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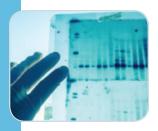
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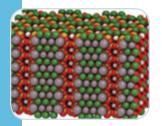


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- Trial success starts with voir dire
- Talc litigation's impact on asbestos litigation
- Genetic screening as a tool to unravel cancer causation mystery
- Use your ethics to your advantage
- Expert examination tips shared by trial attorneys
- Taking your oral presentation skills to the next level



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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7:00 a.m. Women in the Law Breakfast

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8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

John "Jack" J. Laffey, *Laffey Leitner and Goode LLC*. Milwaukee. Wisconsin

Evelyn Fletcher Davis, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

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8:15 a.m. Fight Fire with Fire

Judicial hellholes and what they mean for a defendant. Learn more about the jurisdictions that keep defense attorneys up at night and how to be successful in those jurisdictions and in others that have adopted some similarities.

Sherman Tiger Joyce, *American Tort Reform Association*, Washington D.C.

9:05 a.m. **Voyaging Through Voir Dire**

Mr. Raven will address the critical issue of voir dire in trial strategy, particularly in addressing sensitivities surrounding cancer, sympathy, and the potential dislike for corporations.

Ricky A. Raven, Reed Smith LLP, Houston, Texas

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10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

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10:15 a.m. Legal and Scientific Evaluation of Recent Studies and Publications

Kurt Rasmussen and Dr. Urban will dissect recent studies and publications, discussing the ways this new information may impact the litigation.

Kurt L. Rasmussen, Rasmussen Willis Dickey & Moore LLC, Kansas City, Missouri

Ania M. Urban, PhD, MPH, *Cardno ChemRisk*, San Francisco. California

11:05 a.m. Shape Up or Ship Out

With the Port of New Orleans as a backdrop, Commander Delaney will provide an understanding of Navy regulations and practices (the "Navy Way") to better factor those into defenses and liabilities.

Commander James Delaney, *U.S. Navy, Ret.*, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

11:55 a.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

12:00 p.m. **Young Lawyers Breakout** (see page 3)

To purchase optional box lunch, mark the checkbox on registration form—only available for those attending the breakout session.

1:00 p.m. Asbestiform or Not Asbestiform?

Did the baby powder you used on your little King Cake baby contain something more than the very essence of childhood? We will discuss the difference between cosmetic talc and contaminated talc, and the current state of talc litigation.

Timothy L. Krippner, *Segal McCambridge Singer* & *Mahonev Ltd.*, Chicago, Illinois

H. Lane Young II, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

1:55 p.m. Lung Cancer: Updates on Causation

Dr. Weill will help decipher the effect of common genetic variant on lung cancer risk and causation and provide an update on how fiber type impacts causation.

David Weill, MD, Weill Consulting Group, Santa Rosa, California

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2:45 p.m. It's Not What You Say, but How You Say It
In DRI's version of "The Voice," dialect expert
and voice coach Eliza Jane Schneider will discuss often overlooked nuances in communication, what we can determine from them, and
how to use our voices to our advantage.

Eliza Jane Schneider, *Competitive Edge Voice Training*, Los Angeles, California

3:45 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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4:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions** (see pages 4–5)

5:55 p.m. **Adjourn**

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7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. **Parade**

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world-famous Bourbon Street, and back to the hotel. Come get caught up in the magic that is New Orleans. "Laissez les bon temps roulez!"

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8:30 a.m. **Announcements**

Catherine E. Goldhaber, *Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.*, Chicago, Illinois

8:40 a.m. Bolstering the Defense by Challenging Plaintiff's Abuse of Ethics Rules

What better way to spend the first hour of the morning after a night in the French Quarter or on Frenchman Street than to soak up consid-

YOUNG LAWYERS BREAKOUT

CHAIR | Whitney K. Barrows, Cetrulo LLP, Boston, Massachusetts

12:05 p.m. Asbestos 101: An Overview of the Litigation

Whitney K. Barrows, *Cetrulo LLP*, Boston, Massachusetts

Kevin E. Hexstall, *Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin PC*,
Philadelphia. Pennsylvania

12:50 p.m. Notes from the First Chair: Effective
Techniques for Taking a Deposition
That Will Provide Useful and
Persuasive Evidence at Trial

Christopher B. Bruni, *Sinunu Bruni LLP*, San Francisco, California

Sarah L. Paszkiewicz, *Paszkiewicz Court Reporting*, Maryville, Illinois

Todd J. Suddleson, *DeHay & Elliston LLP*, Dallas, Texas

Thursday, November 10, 12:00–3:45 p.m.

1:50 p.m. **Break**

2:00 p.m. Industrial Hygiene Boot Camp for the Asbestos Litigator

Charles F. Redinger, PhD, MPA, CIH, Redinger

360 Inc., Harvard, Massachusetts **Lawrence J. Sugarman**, *Cetrulo LLP*,

Boston, Massachusetts

2:50 p.m. Facts Are Stubborn Things: Winning Your Case Through Fact Investigation

Jennifer L. Filippazzo, McDermott Will & Emery LLP. New York. New York

Steven B. Moore, Rasmussen Willis Dickey &

Moore LLC, Kansas City, Missouri

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

erations of ethics when deposing witnesses. Bring your café au lait and beignets!

David A. Speziali, *Speziali Greenwald & Hawkins PC*, Williamstown, New Jersey

9:40 a.m. From High Dose Amphibole to Low Dose Chrysotile: How the Litigation Changed and Why I Became Primarily a Defense Expert

Take a stroll down memory lane with the venerable and incomparable Dr. Roggli as he compares the first 15 years of the litigation to the last 15 years and answers the age-old question: Are we smarter today?

