



# Cook County Asbestos Litigation Conference

May 19, 2025

The Midland Hotel, Chicago, A Tribute Hotel



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**12:30 PM – 1:30 PM CT: Women’s Networking Lunch** (Great Room II – Plateau Level)  
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**Pamela R. Budreau, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, Chicago, IL  
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**12:45 PM – 1:30 PM CT: Registration** (Great Room I – Plateau Level)

**1:30 PM – 1:45 PM CT: Opening Co-Chair Remarks**

**Megan Fahey Monty, Esq.**, Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL  
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**1:45 PM – 2:45 PM CT: The Judicial Perspective**

**Megan Fahey Monty, Esq.**, Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL  
**Catherine E. Goldhaber, Esq.**, Hawkins Parnell & Young, Chicago, IL  
**Meredith Hudgens, Esq.**, The Cook Group, Chicago, IL  
**Michael Maienza, Esq.**, Vogelzang Law, P.C., Chicago, IL  
**Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock**, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL  
**Hon. Maura Slattery Boyle**, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

**2:45 PM – 4:00 PM CT: The Cook County Overview**

- Review of trends, filings and verdicts
- Status of the litigation

**Michael C. Cooney, Esq.**, Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL  
**Michael Maienza, Esq.**, Vogelzang Law, P.C., Chicago, IL  
**Kasia Nowak, Esq.**, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, Chicago, IL  
**Kelly Porter**, Complex Claims Analyst, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH  
**Mark I. Tivin, Esq.**, MG+M The Law Firm, Chicago, IL  
**Craig Ziolkowski**, Assistant Vice President, Resolute Management Inc., Chicago, IL

**4:00 PM – 4:15 PM CT: Break**

**4:15 PM – 5:15 PM CT: Appellate and Summary Judgment Decisions**

- Causation: Practical impact of what the ruling is doing at the trial level
- What is the standard?

**Matthew J. Adair, Esq.**, Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL  
**Matt Alva, Esq.**, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, LLP, Chicago, IL  
**Meredith Hudgens, Esq.**, The Cook Group, Chicago, IL  
**James P. O’Shea, II, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell & Young, Chicago, IL  
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**5:15 PM – 6:15 PM CT: Networking Cocktail Reception** (Great Room I – Plateau Level)  
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