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Wednesday, August 3rd 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, August 9th 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 6th 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Registration and housing information is available via the Annual Meeting web site at http://www.americanbar.org/calendar/annual.html. Also available on the Annual Meeting website is information regarding hotel rental and airline discounts.

The deadline date to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration is Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

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TIPS CLE REGISTRATION AT THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

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Services for persons with disabilities are available. If special arrangements are required for an individual to attend this program, please notify the ABA promptly at 312-988-5672. Reasonable advance notice is requested.

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Dear TIPS Friends and Family,

Welcome back to San Francisco!

For this year’s Annual Meeting, TIPS will be headquartered at the Westin St. Francis Hotel, from Thursday, August 4th until Sunday, August 7th, 2016. The St. Francis sits majestically on Union Square and has been a celebrated destination since 1904. Located in the heart of San Francisco, the Westin St. Francis is in close proximity to iconic landscapes and stunning landmarks, including the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Filbert Street steps, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the Hyde Street Cable Car system.

Our schedule of events is filled with numerous opportunities to network, learn, and socialize with some of the best trial lawyers and litigation managers in our profession. I want to thank James A. Riddle, Ronald L. Richman and Phyra M. McCandless for their efforts in guiding the Annual Meeting Planning Committee. I also want to thank all of the members of the 2015-2016 Section Meetings Task Force who helped make of our Section meetings memorable.

The TIPS Annual Meeting kicks-off on Thursday, August 4th, with general committee business meetings and CLE Programs that will be FREE to all TIPS members who are registered as general attendees at the ABA Annual Meeting. The CLE offerings run through the day on Friday. I cannot mention all of the titles of the CLE programs in the space for this letter, but the TIPS Committees responsible for them are Commercial Transportation Litigation, Corporate Counsel Litigation, Business Litigation, Employment Law & Litigation, Title Insurance Litigation, Intellectual Property, Toxic Torts & Environmental Law, Professionals’ Officers’ and Directors’ Liability, and Trial Techniques. Each of the programs offers an excellent opportunity for you to learn, network, and experience how some of our Nation’s best practitioners and industry representative address emerging topics in the tort, trial and insurance fields. The CLE programs were arranged by our terrific TIPS Staff and the CLE Program Chair Jennifer S. Kilpatrick, who has done a terrific job.

Our Welcome and Diversity Reception will be held on Friday, August 5th, at 6:30 pm in which TIPS and Thomson Reuters will present the Liberty Achievement Award. Everyone is invited to enjoy some down-time at the Section Hospitality. Saturdays at the Annual Meeting are traditionally special. After a full pate of business meetings, you are invited to attend the James K. Carroll Leadership and Awards Dinner on Saturday evening at the top of the Westin St. Francis, where the views of San Francisco are breathtaking and will get you settled in for a fantastic evening. TIPS will present the Robert B. McKay Law Professor and James K. Carroll Leadership Awards, and close with a pass of the gavel to our new Section Chair, Sam H. Poteet, Jr. This is a ticketed event so please clear your calendar and sign up early.

On Sunday morning, we have our Annual Business Meeting, where TIPS Officers and Council members will be elected. All members present are entitled to vote. Immediately following the Business meeting, we gather to socialize at the leadership breakfast meeting and celebrate the contributions of our TIPS General Committees as we welcome in the new TIPS year. A number of the General Committees will receive an award for their contributions to the Section and leadership efforts during the past year.

Of course there will be time to enjoy San Francisco. Experiencing the morning fog burn off to welcome deep blue skies and the warmth of the sun rising over the bay is a treat. If you like tours, there are many from which to choose, including Alcatraz, Muir Woods & Sausalito, Monterey & Carmel, California Twilight Cruise, and one of my favorites, a guided bike tour along the San Francisco Bay to and across the world-famous Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito. Of course, a trip to California would not be complete without spending days in the heart of California’s famous Wine Country, with tours of Napa and Sonoma. After your tours, consider dining at some of the finest restaurants in the area. Michelin 2016 Guide Stars for San Francisco Bay Area include Manresa, Acquerello, Atelier Crenn, Coi, Commis, and Baumé. Other top restaurants include La Folie, Gary Danko, Bouchon, and Campton Place just to name a few.
I have worked closely this past year with our terrific TIPS Staff who, guided by Section Director Mary Ann Peter, oversees most TIPS activities. From our publishing unit (Jane Harper-Alport and Wendy J. Smith) to the meetings, programs, CLE, membership and marketing team (Jennifer LaChance, Debra Dotson, Norma Campos, Ninah Moore, Felisha Stewart, Linda Wiley, Donald Quarles, Carlos Vivanco, Daniel Chavez, and Theresa Beckom) and to our Director of Meetings and CLE, Janet Hummons, TIPS benefits from a team that is devoted to creating and delivering value to our members.

