

# Mass Torts Litigation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2020

### Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. (EDT) on April 14, 2020 by Joe Winebrenner.

### Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, Brian Cadigan, Brad Drew, David Elman, Sarah K. Frederick, Natassia Kwan, John Maggio, Paul Majkowski, Clay Massey, Arameh O'Boyle, Dustin Rawlin, David Schwan, Andrew Tharp, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Joe Winebrenner, Donald Winningham III, & Karen Woodward.

### Announcements

- A new Zoom calendar invitation will be circulated soon for meetings beginning in May. This new Zoom number will replace
- [2020 Virtual Section Annual Conference](#) will now take place as a real-time series, May 5-8, 2020.
  - We hope you can attend some or all of the virtual webinars at the Section Annual Conference – 10 hours of CLE will be awarded, which will include Ethics and Wellness hours.

### 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
  - This newsletter went out last week. The next due date is June 15.
- Website Content Status Update [Andrew Tharp]
  - For the month of March, we received one Practice Points piece by Donnie Winningham, on behalf of the Discovery Strategies Subcommittee, entitled “Tips for Effective Remote Working.” 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 **April 27, 2020**:
  - Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
  - Aviation
  - Young Lawyers

### **Future Planning**

- Karen reports the obvious – that the future is uncertain across the board.
- A discussion was held regarding changes we are seeing in our practices related to the coronavirus pandemic.
- If anyone has any ideas for creative deliverables, please let us know, and you may get a chance with a webinar or Roundtable.

### **Deliverables**

- March – Sound Advice [Edd Gaus]; Newsletter [Jim Beck]
- April – Sound Advice [Paul Majkowski]; Sound Advice [Sarah K. Frederick]
- May – \*\*Need volunteers given cancellation of live SAC

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. (EDT) by Joe Winebrenner. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on May 12, 2020.

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

Approved by: Karen Woodward, Committee Co-Chair