

# Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2020

## Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. EST on December 8, 2020 by David Schwan.

## Present

Kasey Adams, Michael Baier, Jim Beck, Sarah Frederick, Steve Harkins, Andrew Jackson, Josh Kahn, Natassia Kwan, Clay Massey, Pat McGrath, Ebony Morris, Arameh O'Boyle, Dustin B. Rawlin, David Schwan, Michael Smith, Andrew Tharp, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Joe Winebrenner, & Karen Woodward.

## Announcements

- Joint Regional CLE 2021 – Andrew reported on the virtual CLE planning & status.
  - Panels are done, and the website is up and running.
  - Please visit the [agenda and registration site](#) to secure your spot!
- Products Liability/Pharma CLE will be in 2021 [Mike Zogby]
  - Joe reports that this CLE is being rescheduled into 2021 and will be virtual.
  - The organizers are currently looking for available plaintiffs' attorneys in case anyone knows of such potential panelists.
- Book Publication Update (Courtney Ward-Reichard)
  - Courtney reports that the book will be published soon after a final review, and the cover is ready.
- Class Actions Regional CLE – Joe reports that early planning with CADS is underway, and this CLE should be moving forward for next June in Chicago, rather than its traditional home in San Francisco.
- ADR Roundtable – January 19, 2021 (11 a.m. ET/8 a.m. PT)
  - The ADR Committee and Mass Torts will be cosponsoring a Roundtable on virtual ADR practice entitled “VIRTUAL ADR IS THE NEW REALITY: SHARE WHAT YOU’VE LEARNED, LEARN WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NEXT.”
  - Please contact David Schwan if you are planning to attend and are willing to ask questions of the panelists to keep the conversation going.
  - Zoom details will be delivered soon.

## Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]

- Subcommittees with article commitments for this quarter (Winter 2020) -- are as follows:
  - Young Lawyers
  - MDL/Class Procedures Practice
  - Diversity & Practice Strategies
  - Experts & Evidence
  - Aviation Corner
- The due date for articles this quarter is Tuesday, December 15. Please contact Jim Beck for any assistance needed on getting your article completed or with any questions.
- Website Content Status Update [Andrew Tharp]
  - Andrew reports that we had three website submissions of Practice Points for November. Great work!
  - And you can find the articles submitted 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 November, which are due to Andrew Tharp by **December 29, 2020**:
    - Experts & Evidence;
    - Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation; &
    - Diversity & Practice Strategies.

### **Deliverables**

- November – Special Article (Edd Gaus); Sound Advice 2 on recent changes to class action procedures in Canada (Michael Smith);
- December – Book Publication (Courtney Ward-Reichard); Quarterly Newsletter (Jim Beck); &
- January – Joint Regional CLE (Edd Gaus/Andrew Tharp); Virtual Happy Hour at Joint Regional CLE; ADR Roundtable

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m. EST by David Schwan. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. EST on January 12, 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Natassia Kwan, Committee Co-Chair

Approved by: David Schwan, Committee Co-Chair