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**The Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel
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Wednesday, March 7, 2018

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (located in Le Grand Trianon)

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Thursday, March 8, 2018

7:30 AM – Registration & Continental Breakfast (located in Wintergarden)

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8:15 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks

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8:30 AM – The Top Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation

- An overview of the most significant developments in the previous year
- What factors will drive the industry in 2018?
- Discussion of national filing trends and statistics
- Recent verdicts, appellate decisions and bankruptcies which will shape upcoming trial dockets

Perry J. Browder, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, Alton, IL

Nina Lynn Caroselli, Esq., Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

Carrie Scott, Vice President, KCIC, Washington, DC

Thomas W. Tardy, III, Esq., Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC, Jackson, MS

9:30 AM – Understanding the Talc Surge: A Primer on the Latest Developments in the Field

Part I: The Evolving Science, Key Players and Interplay of Science and Law

- An overview of the role of geology, morphology and chemistry fundamental to the talc debate
- Inevitable bedfellows: The significance of BAP1 and genetic issues in the talc case
- The role of Daubert and spectrum of reliable science
- Who is saying what? How the experts are lining up in talc cases
 - Do dated or previous asbestos-related opinions matter

John D. Cosmich, Esq., Cosmich Simmons & Brown, PLLC, Jackson, MS

Sean Fitzgerald, PG, Director of Research & Legal Services, Scientific Analytical Institute, Greensboro, NC

Lisa L. Oberg, Esq., Dentons, Oakland, CA

10:00 Part II: Evaluating the Key Legal and Strategic Issues

- The science and the law: Understanding the difference between the “eggshell” plaintiff and the “idiosyncratic” plaintiff
- Asbestos v. Asbestiform Talc v. Industrial Talc v. Cosmetic Talc
 - How is it playing out in the courtroom? Are defendants getting along?
- The historical role of trade associations
- Government regulation and State of the art: How is talc different?

Michael W. Drumke, Esq., Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP, Chicago, IL

Dara Hegar, Esq., Lanier Law Firm, P.C., Houston, TX

James M. Kramer, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, New York, NY

10:45 AM – Break

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11:00 AM – Jurisdictional Update – Illinois, Missouri & Pennsylvania

- The main factors impacting filing trends and resolution rates
- Key verdicts and other developments impacting these important jurisdictions
- An overview of appellate decisions impacting the litigation
- Update on pending litigation and potential rule changes

Hon. Clare E. McWilliams, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

Hon. Arnold L. New, Court of Common Pleas, Coordinating Judge, Complex Litigation Center, Philadelphia, PA

Sara M. Salger, Esq., Gori, Julian & Associates, P.C., Edwardsville, IL

David K. Schultz, Esq., Polsinelli, Los Angeles, CA

11:45 AM – Personal Jurisdiction: Where is Daimler Driving the Litigation?

- Update and impact of recent decisions
- How the judiciaries in key jurisdictions are interpreting and entering rulings on PJ motions
- Will Personal Jurisdiction finally drive a major shift in filing trends?
- Jurisdiction, Cost and Risk: A candid assessment of factors driving decisions to pursue Personal Jurisdiction motions

Christopher R. Guinn, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, Alton, IL

Trey Watkins, Esq., Forman Watkins & Krutz LLP, Jackson, MS

Craig Ziolkowski, Senior Asbestos Claims Analyst, Resolute Management, Inc., Chicago, IL

12:30 PM – Women in Business Lunch

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Candice C. Kusmer, Esq., Kurowski Shultz, O'Fallon, IL

Bridget G. Longoria, Account Manager, Resolute Management, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

Hon. Clare E. McWilliams, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

Amanda L. Weinberger, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL

12:30 PM – Lunch (*on your own*)

1:45 PM – Litigating Cases in a Post-OSHA Paradigm: Views from Both Sides of the Aisle

- Does a continuing duty to warn exist if 'everyone knows'?
- Unique Discovery issues in the post-OSHA world
- Are unions and the navy an element of the modern conversation?
- The reallocation of focus and liability amongst employers, premises owners, contractors, and product manufacturers
- Evidence at trial: Admissibility considerations and practical concerns
- Insurer considerations when valuing late-exposure claims and the role of asbestos exclusions

Bobbie R. Bailey, Esq., Leader & Berkon LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Additional speakers to be added.