TIPS also benefits from our Section Sponsors, namely, Thomson Reuters, DecisionQuest, MDD, Atlas, and Robson Forensics. Representatives from our Section Sponsors will be present at this meeting to meet you. If you have questions about their services or would like to discuss how they may be able to help you, they will appreciate having an opportunity to discuss them with you.

Serving as TIPS Section Chair has been a treasure. I am proud of the many TIPS members who have stretched the bounds of innovation and determination to make this an exciting and successful year. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future as TIPS reaches new heights as the premier national organization for trial attorneys, litigators, and litigation managers who practice tort and insurance law.

G. Glennon Troublefield  
Chair, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section  
Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, PC  
Roseland, NJ
DEAR TIPS FRIENDS,

Welcome to San Francisco and the ABA Annual Meeting! When you’re not out enjoying everything San Francisco has to offer, make sure that you take some time to attend the top-notch CLE programs TIPS is offering. The programs are free to TIPS members, and we have programs on a wide range of topics, so there’s sure to be something for everyone.

On Thursday, August 4, 2016, join us for a fantastic program on preparing for, taking, and defending 30(b)(6) depositions. Plaintiff and defense attorneys involved in civil litigation, regardless of the subject matter of their cases, know that 30(b)(6) depositions are crucial to the outcomes of most cases. This engaging panel discussion will provide tips for litigators through all phases of discovery and trial. We’ll also have a fascinating program on effective global supply chain management as a critical risk mitigation tool for businesses. With our increasingly globalized economy, it’s more important than ever to understand the law regarding environmental and human rights issues that can occur in supply chains. These laws have broad implication for U.S. companies, including issues ranging from brand management to outlays for remedying damages and defending litigation. If your practice has an international focus, you’ll want to see that panel. Our final program on Thursday is for all trial lawyers. It features distinguished panelists, including Managing Counsel for Uber Technologies, who will discuss emerging issues in trial practice. They’ll cover everything from document production to evidentiary issues to advocacy techniques. You won’t want to miss it.

On Friday, August 5, 2016, we’ll have a full day of outstanding programs. We’ll start the day with a program on minefields in the employee handbook. The panel will cover topics including misclassification, the legalization of marijuana, same sex marriage/LGBT rights, expanded disability and leave rights, and the increasing need for bring-your-own-device and social media policies. Anyone who deals with employment law issues in their practice will want to see it. We will also have a panel on developing a strong theme during trial. Experienced litigators know how important it is to tell a persuasive story to the judge and/or jury in each case. This panel will offer practical advice on how to tell your client’s story. The TIPS Title Insurance Committee will be offering a program on cases you can’t win. The panel will cover practical claims handling advice for claims that aren’t susceptible to amicable resolution, including cases where claimants fail to recognize problematic aspects of their claim, what to do when faced with an unrealistic property valuation, and how to handle breakdowns in communication between the parties. Cybersecurity is front page news these days and TIPS is offering a program on data breaches and cybersecurity. The panel will bring together practitioners from a variety of perspectives who will give their insight into this rapidly evolving area of the law. And in keeping with hot topics in the law, there will be a panel on the regulatory and litigation response to the Volkswagen emissions scandal. This panel will address federal and state agencies’ responses to environmental violations and consumer fraud, as well as class action litigation and legislative responses, including amendments to the Clean Air Act. We will close out our programming with a first rate program on defending clients who have engaged in indefensible conduct. This panel will discuss the myriad issues that result from such cases, including insurance coverage issues, ethics issues, regulatory concerns, and mitigation of potential exposure. Our panel of “go to” lawyers and an ethics expert will address the tactics they use when defending these difficult claims. With all of these incredible programs, I know you’ll find some that will give you practical advice and tools for enhancing your busy practice.

Annual Meeting Program Chair

Jennifer Shepard Kilpatrick
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Section Events Highlights

Section Hospitality
As we celebrate and enjoy this past year, cap the night off with a great view, good conversation and complimentary refreshments in a casual setting. You never know what will happen when you get a bunch of TIPSters together!