Victor L. Roggli, MD, *Duke University Medical Center*, Durham, North Carolina

10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break

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10:45 a.m. Parsing the Pronouncement Process

Professional societies, regulatory agencies, and international bodies often make pronouncements regarding chemical risks. This talk will explore how these groups come to their conclusions, and what is likely to be the next pronouncement that could have an effect on litigation. Dr. Goodman will describe how, despite these pronouncements, scientific support has been inadequate.

Julie E. Goodman, PhD, DABT, FACE, ATS, Gradient, Cambridge, Massachusetts

11:35 a.m. **Unraveling a Lawsuit**

It's the gift that keeps on giving. No single case has scrambled the litigation quite as much as

the Garlock bankruptcy decision, and no asbestos seminar would be complete without a discussion of the impact of Garlock's bankruptcy and where it has left the litigation.

The Honorable Peggy L. Ableman, *McCarter & English LLP*, Wilmington, Delaware

12:25 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

1:30 p.m. **Mesothelioma, the Most Recent**WHO Histologic Classification

Dr. Geyer will present an up-to-date classification of mesothelioma and tumors of the pleura based on the most recent WHO classification, with use of materials from his personal collection to amplify important diagnostic challenges confronted in the confirmation of correct diagnoses involving pleural neoplasms.

** Stanley J. Geyer, MD, Geyer Pathology Services LLC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break

2:45 p.m. **Breaking the Supply Chain**

Ms. Hagan will discuss how to jazz up your defenses with insight on share issues and considerations unique to the defense of supplier defendants around the country, factoring in the effect of the sale of products manufactured by bankrupt companies

Tracey McDevitt Hagan, *Reilly Janiczek McDevitt Henrich & Cholden PC*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thursday, November 10, 4:00 p.m.-5:55 p.m. (choose one)

4:00 p.m.-4:55 p.m. Sessions

5:00 p.m.-5:55 p.m. Sessions

BREAKOUT A Is It in the Genes?

Frank Kendo Berfield, *Dentons US LLP*, San Francisco, California

Mark G. Zellmer, Husch Blackwell LLP, Saint Louis, Missouri Taking a Swing at Plaintiff's Experts: A
Discussion of Recent *Daubert* Hits and Misses

Kevin P. Greene, *Willcox & Savage PC*, Norfolk, Virginia

Forrest Ren Wilkes, Cosmich Simmons & Brown PLLC, New Orleans, Louisiana

BREAKOUT B Crossing Plaintiff's Expert Part 1

Bruce T. Bishop, *Willcox & Savage PC*, Norfolk, Virginia

Catherine A. Mohan, *McCarter & English LLP*, Hartford, Connecticut

Crossing Plaintiff's Expert Part 2

Laura Kingsley Hong, *Tucker Ellis LLP*, Cleveland, Ohio

R. Thomas Radcliffe, Jr., *DeHay & Elliston LLP*, Baltimore, Maryland

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BREAKOUT C	There's No Place Like Home: Duty to Warn in "Take-Home" Exposure Cases Mark C. Greene, Banker Lopez Gassler PA, Tampa, Florida F. Ford Loker, Miles & Stockbridge PC, Baltimore, Maryland	Alternative Exposure Discovery: A World-Wide Perspective Melanie Chung-Tims, Bice Cole Law Firm PL, Coral Gables, Florida Katharine Scott Perry, Adler Pollock & Sheehan PC, Boston, Massachusetts
BREAKOUT D	Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance Catherine E. Goldhaber, Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd., Chicago, Illinois Charles R. Medlin, Garretson Resolution Group, Charlotte, North Carolina Barrye Panepinto Miyagi, Kean Miller LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Alternative Jurisdictions and Choice of Law Motions Demetra Arapakis Christos, Foley & Mansfield, Chicago, Illinois Shawnette A. Fluitt, Barry McTiernan & Moore LLC, New York, New York John R. Osburn, Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, Portland, Oregon
BREAKOUT E	Defending Amphiboles in a Chrysotile World— Against Plaintiff and Co-Defendants Elizabeth Runyan Geise, Schiff Hardin LLP, Washington D.C. David C. Marshall, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Atlanta, Georgia	Attacking the Reptile Jason P. Eckerly, Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd., Chicago, Illinois Mark D. Sayre, Valorem Law Group LLP, San Jose, California
BREAKOUT F	Claims Adjusters Only Stewart S. Richmond, Jr., RiverStone Claims Management LLC, Manchester, New Hampshire Linda M. Tatka, Allianz Resolution Management, Petaluma, California	Coverage Implications in Asbestos Cases Kevin M. Toner, Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana Amanda Webber, Allianz Resolution Management, Petaluma, California
BREAKOUT G	Louisiana Litigation: Everything Old Is New Again Jennifer E. Adams, Deutsch Kerrigan LLP, New Orleans, Louisiana Kay Barnes Baxter, Cosmich Simmons & Brown PLLC, New Orleans, Louisiana	Putting Your Best Voice Forward Eliza Jane Schneider, Competitive Edge Voice Training, Los Angeles, California Robert E. Thackston, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Dallas, Texas

Robert E. Dille, Kean Miller LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

BREAKOUT H

Deposition Training 101: Effective Approaches for Typical Claims

(4:00-5:55 p.m.)

This session will deal with effective deposition techniques from preparation through post-deposition follow-up. The presentation will focus on best ways to develop the record on shares, lung cancer claims, and product exposure.

Albert H. Parnell, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

R. Thomas Radcliffe, Jr., DeHay & Elliston LLP, Baltimore, Maryland

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