



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



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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

7:45 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

- The Future of Mesothelioma in America: The re-evaluation of future claims
- Discussion of national filings

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

John J. Kurowski, Esq., Kurowski Shultz LLC – Swansea, IL

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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 Challenges for Insurers in the Changing Litigation Environment

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

Linda Tatka, Claims Director-Asbestos, Fireman's Fund/Allianz Insurance Company – San Francisco, CA

Additional speakers to be added.

10:45 AM – Break

11:00 AM – Key Jurisdictional Updates in Illinois, Louisiana and Pennsylvania

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

- Admissibility and expert testimony
- Workers compensation and exclusivity

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

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. Shultz, Esq., Polisinelli LLP – Los Angeles, CA

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

Additional speakers to be added.

12:00 PM –Lunch

12:45 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?

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

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

John B. Manning, Esq., Manion Gaynor & Manning LLP – Boston, MA

Linda Tatka, Claims Director-Asbestos, Fireman’s Fund/Allianz Insurance Company – San Francisco, CA

1:45 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 modern cases
- DNA and Mesothelioma; role of the DNA testing
- Discussion of whether cell division rates in stem cells control the development of cancer

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

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

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

2:45 PM – New York, New York - The Battle in the Big Apple

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

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

Additional speakers to be added.

3:45 PM – Break

4:00 PM – Ethical Issues Raised by Product Identification and Allocation

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

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

5:00 PM – The In-House and Insurance Perspectives 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
John Veracochea, Vice President, Mass Tort Claims, AIG – Jersey City, NJ
Paul Slater, Esq., Senior Counsel, General Electric Company – Fairfield, CT
Richard H. Taylor, Litigation Counsel, CertainTeed Corporation – Valley Forge, PA

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception

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Day 2 - Tuesday, March 17, 2015

8:30 AM – Women in Business Breakfast Roundtable

Sponsored by: PohlmanUSA Court Reporting & Litigation Services

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

Additional speakers to be added.

8:30 AM – Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM – The Legislative Angle: The Congressional Approach to Asbestos Litigation

Lisa Blue Baron, Ph.D., JD, Baron and Blue, Dallas, TX

Linda Reinstein, President/CEO & Co-Founder, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, Washington, DC

Additional speakers to be added.

10:15 AM – Break

10:30 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 the role in the discovery

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

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

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11:30 AM – Adjourn

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