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February 6–8, 2019

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Welcome to Austin, the preeminent city for music, food, and fun. To take advantage of the unique location, we tailored this year's conference to have the *most* networking events ever at a DRI Product Liability Conference. Check out all the events on the next page! Also, the main stage and SLG presentations are chock-full of dynamic speakers, concentrating on all aspects of defending the product manufacturer, from voir dire to closing arguments, with legal writing and depositions in between—and even a musical production! You do not want to miss it! For the first time ever, conference registration includes a free Product Liability Case Law Update Webinar, presented by the Young Lawyers SLG of the DRI Product Liability Committee.



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NETWORKING EVENTS

An Evening at Speakeasy, Featuring the Spazmatics

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.



Join your friends and colleagues for an evening of great conversation, Texas barbeque, and dancing at Speakeasy, inspired by a local watering hole with three distinct levels: the Music Lounge, where you will listen to live music, dance the night away, and enjoy pool in the Cabaret Room; the Bowling Mezzanine, overlooking the main music stage, with its two vintage bowling lanes; and the outdoor rooftop lounge, Terrace 59, with impressive views of the Austin skyline. Musical entertainment for the evening features the high-energy, fun, and crazy antics of the Spazmatics—the ultimate new wave ’80s rock band! Don’t miss this amazing opportunity to network, renew old friendships, and make new connections.

Speakeasy is a short and easy walk from the JW Marriott Hotel. (Cost: \$65 per ticket.)

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Wednesday, February 6

10:00 a.m. **Lyndon B. Johnson Library**

Join attendees for a free informal tour of the beautiful LBJ Library! Please email DRIPProducts@outlook.com to sign up.

11:30 a.m. **Women in the Law Luncheon**

Join DRI Women in the Law Committee members at Osteria Pronto, inside the JW Marriot. To sign up please email Marie E. Chafe at MChafe@cornellgollub.com or Kristin Wedell at kwedell@dmclaw.com.

11:30 a.m. **SLG Lunch-Arounds**

Join SLG leaders, colleagues, and friends at selected restaurants for a no-host lunch. More details coming.

5:30 p.m. **Networking Reception**

7:30 p.m. **Austin Beer Works**

Enjoy a tasting experience featuring local beers and appetizers at a place “hell-bent on excellence!” Please email DRIPProducts@outlook.com for ticket prices and to sign up.

7:30 p.m. **SLG Dine-Arounds**

Join SLG leaders, colleagues, and friends at selected restaurants for a no-host dinner. More details coming.

Thursday, February 7

7:00 a.m. **DRI for Life at Jo’s Coffee Shop**

Grab a cup of joe and network with fellow attendees at this iconic Austin coffee shop! Email DRIPProducts@outlook.com to RSVP.

11:50 a.m. **Diversity and Inclusion Lunch**

Join colleagues and friends for the DRI Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Committee lunch. Hear about initiatives to promote D&I in our profession. Email Derrick Haddox at dhaddox@smbtrials.com or Andrei Pascu at andrei.pascu@mcmillan.ca to RSVP.

11:50 a.m. **SLG Lunch-Arounds**

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6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception (on-site)**

7:30 p.m. **An Evening at Speakeasy, Featuring the Spazmatics** (see above)

Friday, February 8

1:30 p.m. **Community Service Project at the Central Texas Food Bank**

The Central Texas Food Bank is the largest hunger relief charity in Central Texas, bringing 45 million meals to the community last year and into the hands of families and local nonprofits. Volunteers will assemble meals in the food bank’s kitchen to deliver to families in need. For more information, please contact Jennifer Willis Arledge at jennifer.arledge@wilsonelser.com or Enjoliqué D. Aytch at enjolique.aytch@akerman.com.

3:30 p.m. **Cruise on Lady Bird Lake**

End the conference in style with a cruise on Lady Bird Lake! Food and drink hosted by ESI. Email DRIPProducts@outlook.com for ticket prices and to RSVP.



What You Will Learn



- How to navigate legal quandaries while singing along to (and laughing at) country and western song parodies.
- How judges are implementing proportionality in product liability cases to limit the ever-expanding scope of discovery in complex litigation.
- How to ditch paper and write appealing and dynamic briefs that court staff will read on tablets.
- The effect of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on product manufacturers.
- About the latest in industry-specific areas from in-house counsel during multiple SLG breakout sessions.



