Cutting-Edge Issues in Asbestos Litigation Conference

March 3 – 4, 2011
Beverly Hills, CA
The Beverly Wilshire Hotel

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Event Agenda

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

6:00 PM – Opening Night Cocktail Reception, Sponsored by:
Cooney & Conway,
Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd.,
Simon, Eddins & Greenstone, LLP, &
Midwest Litigation Services

Thursday, March 3, 2011

8:00 AM – Registration and Continental Breakfast, Sponsored by:
Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP

8:30 AM - Opening Remarks

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Timothy L. Krippner, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL
Jeffrey B. Simon, Esq., Simon, Eddins & Greenstone, LLP, Dallas, TX

8:45 AM – Asbestos Litigation in 2011 & Beyond- Current & Emerging Trends

- Past is prologue: what can be learned from the past three decades and applied to today’s asbestos litigation landscape
- New and emerging theories, defendants and jurisdictions
- New case law and changes in the traditional administration of asbestos cases – what has changed and what has stayed the same?
- The plaintiff/defense perspective on asbestos litigation in 2011 – insights into how the system can be improved
- What are the events and rulings that could shape the future of asbestos litigation?

Perry Browder, Esq., Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides & Barnerd LLC, East Alton, IL
Shepard Hoffman, Esq., Law Offices of Shepard Hoffman, LLC, Dallas, TX
John Kurowski, Esq., Kurowski, Bailey and Shultz, LLC, Swansea, IL
William Mahoney, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL
Albert Parnell, Esq., Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Atlanta, GA
Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY
10:00 AM – The Future of Asbestos MDL- 875: Dismissals, Demands & Remands

- Expectations from the bench
- The current status of MDL 875 proceedings
- Discovery considerations
- Protocols for dispositive motions
- Remands and trials
- Status and plan for adjudication of remaining cases

Hon. Eduardo C. Robreño, USDJ, Presiding Judicial Officer of MDL-875, Philadelphia, PA

10:30 AM – Break, Sponsored by:
Magna Legal

10:45 AM – Litigation Migration: Understanding Strategies and docket considerations in the Nation’s Busiest & Emerging Asbestos Dockets

- Overview of significant developments in Pennsylvania, Illinois, California and Texas
- Trial slots – where are claims currently being filed and is there a migration? A breakdown of which jurisdictions are docketing mesothelioma claims?
- What are the compelling issues that will drive these jurisdictions in 2011?
- Where are the emerging dockets of 2010-2011?

Moderator: John Hugo, Esq., Cooley Manion Jones LLP, Boston, MA

Hon. Mark Davidson, 11th Civil District Court of Texas, Harris County, TX
Randy Gori, Esq., Gori Julian & Associates, P.C., Edwardsville, IL
Edward Hugo, Esq., Brydon, Hugo & Parker, San Francisco, CA
John Kurowski, Esq., Kurowski, Bailey and Shultz, LLC, Swansea, IL
Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss, Coordinating Judge Complex Litigation Center, Philadelphia, PA

11:45 AM – The Deliberation Room: Insight from Two Jury Members from Recent Los Angeles Trial

- Perception of counsel: Does it matter?
- Jury Bias: Does either side have an advantage?
- Selection – what should plaintiffs and defendants currently be looking for?
- Variations and bias amongst different jurisdictions
- Dynamic trial techniques that can influence the outcome The role of expert testimony – the juror perspective

Moderators: Kevin Jordan, Esq., Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, TX
Jeffrey B. Simon, Esq., Simon, Eddins & Greenstone, LLP, Dallas, TX
Elline Lipkin, Research Scholar, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
J. Lee Meihls, Ph.D., President, Trial Partners, Inc., Beverly Hills, CA
12:30 PM - Networking Lunch, Sponsored by: RecordTrak

1:30 PM - Witness Bias -- Does It Matter

Mark Lanier, Esq., The Lanier Law Firm, Houston, TX

2:30 PM – The Current Chapter of Asbestos Bankruptcy: The Impact on Claimants, Debtors, Insurers and Tort Defendants

Philip Bentley, Esq., Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, New York, NY
John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL
Lloyd Dixon, Ph.D., RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA
Elihu Inselbuch, Esq., Caplin & Drysdale, New York, NY
James L. Stengel, Esq., Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, New York, NY
Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C., New York, NY

3:30 PM- Break, Sponsored by: Brook Hollow Financial

3:45 PM – 2011 Judicial Roundtable on Asbestos Litigation: A View from the Bench

- Judicial administration of mass tort litigation – best practices for keeping cases moving toward resolution
- National overview of changes in CMO’s, pre-trial activities and procedures
- Exigent dockets and fast-tracking of claims
- Litigation administration – is there a way for both sides to work together and keep costs down?
- Recurring and emerging evidentiary issues in asbestos cases

Moderators: Anne Kearse, Esq., Motley Rice LLC, Mt. Pleasant, SC
J. Yasmin Mancini, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL

