



Cutting-Edge Issues in Asbestos Litigation Conference

March 16-17, 2015
The Beverly Wilshire Hotel
Beverly Hills, CA

CONFERENCE CHAIRS

John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL

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Sunday, March 15, 2015

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Cocktail Reception at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel

Sponsored by: Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, PC

Day 1 - Monday, March 16, 2015

8:00 AM – Registration and Continental Breakfast

Sponsored by: Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP

8:15 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks

John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway – Chicago, IL

Timothy L. Krippner, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd. – Chicago, IL

Jeffrey B. Simon, Esq., Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, PC – Dallas, TX

8:30 AM – The Top Emerging Trends in 2015 Asbestos Litigation

- An overview of the most significant developments in the previous year
- The Future of Mesothelioma in America: The re-evaluation of future claims
- Discussion of national filing trends

Charles E. Bates, PhD., Chairman, Bates White Economic Consulting – Washington, DC

Perry J. Browder, Esq., Simmons Hanley Conroy LLC – Alton, IL

Jessica M. Dean, Esq., Dean, Omar & Branham, LLC – Dallas, TX

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Thomas W. Tardy, III, Esq., Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP – Jackson, MS

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

9:45 AM – The Relationship between Carriers and Insureds in the Changing Litigation Environment

Barry I. Buchman, Esq., Gilbert LLP, Washington, DC

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

Frederick Schaefer, Associate Vice President Asbestos, Nationwide Indemnity Company – Wausau, WI

10:30 AM – Break

10:45 AM – Key Jurisdictional Updates in California, Illinois, Louisiana and Pennsylvania

An update on recent appellate activity, significant developments and key rulings in key jurisdictions

- Admissibility of expert testimony
- Workers compensation and exclusivity
- Liability for “take home” exposure

Chris Massenburg, Esq., Manion Gaynor & Manning LLP – New Orleans, LA

Hon. Arnold L. New, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas, Complex Litigation Center – Philadelphia, PA

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

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

J. Yasmin Tayyab, Esq., Morgan, Lewis & Bockius – Chicago, IL

Joseph J. Welter, Esq., Goldberg Segalla – Buffalo, NY

11:45 AM –Lunch (*on your own*)

1:00 PM – The Bankruptcy Trust Offset: What is it and should it be Applied in a Civil Case?

- A discussion of jurisdiction variability on the discovery and admissibility of trust claims
- Can or should claimants be required to pursue or disclose future Bankruptcy claims during the pendency of tort action?

John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway – Chicago, IL

Mary Margaret Gay, Esq., Forman Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP, Jackson, MS

Anne M. Kearse, Esq., Motley Rice LLC – Mt. Pleasant, SC

Nicholas P. Vari, Esq., K&L Gates – Pittsburgh, PA

2:00 PM – A Medical Update: An Analytical Review of Lung Cancer, Current Medicine, Epidemiology and Mesothelioma

- The “Markowitz paper” and emerging views
- Role of DNA testing in Mesothelioma and lung cancer
- Discussion of current research in the role of stem cells in the development of cancer

Arnold R. Brody, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of Pathology, Tulane University School of Medicine – New Orleans, LA

Kirk T. Hartley, Esq., LSP Group LLC – Chicago, IL

Ollie M. Harton, Esq., Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP – Atlanta, GA

Trey Jones, Esq., The Lanier Law Firm – Los Angeles, CA

3:00 PM – Break

3:15 PM – New York, New York - The Battle in the Big Apple

- Potential modifications of the CMO including punitive damages
- Viability of Berkowitz and the Dummit decision
- What about replacement parts?

Erik C. DiMarco, Esq., Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP – New York, NY

Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, Supreme Court, New York County – New York, NY

Paul Slater, Esq., Senior Counsel, General Electric Company – Fairfield, CT

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

4:15 PM – The In-House and Insurance Perspective Roundtable

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

R. Harding Erwin, Jr., Esq., Chevron Products Company – Houston, TX

Daniel K. Myhrer, CPCU, ARM, AIC, Director, NWI Specialty Claims, Asbestos, Nationwide Indemnity – Wausau, WI

Paul Slater, Esq., Senior Counsel, General Electric Company – Fairfield, CT

Richard H. Taylor, Litigation Counsel, CertainTeed Corporation – Valley Forge, PA

Antonietta Vitale Castano, Complex Director, Mass Tort Claims, AIG – Jersey City, NJ

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception

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Day 2 - Tuesday, March 17, 2015

8:00 AM – Women in Business Breakfast Roundtable

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Karen P. Agelson, Esq., Walsworth – Orange County, CA

Sheri G. Brutsch, Counsel, Saint-Gobain Corporation – Valley Forge, PA

Florence McClain, Esq., Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP – San Francisco, CA

8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM – Ethical Issues Raised by Product Identification and Damages Allocation

- A review of ever shifting world of Product Identification in the discovery process
- How is it occurring now and what is the impact?

Edward Casmere, Esq., Schiff Hardin LLP – Chicago, IL

Hon. Mark Davidson, 11th Civil District Court of Texas – Harris County, TX

Harold H. Hunter, Esq., The Hunter Law Group – Dallas, TX

Jeffrey B. Simon, Esq., Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, PC – Dallas, TX

10:00 AM – Asbestos Medicine Inside and Outside the Courtroom: Is there a Difference?

Thomas J. Burns, Esq., O’Connell, Tivin, Miller & Burns – Chicago, IL

Chris Panatier, Esq., Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, PC – Dallas, TX

10:45 AM – Break

11:00 AM – The Discovery Deposition Conundrum

- A balance of resource use and the right to defend in the discovery Deposition process
- Overview of the current practice rules across the country
- Bankruptcy shares and their role in the discovery

Brian P. Barrow, Esq., Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, PC – Dallas, TX

Hon. Mark Davidson, 11th Civil District of Texas – Harris County, TX

Hon. Emilie H. Elias, Los Angeles Superior Court – Los Angeles, CA

Hon. Teri Jackson, Asbestos Department Judge, San Francisco Superior Court – San Francisco, CA

Stephen M. Nichols, Esq., Polsinelli LLP – Los Angeles, CA

Hon. Brad Seligman, Asbestos Department Judge, Alameda County Superior Court – Oakland, CA

12:00 PM – The Increase Role of Lien Resolution: ERISA and Medicare Advantage

Charles Medlin, Manager, Single, Event Private Lien Resolution, Garretson Resolution Group, Charlotte, NC

Additional speakers to be added.

12:30 PM – Adjourn

**Speakers and Agenda are subject to change.*

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