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Inclusiveness is the chief means to increase the diversity of DRI's membership and leadership positions. DRI's members and potential leaders are often also members and leaders of other defense organizations. Accordingly, DRI encourages all national, state, and local defense organizations to promote diversity and inclusion in their membership and leadership.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00 a.m. **Lyndon B. Johnson Library Tour** (see page 1)
11:30 a.m. **Women in the Law Lunch** (see page 1)
11:30 a.m. **SLG Lunch–Arounds** (see page 1)
12:00 p.m. **Registration**

SLG Session I 1:00–3:00 p.m.

■ AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION MINING AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT (ACMIE)

CHAIR | **C. Dewayne Lonas**, *Moran Reeves Conn PC*,
Richmond, VA

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Frost Brown Todd LLC, Louisville, KY

Stories That Stick: How to Tell Your Client's Story at Trial

John A. (Jack) Dolan, PE, Rimkus Building
Consultants, Melbourne, FL

➔ **Jill D. Jacobson**, *Husqvarna Group*, Charlotte, NC

Getting Ahead of the Game: Early Case Evaluation Practices to Improve Defense Strategy

➔ **Nicole M. Brunson**, *Ingersoll Rand*, Davidson, NC

➔ **M. Kathleen (Kathy) Padfield**, *Ingersoll Rand*,
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■ CONSUMER GOODS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT (CGOE)

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Voluntary Recalls and Standards:

Mandated by the CPSC

Jameson B. Carroll, *Carroll & Weiss LLP*, Atlanta, GA

➔ **Joe Jankowski**, *Hunter Douglas Inc.*,
Pearl River, NY

Ralph Vasami, *Window Covering Manufacturers
Association*, New York, NY

Are You Smoking? The Legal Landscape of Vaping

Robert P. (Bob) Alpert, *Morris Manning & Martin LLP*,
Atlanta, GA

Chemistry in Consumer Products

Joseph P. (Joe) Mohorovic, *Troutman Sanders LLP*,
Chicago, IL

■ FOOD LAW

CHAIR | **Lisa Parliament**, *McMillan LLP*, Toronto, ON

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Claims and Complaints: Managing the Relationship Among Food Law Liability, Marketing, and Advertising

➔ **Melissa Hung**, *The Clorox Company*, Oakland, CA

➔ **Scott Kirkpatrick**, *Coca-Cola Refreshments
Canada*, Toronto, ON

Dealing with Contamination Incidents and Litigation in the Age of Social Media and Instant Access to Information

Sarah L. Brew, *Faegre Baker Daniels LLP*,
Minneapolis, MN

➔ **Melissa Hung**, *The Clorox Company*, Oakland, CA

Joint Session

■ DIGITAL EVIDENCE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

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International Discovery Issues in the Global Economy

Part I—Data Security and Privacy in the EU

Sarah-Jane Dobson, *Cooley LLP*, London, UK

Michael D. Stovsky, *Benesch Friedlander Coplan &
Aronoff LLP*, Cleveland, OH

Part II—Opportunities and Challenges of Cross-Border Discovery

Ignatius Grande, *Berkeley Research Group LLC*,
New York, NY

The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, *U.S. District Court
for the Western District of Texas*, San Antonio, TX

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Part III—Information Governance to Minimize Risk and Maximize Potential

Ignatius Grande, *Berkeley Research Group LLC*,
New York, NY

Michael D. Stovsky, *Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP*, Cleveland, OH

3:00 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
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SLG Session II 3:30–5:30 p.m.

■ AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

CHAIR | **Michael G. Jones**, *Martin Pringle Oliver Wallace & Bauer LLP*, Wichita, KS

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The Use of Virtual Reality Technology in Aviation Accident Analysis and Reconstruction

Robert C. Winn, PhD, PE, *ESi (Engineering Systems Inc.)*, Colorado Springs, CO

How We Got to Where We Are

William (Bill) Powers, Jr., *Jackson Walker LLP*,
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■ HAND AND POWER TOOLS

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Beyond the Horizon: Navigating the Wake of a Foreign Recall in a Round World

➔ **Keven Drummond Eiber**, *MTD Products Inc.*,
Valley City, OH

Jeffrey B. Margulies, *Norton Rose Fulbright (US) LLP*,
Los Angeles, CA

➔ **Mark A. Rowe**, *Techtronic Industries Power Equipment*, Anderson, SC

Changing of the “Guard” at the CPSC

Joseph P. (Joe) Mohorovic, *Troutman Sanders LLP*,
Chicago, IL

Seeing the Unwitnessed Hand and Power Tool Accident

Dennis B. Brickman, *Esi (Engineering Systems Inc.)*,
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■ MASS TORTS AND CLASS ACTIONS

