

# **Cutting-Edge Issues in Asbestos Litigation Conference**

March 17-18, 2014
Beverly Hills, CA
The Beverly Wilshire Hotel

#### **CONFERENCE CHAIRS**

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



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

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## Day 1 - Monday, March 17, 2014

8:00 AM – Registration and Continental Breakfast Sponsored by: Foley & Mansfield

### 8:30 AM - Welcome & Opening Remarks

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### 8:45 AM - The Top Emerging Trends in 2014 Asbestos Litigation

An interactive Q&A session with top plaintiff and defense attorneys, in-house counsel and judges on the issues that will most impact asbestos litigants in 2014

John A. Barnerd, Esq., Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides & Barnerd LLC – Alton, IL Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, Supreme Court, New York County – New York, NY Shepard Hoffman, Esq., The Law Offices of Shepard A. Hoffman, LLC – Dallas, TX William Mahoney, Esq., Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd. – Chicago, IL Paul Slater, Esq., Senior Counsel, General Electric Company – Fairfield, CT 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 – Asbestos-Driven Bankruptcies: National Update on Recent Developments

The implications for transparency between the bankruptcy courts and the tort system.

Phillip Bentley, Esq., Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP – New York, NY John D. Cooney, Esq., Cooney & Conway – Chicago, IL Peter Van N. Lockwood, Esq., Caplin & Drysdale – Washington, DC Walter Watkins, Jr., Esq., Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP – Jackson, MS

10:30 AM - Break

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#### 10:45 AM -In-House Discussion on Litigation Risk Management

The corporate and carrier perspectives on proper and efficient management of asbestos risk

**Moderators: Thomas J. Burns, Esq.,** O'Connell, Tivin, Miller & Burns, LLC – Chicago, IL **J. Yasmin Tayyab, Esq.,** Morgan Lewis Bockius LLP – Chicago, IL

**Amy J. Blumrosen,** Senior Counsel, Chevron Law Department, Chevron Products Company – Houston, TX

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

Thomas J. Olsen, Senior Vice President, Mass Tort Claims, AIG – Jersey City, NJ

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

### 11:45 AM -Ethics Opinions and Discovery Abuse in Asbestos Litigation

**Lisa L. Oberg, Esq.,** McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP – San Francisco, CA **Hon. Mark Davidson,** 11<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court of Texas – Harris County, TX **Anne Kearse, Esq.,** Motley Rice LLC – Mt. Pleasant, SC

### 12:45 PM - Networking Lunch

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## 1:45 PM - The Perils of Successor Liability: Who is Really in the Hot Seat?

The logistics, proper role of discovery, state of the art evidence and punitive damage issues related to acquired assets with legacy liabilities

Lawrence G. Cetrulo, Esq., Cetrulo LLP – Boston, MA Jessica Dean, Esq., Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, PC –Dallas, TX Scott L. Frost, Esq., Waters, Kraus & Paul – Los Angeles, CA Tom Radcliffe, Esq., DeHay & Elliston, L.L.P. – Baltimore, MD

## 2:45 PM - Key Jurisdictional Updates

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

- MDL
- California
- Illinois/Missouri
- New York

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

Peter B. Langbord, Esq., Foley & Mansfield – Los Angeles, CA Robert C. Malaby, Esq., Malaby & Bradley, LLC – New York, NY Sara M. Salger Esq., Gori Julian & Associates, P.C. – Edwardsville, IL Nicholas Vari, Esq., K&L Gates LLP – Pittsburgh, PA Perry Weitz, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg P.C. – New York, NY

3:45 PM - Break
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#### 4:00 PM - Leading Medical Experts

- What's asbestosis and what's not: new pathology and imaging concepts
- Stem cells, macrophage recruitment and asbestos-induced cancers

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

**Andrew Churg, MD, PhD,** Professor of Pathology at the University of British Columbia –Vancouver, BC

# 4:45 PM – Recent Developments and Issues in Insurance Coverage for Asbestos Claims

**Lawrence A. Hobel, Esq.,** Covington & Burling LLP – San Francisco, CA **Linda Bondi Morrison, Esq.,** Tressler LLP – Irvine, CA

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Networking Cocktail Reception

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# **Day 2 - Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

## 8:00 AM – Women in Business Breakfast Roundtable Sponsored by: Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP and PohlmanUSA Court Reporting

Mary Margaret Gay, Esq., Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP – Jackson, MS Hon. Emilie H. Elias, Los Angeles Superior Court – Los Angeles, CA Hon. Teri Jackson, Asbestos Department Judge, San Francisco Superior Court – San Francisco, CA Lauren Roselle, President, Esteem – Claremont, CA Linda Tatka, Claims Director-Asbestos, Fireman's Fund/Allianz Insurance Company – San Francisco, CA

#### 8:30 AM - Continental Breakfast

# 9:00 AM – The Emerging Lung Cancer Case: An Analysis of Surging Filing Trends, Asbestos Trust Issues and the Modern Causation Case

- Lung Cancer, causes and the medical perspective on asbestos
- The implications and management of the litigation filing surge

Robert F. Bettler, Jr., Ph.D., Senior Consultant, DecisionQuest – Atlanta, GA
Mark Donlevie, Vice President & General Claims Manager, Liberty Mutual Insurance – Dover, NH
Benjamin Goldstein, Esq., Simmons Browder Gianaris Angelides & Barnerd LLC – San Francisco, CA
John T. Hugo, Esq., Manion Gaynor & Manning LLP – Boston, MA
John J. Spillane, Esq., Heard Robins Cloud LLP – Dallas, TX
Robert E. Thackston, Esq., Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP – Los Angeles, CA
Trey Watkins, Esq., Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP – Jackson, MS

10:00 AM - Break

# **10:15 AM – Striking the Gavel: A Judicial Roundtable on the Coordination of Asbestos Litigation**

**Moderators: Jennifer A. Cormier, Esq.,** Walsworth Franklin Bevins & McCall, LLP – San Francisco, CA

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

Hon. Emilie H. Elias, Los Angeles Superior Court – Los Angeles, CA
Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, Supreme Court, New York County – New York, NY
Hon. Teri Jackson, Asbestos Department Judge, San Francisco Superior Court – San Francisco, CA
Hon. Arnold L. New, Court of Common Pleas, Co-Coordinating Judge, Complex Litigation Center –
Philadelphia, PA

# 11:00 AM - By the Numbers: The Future of Mesothelioma in America

An actuarial evaluation of ongoing projections for future trends in Mesothelioma diagnosis in the United States

**Jorge Gallardo-Garcia, Ph.D.,** Principal, Bates White Economic Consulting – Washington, DC **R. Scott Masterson, Esq.,** Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP – Atlanta, GA **Thomas Toce,** Senior Manager, Ernst & Young LLP – New York, NY

# **11:45 AM** – Characterizing Bystander and Take Home Exposures to Airborne Asbestos and Assessing the Respective Human Health Risks

**Dallas Cowan, PhD, CIH**, Senior Health Scientist, Cardno ChemRisk – Orange County, CA **James C. Parker, Esq.,** Brydon Hugo & Parker – San Francisco, CA

**12:30 PM - Adjourn** 

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The Peninsula Beverly Hills, 9882 South Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA

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