group, and Cooney & Conway (Great Room II – Balcony Level)

Join us for this cocktail reception, which will combine the Cook County Asbestos Litigation Conference attendees with the Talc Litigation Conference attendees.

Thursday, June 4, 2026

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

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs (Great Room I – Balcony Level)

John D. Cosmich, Esq., Cosmich, Jackson, MS
Chris T. Layloff, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL
Stephen Novakidis, Esq., Clyde & Co LLP, New York, NY

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

- Developments, trends, and verdicts
- Recent talc case settlements
- Bankruptcy update

Megan Burns, Senior Managing Director, KCIC, Washington, DC
Kerry Jones, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, New York, NY
David McKnight, The Brattle Group, Inc., New York, NY
Hunter Shkolnik, Esq., Napoli Shkolnik, San Juan, PR
Amanda Webber, Senior Claims Technical Director, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Petaluma, CA

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM – Break
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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM – Science and Genetics: Where Are We Today?

- New issues in testing
- Recent scientific literature and data
- Sole cause vs highly susceptible

Peter Andersen Moir, Esq., Morgan Lewis, Dallas, TX
Michael C. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
John D. Cosmich, Esq., Cosmich, Jackson, MS
Emily Goswami, MS, CIH, Principal Scientist, Roux, Oakland, CA

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM – Lunch (on your own)

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM – Landscape of Punitive Damages

- When are they allowed and when are they not?
- Trends in punitive damages awards

Moderator: Chris T. Layloff, Esq., The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL
Moderator: Stephen Novakidis, Esq., Clyde & Co LLP, New York, NY
Mary T. McKelvey, Esq., Polsinelli, Los Angeles, CA
Lenny Sandoval, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg PC, Los Angeles, CA

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

- Current battleground in deposing and defending corporate representatives
- 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
- Recovering policies for entities facing talc-related liabilities

Moderator: Whitney Seltzer, Esq., Clyde & Co LLP, New York, NY
Kristen Drake, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN
Brittany I. Hayes, Director – Asbestos and Health Hazard Claims, Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc., Boston, MA
Matthew Schroll, Esq., Nelson Mullins, Miami, FL
David A. Warren, Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Chicago, IL

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Break

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3:30 PM - 4:30 PM – Talc Trials: Key Takeaways and Highlights

Sam Iola, Esq., Iola Gross & Forbes-King, LLP, Dallas, TX
Rebecca C. Kibbe, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Miami, FL

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Great Room II – Balcony Level)

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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

General Registration Rate: \$925

Paralegal Registration Rate: \$295

Dual Conference Rate: Perrin Conferences is hosting the half-day [Cook County Asbestos Litigation Conference](#) at the Midland Hotel, Chicago, the day before the Talc Litigation Conference- on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Register for both conferences together at the reduced rate of **\$1,125**.

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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 BLOCK

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

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