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“Litigation Tourism”: How the Plaintiff and Defense Bars Are Looking at *Bristol-Myers Squibb*

Kenneth (Ken) Seeger, *Seeger Salvas & Devine LLP*,
San Francisco, CA

Sara K. Thompson, *Greenberg Traurig LLP*, Atlanta, GA

The Internet of Things: Recent Developments in the Ever-Evolving Minefield

MODERATOR | **Mary Delli Quadri**, *Miller Thomson LLP*,
Montreal, QC

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➔ **Frédéric Bastien**, *Mnuba*, Montreal, QC

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Reporting on Recreational Product Issues to the CPSC

Tonya G. Newman, *Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP*,
Chicago, IL

Recalling Recreational Products: From the CPSC to Customer Relations

➔ **Marie-Claude Simard, LLB, MBA**, *Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.*, Valcourt, QC

What the CPSC Looks for When Dealing with Recreational Products

Cheryl A. Falvey, *Crowell & Moring LLP*,
Washington, DC

■ SCAFFOLDING, CRANES, AND AERIAL DEVICES (SCAD)

CHAIR | **Sean W. Shirley**, *Balch & Bingham LLP*,
Birmingham, AL

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Louisville, KY

The Times They Are a-Changin’: In-House Panel Discussion of Generational Changes and Trends Within Corporate Legal Departments

➔ **Brad Stoll**, *Konecranes Inc.*, Springfield, OH

➔ **Nathan (Nate) Walker**, *Hyster-Yale Group Inc.*, Fairview, OR

The Law Never Stands Still: Changes to OSHA Part CC (Cranes) and ANSI A92 (Aerial Lifts)

Andrew K. (Andy) Nieto, CSP, CHST, *S-E-A Ltd.*, Elk Grove Village, IL

John J. Stamm, PE, *Caulfield Engineering LLC*, Naperville, IL

Case Law Update

Maureen A. Bickley, *Frost Brown Todd LLC*, Cincinnati, OH

5:30 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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7:30 p.m. **SLG Dine-Arounds** (see page 1)

7:30 p.m. **Austin Beer Works** (see page 1)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:00 a.m. **DRI for Life at Jo’s Coffee Shop** (see page 1)

7:00 a.m. **First-Time Attendees Breakfast**

Nicholas C. (Nick) Pappas, *Frost Brown Todd LLC*, Indianapolis, IN

8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

Roman Lifson, *Christian and Barton LLP*, Richmond, VA

Fred E. (Trey) Bourn III, *Butler Snow LLP*, Ridgeland, MS

8:15 a.m. **A Radical Approach to Deposition of the Company Witness**

Learn a new approach to company witness preparation including specific tips and novel techniques to prepare the witness more effectively to testify.

Michael A. Gross, *CogentEdge LLC*, Saint Petersburg, FL

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9:00 a.m. **Conducting Voir Dire in the Same Case, with the Same Product, but in Different Parts of the Country**

In this dynamic presentation, different themes established at jury selection will be played against each other to show how what might work in one part of the country might not in another, including attitudes toward diverse juries.

Ricardo A. Woods, *Burr & Forman LLP*, Mobile, AL

9:45 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:15 a.m. **Opening Statements in the Same Case, with the Same Product, but in Different Parts of the Country**

Picking up from the previous presentation, two experienced trial lawyers give real-time opening statements in the same case, but geared toward two entirely different audiences: one in California and one in West Virginia.

MODERATOR | **Ricardo A. Woods**, *Burr & Forman LLP*, Mobile, AL

Sidney K. Kanazawa, *McGuireWoods LLP*, Los Angeles, CA

Marc E. Williams, *Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP*, Huntington, WV

10:45 a.m. **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Product Liability, and Recalls**

This session will explore the effect of the GDPR on organizations processing personal data, regardless of whether they are established in the European Union.

➔ **Heather A. Brown**, *Johnson Controls*, Mississauga, ON

Lyndsay A. Wasser, *McMillan LLP*, Toronto, ON

10:45 a.m. **Corporate Counsel Breakout (for in-house counsel and claims professionals only)**

Turning the Tables: An interactive discussion with defense counsel on best practices of an in-house corporate legal team

Explore what defense attorneys see as key opportunities to improve communications and relationships with corporate counsel and to ensure the best defense for their corporate clients.

11:30 a.m. **QUICK HIT: Engaging Today's Jurors Through Themes, Demonstratives, and Graphics**
Connecting with a juror is a challenge in today's short-attention climate. This presentation gives real-life, practical examples on how to grab the jury's attention at voir dire, hold it through closing arguments, and increase your chances of walking out of the courthouse a winner.

