

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. (EST) on February 11, 2020 by David L. Schwan.

Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, Sarah K. Frederick, Natassia Kwan, Clay Massey, Dustin Rawlin, Erica Rutner, David Schwan, Andrew Tharp, Joe Winebrenner, & Karen Woodward.

Announcements

- Update on Joint Regional CLE Program; January 29-31, 2020; Westin Snowmass Resort in Snowmass Village, CO [David L. Schwan]
 - David reports that the conference went well, and thanks to all who attended and especially those folks whose firms sponsored the Joint Regional CLE.
 - Thanks also to those who attended the Mass Torts Litigation Committee's dinner and bowling at the Snowmass Lanes. Pizza, beer, and bowling are always a winning combination!
 - The financials are not yet finalized, but all indications are that it was a very successful conference for the ABA.

Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]
 - Subcommittees with article commitments this quarter (Spring 2020) -- are as follows:
 - Young Lawyers;
 - Aviation;
 - MDL & Class Actions Practice;
 - Toxic Torts; &
 - Pharma & Med. Device
 - The deadline for newsletter articles is March 15, 2020.
- Website Content Status Update [Andrew Tharp]
 - For the month of January, we received one Practice Points piece by Pravin Patel & Daniel Guernsey, on behalf of the Discovery Strategies Subcommittee, entitled "*Debernardis Plaintiffs' Success Before Eleventh Circuit Might Be Short-Lived*". You can find this piece and previous website articles on our webpage:

<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/mass-torts/practice/>.

- Three subcommittees on tap for Practice Points pieces in February, which are due to Andrew Tharp by **February 24, 2020**:
 - Aviation
 - Experts & Evidence
 - Young Lawyers

Future Planning

- [Section Annual Conference](#), May 6-8, 2020, JW Marriott, Washington, DC [David Schwan]
 - Make sure to register early to get the Early Bird Discount (\$100) before 4/9/2020.
- [Aviation Litigation National Institute](#), June 4, 2020, Royal Sonesta Chicago Riverfront Hotel, Chicago, IL [David Schwan]
 - This year's institute will be in early June in Chicago.
 - The institute will highlight current developments in aviation law from defense, plaintiffs', and federal agency perspectives.
- Seventh Annual CADS Regional CLE, June 5, 2020, Chicago, IL [Joe Winebrenner]
 - CADS, Consumer Litigation, & Antitrust all work together to put this on each year and are in the process of organizing this conference.

Mass Torts Litigation Committee Deliverables

- January – [Joint Regional CLE](#) [David Schwan]; Dinner in Snowmass [Karen Woodward];
- February – Practice Points [Andrew Tharp]; Sound Advice [Richard Tabura];
- March – Webinar [Edd Gaus]; Sound Advice [Sarah K. Frederick];
- April – Newsletter [Jim Beck]; Roundtable [Paul Majkowski].

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m. (EST) by David L. Schwan. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on March 10, 2020.

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

Approved by: Karen Woodward, Committee Co-Chair