

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 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 July 14, 2020 by David Schwan.

Present

Jim Beck, Sarah K. Frederick, Edward Gaus, Josh Kahn, Natassia Kwan, Paul Majkowski, Clay Massey, & Michael Smith.

Announcements

- New Co-Chair Announcement – Natassia Kwan, our Young Lawyers Subcommittee Co-Chair, will succeed Karen as co-chair. Welcome Natassia! And while Karen is rolling off leadership, she will still be around to assist the Committee. Thank you, Karen, for all your hard work over the years, especially the last three as co-chair.
- Joint Regional CLE 2021 – Edd reports on the virtual live/hybrid online CLE.
 - We would have an option for some folks to attend a live session in their hometown, where they also could have live networking, while panels are presented online.
- Upcoming Roundtable (co-sponsored with Environmental & Energy)
 - This Roundtable will address issues with virtual hearings, depositions, and trial.
 - It will be July 28, and a registration link will be circulated soon.

Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]
 - The newsletter was submitted timely in June 2020 and should be released to members soon.
 - Subcommittees with article commitments for the next quarter (Autumn 2020) -- are as follows:
 - Young Lawyers
 - Pharma/Medical Device
 - Toxic Torts
 - Experts Evidence
 - Aviation Corner
 - The due date for articles this quarter is September 15.

- Website Content Status Update [Andrew Tharp]
 - For the month of June, you can find that article 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 July, which are due to Andrew Tharp by **July 29, 2020**:
 - Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation;
 - Experts & Evidence; &
 - Aviation.

The Present

- General Check-In
 - Everyone is doing pretty well and adjusting to pandemic life and virtual practice.
 - We are all, though, looking forward to getting back to some semblance of normal!

Deliverables

- June – Sound Advice (Courtney Ward-Reichard);
- July – Roundtable (Pat McGrath); Newsletter (Jim Beck); &
- August – Webinar (Emily Pincoff); Sound Advice (need a volunteer).

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. EDT by David Schwan. 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: Natassia Kwan, Committee Co-Chair