



# NEW YORK ASBESTOS LITIGATION CONFERENCE

New York City Bar Association | New York, NY  
December 4, 2025



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**Perrin Conferences**  
**New York Asbestos Litigation Conference**  
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**Thursday, December 4, 2025**

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**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM ET: Registration** (Reception Area- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM ET: Women’s Perspective Networking Breakfast – All Welcome**  
(Tweed Room- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**Moderator: Kerryann M. Cook, Esq.**, The Cook Group, New York, NY  
**Andrea Deston, MBA**, Consultant- Indemnity/Specialty Claims, Nationwide, Hartford, CT  
**Heather Janis Gaw, Esq.**, Segal McCambridge, New York, NY  
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**9:30 AM – 9:45 AM ET: Opening Co-Chair Remarks** (Meeting Hall-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Kerryann M. Cook, Esq.**, The Cook Group, New York, NY  
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**Paul Slater, Esq.**, Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT

**9:45 AM – 11:00 AM ET: The New York Overview**

- Review of trends, filings and verdicts
- Status of the litigation
- Lung cancer
- *Remittitur*

**David Breslau**, Senior Asbestos Claim Analyst, Asbestos Strategic Unit, Resolute Management Inc., Philadelphia, PA  
**Ben Darche, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., New York, NY  
**Jazmin Gelbart**, Senior Manager, KCIC, Washington, DC  
**Philip Goldstein, Esq.**, Special Master, New York City Asbestos Litigation (NYCAL), New York, NY  
**David Goodearl, Esq.**, Leader Berkon, New York, NY  
**Brittany Russell, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., New York, NY

**11:00 AM – 11:15 AM ET: Break**  
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**11:15 AM – 12:15 PM ET: Bankruptcy Update**

- Implications of a bankruptcy
- Practical discussion of the effects in New York

**Moderator: Lisa Busch, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP, New York, NY  
**Gary Casimir, Esq.**, The Cook Group, New York, NY  
**Carrie Hardman, Esq.**, Winston & Strawn LLP, New York, NY  
**Andrew J. Scholz, Esq.**, Goldberg Segalla, New York, NY

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

**1:30 PM – 2:45 PM ET: Upstate New York Update**

**Joseph W. Belluck, Esq.**, Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY  
**Hon. Paul E. Davenport**, New York State Supreme Court, Schenectady, NY  
**Hon. Vincent M. Dinolfo**, New York State Supreme Court, Rochester, NY  
**Meagan E. Dean, Esq.**, McGivney Kluger Clark & Intoccia, P.C., Syracuse, NY  
**Carol G. Snider, Esq.**, Barclay Damon LLP, Buffalo, NY

**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM ET: Causation**

- Appellate overview
- Causation: Practical impact of what the ruling is doing at the trial level
- Talc litigation update
- *Nemeth*

**Seth A. Dymond, Esq.**, Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY  
**Christian H. Gannon, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, New York, NY  
**Brittany I. Hayes**, Claims Manager – Asbestos and Toxic Tort Claims, Allianz Reinsurance America, Boston, MA  
**Pierre Ratzki, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., New York, NY

**3:45 PM – 4:00 PM ET: Break**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET: The Judicial Perspective**

**Moderator: Brian Early, Esq.**, The Early Law Firm, L.L.C., New York, NY  
**Moderator: Suzanne M. Halbardier, Esq.** Barry McTiernan & Moore LLC, New York,

NY

Hon. Judy Kim, New York Supreme Court, New York, NY

Hon. Eric Schumacher, New York Supreme Court, New York, NY

**5:00 PM – 6:15 PM ET: Networking Cocktail Reception**

(St Patrick's Bar & Grill, 22 West 46th Street, New York, NY 10036)

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