

# Mass Torts Litigation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2019

### Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. (EDT) on July 9, 2019 by Karen Woodward.

### Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, Brian Cadigan, Sarah K. Frederick, Edward Gaus, Paul Majkowski, Arvin Maskin, Emily Pinco, Munjot Sahu, David Schwan, Andrew Tharp, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Joe Winebrenner, & Karen Woodward.

### This Month

- Introduction of New Mass Torts Co-Chair [Karen Woodward]
  - Arvin is rolling off as a co-chair and moving on as a co-chair of Corporate Counsel – thank you Arvin!
  - Karen introduced our newest co-chair, Joe Winebrenner. Welcome Joe!
- Roundtable: Strategic, Practical & Ethical Issues in Settling Mass Torts, July 31, 2019; 12:30-1:30 (EDT) (register at <https://form.jotform.com/91626346730155>)
  - Sarah Frederick discussed the upcoming roundtable, namely strategic issues in settlement of mass torts; all are encouraged to sign up and attend the Roundtable, which will cover mass torts settlements.

### Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Status Update
  - Jim Beck reported on the status of the Summer newsletter. It was submitted last week to the ABA, with a request for publication in July. The articles arrived timely, and the publication timeline is now with the ABA. The following subcommittees have article commitments for the **September 15, 2019** submission deadline:
    - Pharma/Medical Device
    - Toxic Torts
    - Young Lawyers
    - Experts & Evidence
    - Aviation
- Website Content Update
  - As an update on our Practice Points submissions for June 2019, we had two pieces: (1) a piece on government torts in the field of bioethics, by Fritz Metzinger; & (2) an article on nationwide class settlements and

dealing with objectors, by Pravin Patel. These submissions are now available on our website: <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/mass-torts.html>.

- The following subcommittees have Practice Points submissions due in July (this month's theme is **Expert Witnesses**):
  - Young Lawyers
  - Aviation
  - Experts & Evidence
- Book Update
  - Courtney reports that she has received good feedback from the ABA Book Publication Committee. Courtney is working on research, and she's finalizing the revisions.

### **Future Planning**

- Joint Regional CLE Program; January 29-31, 2020; Westin Snowmass Resort in Snowmass Village, CO [David Schwan]
  - David reported that the Joint Regional CLE planning is coming along, with many panel proposals submitted and sponsorships coming in.
  - Please make your hotel reservations soon if you plan on going; the room block will fill up quickly!

### **Mass Torts Committee Deliverables**

- June – Class Actions Regional CLE [Joe W. & Edd G.]; National Aviation Conference [Mike Krzak, Megan Benett, John Maggio]
- July – Roundtable [Sarah F.]; Newsletter [Jim Beck]
- August – ABA Annual & Dinner [Edd Gaus]; Sound Advice [Paul M./Clay M./Brendan Fitzpatrick]

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m. (EDT) by Karen Woodward. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on August 13, 2019.

Minutes submitted by: David L. Schwan, Committee Co-Chair

Approved by: Karen Woodward, Committee Co-Chair