

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. (EDT) on March 10, 2020 by Karen Woodward.

Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, Brian Cadigan, Brad Drew, Sarah K. Frederick, Natassia Kwan, Paul Majkowski, Clay Massey, Dustin Rawlin, David Schwan, Richard Tabura, Andrew Tharp, Joe Winebrenner, Donald Winningham III, & Karen Woodward.

Announcements

- New calendar invitation regarding dial-in for monthly calls will be circulated soon. The ABA is switching to a new provider.

Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]
 - Subcommittees with article commitments this quarter (Spring 2020) -- were as follows:
 - Young Lawyers;
 - Aviation;
 - MDL & Class Actions Practice;
 - Toxic Torts; &
 - Pharma & Med. Device
 - The deadline for newsletter articles is this Sunday, March 15, 2020. Jim is struggling to get a few additional articles; please reach out to him ASAP if your committee is designated to provide content.
- Website Content Status Update [Andrew Tharp]
 - For the month of February, we received one Practice Points piece by Natassia Kwan and Steve Harkins, on behalf of the Young Lawyers Subcommittee, entitled “Expert Witness Deposition Tips for Young Lawyers”. 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 March, which are due to Andrew Tharp by **March 25, 2020**:
 - Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation

- Discovery Strategies
- MDL & Class Procedures Practice

Future Planning

- [Section Annual Conference](#), May 6-8, 2020, JW Marriott, Washington, DC [Karen Woodward]
 - 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.

Mass Torts Litigation Committee Deliverables

- [February](#) – Practice Points [Andrew Tharp]; Sound Advice [Richard Tabura];
- [March](#) – Sound Advice [Edd Gaus]; Sound Advice [Sarah K. Frederick];
- [April](#) – Newsletter [Jim Beck]; Roundtable [Paul Majkowski]; &
- [May](#) – Attendance at SAC; Committee Dinner [Karen Woodward].

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m. (EDT) by Karen Woodward. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on April 14, 2020.

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

Approved by: Karen Woodward, Committee Co-Chair