2:15 PM – New York Litigation Update

- The status and direction of the NYCAL standing order
- The status and evolution of large trial settings: Where are we?
- Are recent appellate decisions impacting the trial and resolution of cases?
- Is expansion of trials into additional boroughs inevitable?
- What will trial activity look like in 2018?

Suzanne M. Halbardier, Esq., Barry, McTiernan & Moore LLC, New York, NY

Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County, New York, NY

Shelley Olsen, NYCAL Special Master, New York, NY

Hon. George J. Silver, Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County, New York, NY

Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

3:05 PM – Break

3:25 PM – Premise Liability: The Expanding Duty and New Targets

- How far does the duty go? Claims arising from family members and other relationships
- The role of genetic testing and BAP1 in Premise Liability Claims
- Update on key appellate decisions
- The joint responsibility of safety: The interaction of owner, employer, union and claimant in workplace injuries

Edward Casmere, Esq., Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP, Chicago, IL

Aaron Heckaman, Esq., Bailey Peavy Bailey Cowan Heckaman PLLC, Houston, TX

Additional speakers to be added.

4:15 PM – The In-House Counsel and Insurance Perspectives

- The perspective from corporate America
- Management's current priorities and goals
- Litigation Management Models: Determining the best approach
- Is the surging economy a factor in future risk planning?

Moderator: Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

Holly A. Harris, Senior Counsel, Chevron Products Company, San Ramon, CA

Bridget G. Longoria, Account Manager, Resolute Management, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

Paul Slater, Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT

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9:00 AM – California Asbestos Litigation Overview

- An update on resource allocation and the impact of asbestos litigation on the courts
- California's evolving case law and recent decisions on asbestos cases
- The maturation of asbestos litigation post O'Neil: Identifying the current targets
- Understanding and sorting the significant trial activity: The role and impact of talc trials on the dockets

Hon. Steven J. Kleifield, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA

Hon. Cynthia Ming Mei Lee, San Francisco Superior Court, San Francisco, CA

Frank D. Pond, Esq., Pond North LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Khaled Taqi-Eddin, Esq., Foley & Mansfield, Oakland, CA

Hon. Winifred Smith, Alameda County Superior Court, Alameda, CA

Additional speakers to be added.

9:50 AM – The Evolution of the Asbestos Defense Model: Effectiveness, Cost and Impact on the Future

- A Historical Review of Defense Strategy models: The Center for Claims Resolution (CCR), National Coordinating Counsel, and Parachute Trial attorney approaches
- Inventory Deals, Matrix Arrangements, Try them all, Settle them all and the trial ready/defense cost conscious models
- The influence of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Court-Ordered mediations and settlement conferences
- The impact of modern data availability and usage in establishing values and influencing defense strategy
- The history and reemergence of the "develop the shares" mentality from the OCF picture books to the currently unfolding dynamic and its impact on strategy

Veronica Blum, Director, Verus LLC, Princeton, NJ

Additional speakers to be added.

10:30 AM – Break

10:40 AM – The State of the Bankruptcy Trusts

- Significant new filings
- A discussion of the proper role of the bankruptcy courts in asbestos litigation
- Updates on legislative trends and developments
- Trusts: How are they performing?

John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

11:15 AM – Ethics: Understanding Attorney Obligations in High Risk Cases

- Notice and reporting of risk of excess verdicts to insureds, insurers and excess carriers
- Disclosures and reporting related to potential punitive exposures
- Responsibilities involved in multi case or other long-tail risk situations

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12:15 PM – Adjourn

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