Friday, August 5, 2016
10:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Saturday, August 6, 2016
10:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Section Council & Past Chair’s Dinner
By Invitation Only!
Thursday, August 4, 2016
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Welcome and Liberty Achievement Award Reception
The Olympic Club
524 Post Street
Friday, August 5, 2016
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Ticketed Event: $75.00 Adults; $50.00 Children (12 and under)
The adult ticket price increases to $100.00 on-site

TIPS Section Hospitality Center
The Westin St. Francis
Thursday, August 4, 2016
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, August 5, 2016
7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, August 6, 2016
7:00 am – 4:00 pm

TIPS Public Service Project
At the Crossroads—A Homeless Youth Outreach Center
333 Valencia Street, Suite 320
Friday, August 5, 2016
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Animal Law Committee Awards Reception
The Westin St. Francis
Friday, August 5, 2016
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ABA Opening Assembly
Moscone Center West
Saturday, August 6, 2016
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

ABA President’s Reception (Ticketed)
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
Saturday, August 6, 2016
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

James K. Carroll Leadership Awards Dinner
Westin St. Francis Hotel
335 Powell Street
32nd Floor - Alexandria’s
Saturday, August 6, 2016
6:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Ticketed Event: $150.00 Adults; $75.00 Children (12 and under)

Section Business Meeting and Leadership Continental Breakfast
The Westin St. Francis
Saturday, August 6, 2016
8:00 am – 10:00 am

For the new 2016-2017 Council, Committee Chairs and Chairs-Elect, Task Force Chairs, Coordinators, and Spouses/Guests, please sign-up for tickets so that we know you’re coming.

Ticketed Event: Complimentary – Please sign up to attend.

26th Annual Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon
Sunday, August 7, 2016
12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm

This award is in recognition of women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence in their field. As an annual supporter of the luncheon, interested TIPS members are offered an opportunity to sit at the section-sponsored table. Spacing is limited. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please contact Norma Campos at Norma.Campos@americanbar.org or call 312/988-5574.

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9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  TIPS Information/Ticket Sales
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  TIPS Hospitality Center
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  Automobile Law Committee Business Meeting
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  Business Litigation Committee Business Meeting
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee Business Meeting
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  Corporate Counsel Committee Business Meeting
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  JD/TIPS – Leaders and Programs Task Force
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  Revenue Enhancement Committee Meeting
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  Section Council Meeting
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  Committee on Outreach to Young Lawyers Meeting
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  Section Council & Past Chair’s Dinner (Off-Site)
                      By Invitation Only!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM  TIPS Information/Ticket Sales
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM  TIPS Hospitality Center
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Animal Law Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Appellate Advocacy Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Intellectual Property Law Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Professionals’ Officers’ and Directors’ Liability Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Trial Techniques Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  Law in Public Service Committee Meeting
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  Financial Committee Meeting
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Business Meeting
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  Media, Privacy and Advertising Law Committee Business Meeting
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  2016-2017 Section Meeting Planning for Fall, Midyear and Annual Meeting
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  TIPS Public Service Project (Off-Site)
                      At the Crossroads—a Homeless Youth Outreach Center
                      333 Valencia Street, Suite 320
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  Task Force on Federal Involvement in Insurance Regulation Modernization Meeting
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  ABA/TIPS Committee Meeting
Meeting & Event Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 (CONT'D)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  Task Force on Corporate Counsel Initiative Committee Meeting
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  National Trial Academy Committee Business Meeting
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM    CLE Board Meeting
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM    Section Council Meeting
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM    Employment Law and Litigation Committee Business Meeting
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM    Dispute Resolution Committee Business Meeting
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM    Excess, Surplus Lines and Reinsurance Committee Meeting
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM    Products Liability Committee Business Meeting
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM    Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Committee Business Meeting
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM    Scope and Correlation Committee Meeting
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM    2017 Section Conference Task Force Meeting for Chicago
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM    TIPS Fellows Meeting
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM    Animal Law Committee Awards Reception
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM    Plaintiff’s Policy Task Force Meeting
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM    Welcome and Diversity Reception
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM    Title Insurance Litigation Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM    Insurance Regulation Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM    Property Insurance Law Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM    Self-Insurers and Risk Managers Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM    Staff Counsel Committee Business Meeting
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9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  Section Council Meeting
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2:30 PM – 4:00 PM  Technology Committee Business Meeting
6:30 PM – 10:30 PM  James Carroll Leadership and Awards Dinner

