

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:03 (EDT) on June 11, 2019 by Arvin Maskin.

Present

Jim Beck, Megan Bennett, Edward Gaus, Arvin Maskin, Clay Massey, Patrick McGrath, David Schwan, Richard Tabura, Andrew Tharp, Joe Winebrenner, & Donald Winningham III.

This Month

- 25th Aviation National Institute, June 13, 2019, New York University's Furman Hall, New York, NY
 - This year's program emphasizes topics and discussions surrounding current issues in pilot hiring and training, FAA preemption, developments in drone/regulations use litigation, and a cross-border comparison about travel related torts in European countries as compared to the United States.
- 6th Annual CADS Regional CLE, June 21, 2019, Bar Association of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
 - The mass torts panel will focus on the virtual law firm in complex litigation. It should be a very interesting and diverse program.

Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Status Update
 - Jim Beck reports that the Summer newsletter is coming up. The following subcommittees have article commitments for the June 15, 2019 submission deadline:
 - Pharma/Medical Device
 - Toxic Torts
 - Discovery Strategies
 - Experts & Evidence
 - MDL/Class Procedures
- Website Content Update
 - As an update on our Practice Points submissions for May 2019, we had two pieces: (1) a piece on pharmaceutical conflict preemption, by Elie Biel from Experts & Evidence; & (2) an article on Asarco's use of Rule 23 to seek certification of a defendant class, by Lorell Guerrero for MDL &

Class Procedures Practice. 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 May (this month's theme is **Ethics**), to be submitted to Andrew Tharp by **Wednesday, June 26** (with author and topic identification due to Andrew by **Monday, June 17**):
 - MDL & Class Procedures Practice
 - Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
 - Discovery Strategies
- Book Update
 - Courtney reports that she has received the ABA's initial edits and those will be sent out to review to chapter authors this week.

Future Planning

- Joint Regional CLE, January 29 – February 1, 2020, Westin Snowmass, Snowmass Village, CO
 - David reports that planning has begun and a planning committee has been formed. The hotel reservations link will be emailed out to Mass Torts members soon.
 - Also, David requests that anyone with ideas for topics of plenary or breakout panels should email him directly with ideas. A formal request for proposals will be emailed out soon.

Mass Torts Deliverables

- May, SAC 2019, SAC Mass Torts Program on Settlements, Committee Dinner [Arvin Maskin/Joe Winebrenner]
- June, Class Action Conference [Edd Gaus]; Aviation Conference [Mike Krzak, Megan Bennett, John Maggio]
- July, Round Table [Sarah F.], Newsletter [Jim Beck]

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m. (EDT) by Arvin Maskin. The next general meeting will be in person at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on July 9, 2019.

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

Approved by: Karen Woodward, Committee Co-Chair