

# Mass Torts Litigation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

### Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:02 EDT on May 12, 2020 by Karen Woodward.

### Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, Brad Drew, Sarah K. Frederick, Edward Gaus, Steve Harkins, Natassia Kwan, Paul Majkowski, Erica Rutner, David Schwan, Michael Smith, Andrew Tharp, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Joe Winebrenner, & Karen Woodward.

### Announcements

- Now using Zoom format! Bring your brunch, lunch, or favorite beverage to our monthly meetings!
- 2020 Virtual SAC held last week, and it was a great success!
- Joint Regional CLE 2021 – Edd reports that early planning is underway; if anyone has any topic ideas, please let Edd or Donnie know by email.

### Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]
  - Subcommittees with article commitments this quarter (Summer 2020) -- are as follows:
    - Young Lawyers;
    - MDL & Class Procedures Practice;
    - Toxic Torts;
    - Discovery Strategies; &
    - Pharma & Med. Device
  - The due date for articles this quarter is June 15.
- Website Content Status Update [Andrew Tharp]
  - For the month of April, we received one Practice Points piece by Kasey Adams, on behalf of the Young Lawyers Subcommittee, entitled “Being Zenon: Lawyer of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Taking Virtual Depositions.” 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 **May 27, 2020**:
    - Experts & Evidence;

- Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation; &
- Discovery Strategies

### **The Present**

- General Check-In
  - During our lunch and beverage period, we checked in with subcommittee leaders to get their perspective on the pandemic, their background, and their favorite binge-worthy series.
- Practice Changes During the Pandemic
  - Several folks are taking Zoom depositions and adjusting to that practice.

### **Deliverables**

- April – Sound Advice [Paul Majkowski]; Sound Advice [Sarah K. Frederick]
- May – SAC Virtual Participation; Committee Zoom Meeting
- June – Need volunteers to replace canceled Regionals.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. EDT by Karen Woodward. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. EDT on June 9, 2020.

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

Approved by: Karen Woodward, Committee Co-Chair