Westin St. Francis Hotel - Alexandria’s, 32nd Floor
Ticketed Event:  $150.00 (Adults)
$75.00 (Children 12 and under)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  Section Business Meeting and Leadership Breakfast
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  2016-2017 Section Council Meeting

Meeting Adjourned
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

It Could Be the Ballgame – Deposition and Trial Insights and Warnings for Preparing, Taking and Defending Rule 30 (b)(6) Corporate Witnesses

**TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:**
Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee

**TIPS Committee Co-Sponsors:**
Automobile Litigation, Products Liability and Trial Techniques Committees

**Description:**
The deposition testimony of a company representative can be some of the most pivotal evidence in a case, whether the dispute involves a tractor-trailer crash, a defective product such as an automobile, swimming pool or medical device, the improper design of a roadway or construction of a building, or termination of an employee. Plaintiffs' counsel use these depositions to obtain key concessions that they can use to persuade the jury that the company acted wrongly. For both plaintiffs and defense counsel, it is not only imperative to understand how to prepare for these depositions, but just as importantly how to deal with the testimony the witness gives both before and at trial. This program will address the presentation of the 30(b)(6) witness from deposition through trial from the plaintiff and defense perspective. Starting with the discovery testimony, the panelists will discuss what steps are vital to prepare for the deposition, and then, faced with a trial date, how they deal with the corporate witness' testimony through motions in limine and at trial.

**Moderator:**
Michael Miller
Drew Eckl & Farnham LLP
Atlanta, GA

**Speakers:**
Sergio Chavez
Rincon Law Group, P.C.
El Paso, TX

Gregg Dulik
Sedgwick
San Francisco, CA

Michael Goldberg
Fried, Rogers, Goldberg LLC
Atlanta, GA

H. Grant Law
Shook Hardy & Bacon, LLP
San Francisco, CA

Megan Mathews Noble
Drew Eckl & Farnham LLP
Atlanta, GA

Eric L. Probst
Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.
Morristown, NJ
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Business and Human Rights: Effective Global Supply Chain Management Is an Important Critical Risk Mitigation Tool for Businesses

*TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:* Corporate Counsel Litigation Committee

*TIPS Committee Co-Sponsor:* Business Litigation, International Law and Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committees

**Description:**

Many U.S. businesses today have a presence overseas whether through production or extraction facilities abroad, or subsidiaries and/or contracts with foreign entities for the production of goods, extraction of raw materials, or creation of widgets for use in the production of goods in the U.S. It is crucial that in-house and outside counsel know how to navigate and avoid the risks associated with supply chain management.

There are a number of laws in the U.S. – at the federal and state level – that regulate and hold companies accountable for their involvement in environmental and/or human rights violations that occur in their supply chains. This has many implications for U.S. companies ranging from brand management to costly outlays required to remedy damages and/or defend against litigation.

This program will focus on informing counsel – both in-house and outside counsel – and business leaders of the issues their clients may face in connection with their global supply chains as well as the necessary due diligence to avoid litigation, sanctions, failed reporting requirements, and/or a tarnished brand.

**Moderator:**

[Stephanie A. Montano](#)
Venable LLP
Los Angeles, CA

**Speakers:**

Paul O. Hirose
Senior Counsel, Perkins Coie, LLP
Los Angeles, CA

Paul L. Hoffman
Schonbrun Seplow Harris & Hoffman, LLP
Los Angeles, CA

William Ho-Gonzalez
Deputy Chief Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Criminal Division), U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Al Mauro
Assistant General Counsel and ACT Compliance Officer
Hallmark Cards, Inc.
Kansas City, MO
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016 (CONT’D)

Speakers (Cont’d):
Joel W. Rogers
Associate General Counsel – International Supply Chain & Regulatory
The Home Depot
Atlanta, GA

Brian Wong
Corporate Counsel & Director
Gap Inc.
San Francisco, CA

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Emerging Issues In Trial Practice Now and In The Next 10 years

TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:
Business Litigation Committee

TIPS Committee Co-Sponsors:
Corporate Counsel, Intellectual Property and Trial Techniques Committees

Description:
In celebration of being in San Francisco, the innovation center of the United States, this program analyzes practice issues facing litigators currently and what issues may face litigators over the next 10 years. A panel of experts will address the challenges with: document production including recordings, videos, “unstable” documents constantly updating, and the rise of interactive social media communications, and the changes in the discovery rules to address proportionality; evidentiary issues including authenticating documents generated by computers and robots, use of evidence available only in digital form, and use of video chat recordings and other technologies; and advocacy techniques, today and tomorrow – what trials may look like in the future.

