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Program Agenda*  

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  Registration

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Committee Meetings

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM  Potential Health Risks & Regulatory Hurdles Associated with Cannabis & Its Concentrates
Consumption of cannabis concentrate products now constitutes a substantial and growing percentage of cannabis use. Cannabis concentrates consist of a range of products that are produced by treating the raw cannabis vegetable matter with a solvent to isolate the chemical components of interest. After reviewing the various extraction methods and quality assessment challenges, the panel will discuss what is known (and unknown) about the potential toxicological effects of cannabis extracts. Further, the panel will focus specifically on increased potency, solvent and pesticide residues, terpenes, solvent impurities and flavorings/fragrances.

Moderator: Joseph R. Englander, Fowler White Burnett PA, Miami, FL
Speakers: Dr. Julie L. Horton, Burdock Group Consultants, Orlando, FL; Dr. James W. Rice, Gradient Corporation, Cambridge, MA; Daniel S. Wittenberg, Snell & Wilmer, Denver, CO

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

6:00 AM – 8:00 AM  Breakfast & Registration

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM  Securing Legal Data: When the Advice Givers Need Advice
Lawyers now live in an era when “cybersecurity” and “hacking” are challenges that confront even the smallest of law firms. Recent ethics opinions bring into sharp focus the ethics rules applicable to protecting client information. In both an informative and practical presentation, you will walk away with a checklist of steps you can take individually and as a firm to improve your chances of avoiding the dreaded call: “You’ve been hacked.”

Speaker: John M. Barkett, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP, Miami, FL

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM  Welcome Remarks

8:15 AM – 9:30 AM  Flint Drinking Water Crisis: Litigation Lessons to be Learned
The Flint drinking water “crisis” has taught many lessons, and this high profile panel will highlight some of those from a litigation perspective. There are hundreds of lawsuits pending in federal and state court asserting environmental, toxic tort and class action claims against state and local governments and other defendants. We are fortunate to hear from the federal court-appointed Special Master overseeing this Flint litigation, who also brings experience from other high profile disputes such as Agent Orange and 9/11 victims compensation. We also have the Plaintiffs’ perspective from liaison counsel for hundreds of the Flint individual personal injury claimants. The “Court of Public Opinion” – from news outlets to social media, and local citizens to various stakeholder groups – will also be discussed by an experienced public relations expert sharing lessons learned/best practices since each audience can have a significant impact on the course of litigation from the outset. Underlying all of this are the toxicity and technical considerations of federal and state safe drinking water regulations, and so a water resources expert has been invited to explain these underlying concerns.

Speakers: Deborah Greenspan, Blank Rome LLP, Washington, D.C.; Karen M. Kirchenbauer, SeyfarthPR, Grand Rapids, MI; Kendra Lounsberry, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Los Angeles, CA; Corey M. Stern, Levy Konigsberg LLP; New York, NY
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