Lori G. Cohen, *Greenberg Traurig LLP*,
Atlanta, GA

11:50 a.m. **SLG Lunch-Arounds** (see page 1)

11:50 a.m. **Diversity and Inclusion Lunch** (see page 1)

1:20 p.m. **Ethics by the Number, Conflicts by the Score: An Ethics Jamboree!**

Put on your cowboy hat and sing along to parodies of country music classics while boning up on legal ethics issues. The songs are authentically rendered by guitarist and singer Mike Messer, and the ethics debates that follow are moderated by lawyer and ethicist Jack Marshall.

Jack Marshall, *ProEthics Ltd.*, Alexandria, VA

2:50 p.m. **QUICK HIT: Brief Writing... for the iPad**

Judges are frequently ditching paper and reading legal briefs on iPads. In addition to offering tips on how to make a brief more appealing on a tablet, this legal writing professor will discuss "real-life" cases to show how to make even the most basic briefs come to life.

Megan E. Boyd, *Georgia State University College of Law*, Atlanta, GA

3:10 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

SPONSORED BY **McMillan LLP**

3:40 p.m. **From the Bench: Discovery Cooperation and Proportionality in Complex Products Litigation**

This distinguished judges' panel will address the challenges faced by manufacturers in today's world of immense volumes of discovery. Topics will include approaches and best practices for handling scheduling conferences and methods for implementing proportionality concepts to limit the scope of discovery in product liability litigation.

MODERATOR | **Daniel M. Braude**, *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP*,
White Plains, NY

PANEL

The Honorable George C. Hanks, *U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas*,
Galveston, TX

The Honorable Robert L. Pitman, *U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas*,
Austin, TX

The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, *U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas*,
San Antonio, TX

4:40 p.m. **Airing Out Jury Trials**

The declining civil jury trial has been a concern over the last two decades. In this presentation, a judge and an attorney, from their distinct points of view, discuss declining civil jury trials and approaches for reversing the trend.

The Honorable J. Thomas Marten, *U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas*, Wichita, KS

Stephen D. Susman, *Susman Godfrey LLP*,
Houston, TX

5:30 p.m. **Product Liability Committee Meeting**
(open to all)

YOUNG LAWYERS
BREAKOUT

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

LIAISON | **Daniel M. (Dan) Hill**, *McCoy Leavitt Laskey LLC*,
Albuquerque, NM

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Help Me Help You!

From investigation through trial, receive insider guidance on how to get the most out of your expert witness and pitfalls to avoid.

Zachary J. Jason, *AEI Corporation*, Littleton, CO

Sensing a Change: The Effect of Technology on Investigations and Liability

This panel will discuss the issues related to integrated technology (including connected devices and autonomous vehicles), and how the data collected by these products affect incident investigations and liability.

Juliana K. O'Brien, *McCoy Leavitt Laskey LLC*, Falmouth, ME



Thomas J.G. Scott, *Cruise Automation Inc.*,
San Francisco, CA

From External to Internal

Hear about the path to going in-house, a survey of the different challenges, and an overview of what an

in-house counsel wishes she would have known as an outside counsel.

➔ **Jennifer L. Naeger**, *Trek Bicycle Corporation*, Waterloo, WI

So You've Got to Draft a Cross-Examination for Trial—Now What?

Known as the “hot seat,” sometimes being the associate during the cross-examination can be more stressful than being the attorney actually conducting the cross, and there are many steps that associates can take to ensure that the cross-examination that they are supporting goes smoothly.

Brett A. Tarver, *Jones Day*, Atlanta, GA

6:30 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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7:30 p.m. **An Evening at Speakeasy, Featuring the Spazmatics** (see page 1)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
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SLG Session III 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

■ BIOMECHANICS AND INJURY CAUSATION

CHAIR | **John R. (Jay) Reid, Jr.**, *McDonald Toole Wiggins PA*, Orlando, FL

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Biomechanics: It's Not Just for Car Crash Cases Anymore

Tara Moore, PhD, PE, *Tara Moore Consulting PC*, Willow Grove, PA

Holly M. Polglase, *Hermes Netburn O'Connor & Spearing PC*, Boston, MA

Who Is the Dummy? Using Instrumented Vehicle Testing to Defend Low-Speed Motor Vehicle Accident Cases