Moderator:
Ronald L. Richman
Bullivant Houser Bailey PC
San Francisco, CA

Speakers:
Kathleen McConnell
Seyfarth Shaw
San Francisco, CA

Richard Marcus
Distinguished Professor of Law & Horace O. Coil Chair in Litigation
UC Hastings College of the Law
San Francisco, CA

Angela L. Padilla
Managing Counsel
Uber Technologies, Inc.
San Francisco, CA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Minefields in the Modern Employee Handbook

TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:
Employment & Labor Law Committee

Description:
Our panelists will address key aspects, important issues and common pitfalls of the modern employee handbook including a discussion of misclassification, the impact of legalization of marijuana, same sex marriage/LGBT rights, expanded disability and leave rights (including paid sick leave) and the increasing need for bring-your-own device and social media policies. The panelists will also address how to deal with and interpret the often conflicting rulings by the NLRB on wage & hour and other issues affecting employee policies in employment handbooks.

Moderator:
Sierra J. Spitzer
Schwartz Semerdjian Cauley & Moot LLP
San Diego, CA

Speakers:
Kate Bally
Director of Labor & Employment Service
Practical Law Thomson Reuters
New York, NY

Heather Borlase
Bayer & Borlase
San Francisco, CA

Eileen Cahill
Farmers Insurance Group of Companies
Woodland Hills, CA

Michael Lotito
Littler Mendelson P.C.
San Francisco, CA

Matthew Schiff
Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP
Chicago, IL
CLE Program Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 (CONT'D)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Cases You Can’t Win: A Case Study in Practical Claims Handling

*TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:
Title Insurance Litigation Committee

*Description:
This program will cover practical claims handling and tactics particularly how to handle those claims which are not susceptible to amicable resolution; where the claimant fails to recognize the problematic aspects of the claim; when facing an unrealistic property valuation; when dealing with inept and/or aggressive counsel for the insured; and breakdowns in communication between the parties to the claim.

The program will also include a “Title Case Law Update” presentation, and may include a presentation to satisfy an ethics hour.

*Speakers:
Leonard C. “Lance” Atkins, IV
Cohen\Ruiz P.A.
Miami, FL

Jerel J. Hill
Law Offices of Jerel J. Hill
Kingwood, TX

Melissa J. Lettiere
Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC
Chicago, IL

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Dealing with Data Breach: Not “If” But When

*TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:
Intellectual Property Law Committee

*TIPS Committee and Task Force Co-Sponsors:
Business Litigation and Media, Privacy and Advertising Law Committees and Cybersecurity Task Force

*Description:
This program will address the hot topic of data breach from a variety of perspectives by bringing together presenters from diverse fields: legal counsel, insurer staff, and cybersecurity professionals.

*Moderator:
John Stephens
Sedgwick
Los Angeles, CA

*Speakers:
Jeff Birnbach
Managing Director
The Sylint Group
Sarasota, FL
CLE Program Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 (CONT’D)

Speakers (Cont’d):
Chrystina Hubbell
Senior Technical Claim Specialist II
Liberty Mutual Insurance
Los Angeles, CA

Nora Wetzel
Sedgwick
San Francisco, CA

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Volkswagen Emissions, One Year Later: Litigation and Science Update

TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:
Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Committee

TIPS Committee and Task Force Co-Sponsors:
Products Liability Committee and Plaintiff’s Policy Task Force

Description:
One year after the U.S. and California Environmental Protection Agencies publicly announced that it had strong evidence that Volkswagen violated federal law by installing software in many of its diesel vehicles to circumvent federal emissions standards, this program will provide a litigation and science update. This may include: the federal and state agencies’ investigatory response to environmental violations and consumer fraud, including criminal or civil sanctions; class action litigation seeking remedies for consumer fraud and any environmental harms; and the science and engineering behind Volkswagen’s “defeat” device.