Hon. Peggy L. Ableman, Superior Court of Delaware, Wilmington, DE
Hon. Elihu Berle, Supervising Judge of the Civil Division of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA
Hon. Barbara Crowder, Circuit Judge in Madison County, Edwardsville, IL
Hon. Mark Davidson, 11th Civil District Court of Texas, Harris County, TX
Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, New York State Supreme Court, New York, NY
Hon. Paulette R. Irons, New Orleans City Court Judge for Division “M”, New Orleans, LA
Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss, Coordinating Judge Complex Litigation Center, Philadelphia, PA
5:00 PM – An In-House Perspective on Managing and Defending Asbestos-Related claims

- A corporate response to a deluge of asbestos claims: How to respond
- Matching resources to litigation challenges: The in-house dilemma
- The course to the proper defense: balancing an effective approach to a reasonable budget
- Selection of Outside Counsel: Reasonable expectations assuring an appropriate defense

Moderators: William Mahoney, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL
Jeffrey B. Simon, Esq., Simon, Eddins & Greenstone, LLP, Dallas, TX

Christy Benton, Esq., Litigation Counsel, John Crane Inc., Morton Grove, IL
Michael Glackin, Managing Counsel - Products, IP & DAS Litigation, Dow Chemical Co., Midland, MI
Holly A. Harris, Senior Counsel, Chevron Products Company, San Ramon, CA
Malcolm Myers, Vice President, Asbestos Issues Resolute Management, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Paul Slater, Esq., Sr. General Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT

6:00 PM – Cocktail Reception, Sponsored by:
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Friday, March 4, 2011

7:15 AM - **Women in Business Breakfast Roundtable, Sponsored by:**
Willman & Silvaggio, LLP

**Concetta A. Silvaggio, Esq.,** Willman & Silvaggio, LLP, Pittsburgh, PA
**J. Yasmin Mancini, Esq.,** Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL

8:00 AM - **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 AM – **Managing Insurer & Policyholder Relationships in 2011 Asbestos Litigation**

- Factors governing choice of local and national counsel?
- Billing and allocating costs
- Best practices for working with counter-parties to achieve desired results
- Managing relationships between policy holder, local counsel, national counsel, and insurer

**Moderators: Steven Hart, Esq.,** Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL
**Jeffrey B. Simon, Esq.,** Simon, Eddins & Greenstone, LLP, Dallas, TX
**Earl J. Imhoff,** Divisional Sr. Vice President, Great American Insurance Group, Cincinnati, OH
**Cindy Koehler,** Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Liberty Mutual Company, Boston, MA
**Timothy O’Reilly,** Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Arrowpoint Capital, Charlotte, NC
**Michael S. Owen,** Manager, Claims, RiverStone Claims Management, LLC, Manchester, NH
**Linda Tatka,** Claims Director, Fireman’s Fund /Allianz Insurance Company, San Francisco, CA

9:30 AM – **Is the Jury Still Out? The Latest Developments in Heavy Equipment and Component Parts Litigation**

- Overview of progeny of cases and recent appellate decisions
- Breakdown of arguments in past/pending cases and calendar of upcoming cases and rulings
- East meets West – jurisdictional overview of cases and trends toward either plaintiff or defense
- Duty to warn issues
- Navy vs. non-Navy cases

**Charles Siegel, Esq.,** Waters & Kraus, LLP, Dallas, TX
**John Barnerd, Esq.,** Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides & Barnerd LLC, East Alton, IL
**Concetta A. Silvaggio, Esq.,** Willman & Silvaggio, LLP, Pittsburgh PA
**Thomas W. Tardy, III, Esq.,** Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP, Jackson, MS
10:15 AM – Break

10:30 AM – The Indirect Claimant - Bystander and Household Exposure Cases

- No longer secondary – an overview of the growing pool of take home and bystander exposure cases
- Current case law regarding no duty – overview of states that hold contrary views
- Impact of recent rulings on premises owners

Bradley Drew, Managing Director, PACE Claims Services, Hamilton, NJ
Marc Gaffrey, Esq., Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP, New Brunswick, NJ
Mickey Landry, Esq., Landry & Swarr, LLC, New Orleans, LA
R. Scott Masterson, Esq., Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Atlanta GA
Timothy Thompson, Jr., Esq., Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides & Barnerd LLC, East Alton, IL

11:30 AM – The Experts Speak – Emerging Medical and Scientific Issues in Asbestos Litigation

- The science of asbestos medicine – update on latest research. Fiber type and Mesothelioma – the debate continues
- The pathology of an asbestos disease – does pathology have a role in determining individual causation?
- Epidemiology
- Understanding the latency of asbestos related diseases
- Breaking down the single fiber theory
- How to Effectively Use Medical Experts

Moderators: Knight Anderson, Esq., Hill Fulwider McDowell Funk & Matthews PC, Indianapolis, IN
Peter Renstrom, Esq., Jackson Jenkins Renstrom LLP, San Francisco, CA
Arnold R. Brody, Ph.D., Professor, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
Charles C. McDonald, M.D., Director, Pulmonary Physiology Laboratory, California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

12:30 PM – Adjourn

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