Stacy M. Imler, PhD, PE, *Exponent*, Atlanta, GA

Alan Moore, PE, *AB Moore Forensic Engineering Inc.*, Orlando, FL

Breathing Easier: Evaluating Carbon Monoxide Injury Claims

Michael E. Cundy, PhD, PE, CFEI, *Exponent*, Phoenix, AZ

Thomas L. Bennett, MD, *Sheridan*, WY

■ BUILDING PRODUCTS

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Subrogation Challenges for Building Products Manufacturers

➔ **Jess W. Arbuckle**, *Viega LLC*, Broomfield, CO

Alexander P. Imberg, *Squire Patton Boggs*, San Francisco, CA

Trial Presentation: Using Animation and Mock-Ups in Building Product Cases

John E. Swanson, *S-E-A Ltd.*, Glen Burnie, MD

Expert's Tips for Outside Counsel Attending a Building Products Inspection

Julius Ballanco, PE, CPD, FASPE, *J.B. Engineering & Code Consulting PC*, Munster, IN

➔ **Allyson Claybourn**, *Berry Global Inc.*, Evansville, IN

■ FIRE SCIENCE AND LITIGATION

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Boy, That Escalated Quickly!

John M. (Jay) Freeman, Jr., MS, PE, CFEI, *AEI Corporation*, Littleton, CO

You Want Me to Pay for What? Opposing Plaintiffs' Claims for Upgrades

➔ **Heather A. Brown**, *Johnson Controls*, Mississauga, ON

Lynne O. Ingram, *Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy PC*, Berwyn, PA

Andrew E. Stead, *McMillan LLP*, Calgary, AB

■ TRIAL TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY

CHAIR | **Jonathan E. Hall**, *Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP*, Raleigh, NC

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War Stories from Deep in the Heart of Texas: Tales of a Fracking Fire Trial

Eric P. Guyer, PhD, PE, *Exponent*, Atlanta, GA

Joshua W. Mermis, *West Mermis PLLC*, Houston, TX

All Things Naughty and Nice!

Michael H. Bai, *Littleton Park Joyce Ughetta & Kelly LLP*, New York, NY

Chimba Mkandawire, PhD, PE, CAISS, *Exponent*, Atlanta, GA

William J. (Bill) Ricci, *Ricci Tyrrell Johnson & Grey*, Philadelphia, PA

10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

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SLG Session VI

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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Injuries Due to Wrecks—or Are They?

Lisa P. Gwin, MD, DO, BSEE, *Biomechanical Research Corporation (BRC)*, San Antonio, TX

Roadmap to Autonomous Vehicles

Tiffany M. Alexander, *Tanenbaum Keale LLP*, Malvern, PA

➔ **Dawn S. Pittman**, *Toyota Motor North America Inc.*, Plano, TX

➔ **Anthony M. Ruffolo**, *Honda Canada Inc.*, Markham, ON

■ CHEMICAL AND TOXIC TORT

CHAIR | **H. Lockwood (Chip) Miller III**, *Goldberg Segalla LLP*, Newark, NJ

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What's Bubbling Up: Emerging Trends in Chemical and Toxic Tort Litigation

Dallas M. Cowan, PhD, CIH, DABT, *CTEH LLC*, Carlsbad, CA

The Opiate Litigation: Pain, Punishment, and Industry-Wide Liability

Michael A. Walsh, *Strassburger & Price LLP*, Dallas, TX

■ CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

CHAIR | **Merton A. (Mert) Howard**, *Hanson Bridgett LLP*, San Francisco, CA

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Developing Themes and Deselecting Dangerous Jurors in Catastrophic Child Injury Cases

Sandra Giannone Ezell, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, VA

Protecting Client Confidential Documents

Jessica J. Williams Schnelker, *Frost Brown Todd LLC*, Indianapolis, IN

Issues Emerging from the Toys “R” Us Bankruptcy

➔ **Travis Jackson**, *Kids II Inc.*, Atlanta, GA

➔ **Mark W. Johnson**, *Newell Brands Inc.*, Atlanta, GA

Kelly Mariotti, *Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association*, Mount Laurel, NJ

➔ **Amy E. Neff**, *Goodbaby International*, Miamisburg, OH

■ MANUFACTURERS' RISK PREVENTION

CHAIR | **Joshua H. Abramson**, *Porzio Bromberg & Newman PC*, New York, NY

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For the Defense!

Byron N. Miller, *Thompson Miller & Simpson PLC*, Louisville, KY

➔ **Eric J. Rucker**, *3M Company*, Saint Paul, MN

Invasion of the Consumer Fraud Claim

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