Moderator:
Andre M. Mura
Gibbs Law Group LLP
Oakland, CA

Speakers:
Elizabeth Cabraser
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein
San Francisco, CA

Robin L. Greenwald
Of Counsel, Consumer Protection, Environmental Pollution
Weitz & Luxenberg PC
New York, NY

Bill Rossbach
Rossbach Law, PC
Missoula, MT

Craig Winterman
Hertzfeld & Rubin LLC
Los Angeles, CA
Defending the Indefensible: Navigating the Strategic and Ethical Landscape of Defending Clients Who Have Engaged in Indefensible Conduct

**TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:**
Professionals’ Officers’ and Directors’ Liability Committee

**TIPS Committee Co-Sponsor:**
Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee

**Description:**
On occasion, lawyers are presented with clients who have either engaged in clearly indefensible conduct, or conduct that in the circumstances otherwise presents enormous challenges to defend, and in the process presents himself, his partners or his company with major exposure. For example, a fatigued pilot ignores standard safety procedures, and crashes a plane with scores of passengers; a professional accused of malpractice openly admits or has documents in his file evidencing substantial deviations from the accepted standard of care; investigation reveals that the supervisor accused of sexual harassment has sent a number of inappropriate emails and text messages; documentation of the transaction leading to the loss reveals that material misrepresentations were made and efforts were made to conceal the fraud for years. When this happens, a number of issues and concerns immediately are brought into play, including coverage concerns, ethical concerns, regulatory issues, and how to possibly find a way to avoid or mitigate the potential exposure presented in the face of such challenging circumstances. All of these issues notwithstanding, there can very often be ways to mount a successful defense against such claims, and either avoid exposure altogether, or dramatically mitigate same. In this presentation a panel of lawyers who are regularly called upon as “go to” lawyers in these most dire circumstances, and an ethics expert, will discuss their secrets and strategies for defending these claims, while navigating the moral, ethical, regulatory, and other issues presented.

**Moderator:**
Peter J. Biging  
Goldberg Segalla  
New York, NY

**Speakers:**
Gary L. Gassman  
Cozen O’Connor  
Chicago, IL

Neil A. Goldberg  
Goldberg Segalla  
Buffalo, NY

Michael S. Ross, Esq.  
Law Offices of Michael S. Ross  
New York, NY
CLE Program Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 (CONT’D)

Speakers (Cont’d):
Richard Zitrin
Lecturer in Law, University of California
Hastings College of Law
San Francisco, CA

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
The Art Of Storytelling: Developing A Strong Theme During Your Trial
TIPS Committee Main Sponsor:
Trial Techniques Committee
TIPS Committee Co-Sponsors:
Automobile Litigation and Business Litigation Committees

Description:
Great trial lawyers will tell you that developing a theme of your case is one of the most important aspects of a trial. Every case has a story, and a clear theme will help you tell that story and guide the fact finder in understanding the bigger picture of the case as s/he considers the specific evidence presented. This Program will provide practical tips on developing a strong trial theme, which will ultimately make you more persuasive and your case most compelling. Moreover, the Program will feature Real-Time electronic devices to enable participants to instantly see the power and impact of powerful themes developed during the workshop.

Moderator:
Adrian K. Felix
Carlton Fields Jorden Burt PA
Miami, FL

Speaker:
Daniel Wolfe, J.D., Ph.D.
Senior Vice President DecisionQuest
Chicago, IL
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8/5 | TTL10 | Welcome and Liberty Achievement Award Reception - Adult | _____ | $75 | $100 |
8/5 | TTL10 | Welcome and Liberty Achievement Award Reception – Child (Children Ages 12 and under) | _____ | $50 | $75 |
8/6 | TTL11 | James K. Carroll Leadership and Awards Dinner - Adult | _____ | $150 | $175 |
8/6 | TTL11 | James K. Carroll Leadership and Awards Dinner – Child (Children Ages 12 and under) | _____ | $75 | $75 |
8/7 | TTL12 | Leadership Breakfast (TIPS Leaders only must sign up to attend) | _____ | Complimentary |

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Future Programs

October 19-23, 2016
TIPS Section Fall Leadership Meeting
Hotel Del Coronado
Coronado, CA

November 3-4, 2016
Aviation Law Committee Meeting
Ray Charles Hotel
Washington, D.C.

November 9-11, 2016
FSLC & FLA Fall Meeting
Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park
Chicago, IL

January 19-21, 2017
Fidelity & Surety Committee Winter Meeting
The Roosevelt New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

February 2-5, 2017
ABA Midyear Meeting
JW Marriott Marquis
Miami, FL

April 26-30, 2017
TIPS Section Conference
JW Marriott Chicago
Chicago, IL

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http://www.americanbar.org/groups/tort_trial_insurance_practice.html