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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM ET: Registration (Reception Area- 2nd Floor)

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM ET: Women's Perspective Networking Breakfast – All Welcome
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Heather Ryan, Complex Claims Analyst, The RiverStone Group, Boston, MA

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM ET: Opening Co-Chair Remarks (Meeting Hall-2nd Floor)

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10:00 AM – 11:15 AM ET: The New York Overview

- Status of the litigation
- Review of trends, filings and verdicts
- Lung cancer
- Trial update
- *Remittitur*
- Upstate New York Update

Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY
Jazmin Gelbart, Senior Manager, KCIC, Washington, D.C.
Philip Goldstein, Esq., Special Master, New York City Asbestos Litigation (NYCAL), New York, NY
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11:15 AM – 12:00 PM ET: Bankruptcy Update

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

Kevin M. Davis, Esq., Caplin & Drysdale, Washington, D.C.
Adam Dreksler, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., New York, NY
Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP, New York, NY

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

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM ET: Causation and Talc Litigation Overview

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

Michael Owen, Vice President, Claims Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH
Pierre Ratzki, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., New York, NY
Michael D. Silverman, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, New York, NY

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM ET: Ethically Navigating Artificial Intelligence

- Ethical considerations in today's litigation

Timothy Gallagher, Esq., McMahon, Martine & Gallagher, LLP, New York, NY
David J. Goodearl, Esq., Leader Berkon Colao & Silverstein LLP, New York, NY
Ryan Sweeney, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, New York, NY

Additional speaker to be announced.

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM ET: Break
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3:45 PM – 4:45 PM ET: The Judicial Perspective

Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Belluck Law, LLP, New York, NY
Hon. Paul E. Davenport, New York State Supreme Court, Schenectady, NY

Meagan E. Dean, Esq., McGivney Kluger Clark & Intoccia, P.C., Syracuse, NY
Hon. Vincent M. Dinolfo, New York State Supreme Court, Rochester, NY
Brian F. Early, Esq., Early, Lucarelli, Sweeney & Meisenkothen, New York, NY
Hon. Judy H. Kim, New York Supreme Court 1st Judicial District, New York, NY
Hon. Eric Schumacher, Coordinating Judge for New York City Asbestos Litigation (NYCAL), Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY
Judy Yavitz, Esq., Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau, LLP, New York, NY

4:45 PM – 6:00 PM ET: Networking Cocktail Reception
Connolly's Pub and Restaurant (121 West 45th St.)
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