



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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Jaclyn Kostich, Esq., Sinars Slowikowski, Chicago, IL
Jackie W. Miller, Esq., The Cook Group, Chicago, IL
Hon. Maura Slattery Boyle, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

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 LLP, 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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