

# Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

## Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. EST on February 9, 2021 by Joe Winebrenner.

## Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, Brad Drew, Sarah Frederick, Edd Gaus, Steve Harkins, Andrew Jackson, Josh Kahn, Natassia Kwan, Patrick Luff, Paul Majkowski, Clay Massey, Pat McGrath, Dustin B. Rawlin, David Schwan, Michael Smith, Andrew Tharp, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Joe Winebrenner.

## Announcements

- Review of ADR Roundtable – January 19, 2021 (11 a.m. ET/8 a.m. PT)
  - The ADR Committee and Mass Torts co-sponsored 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.”
  - Natassia Kwan attended and reported a strong showing for the seminar.
- Review of Joint Regional CLE 2021 – Andrew reported on the virtual CLE’s attendance of 108 and great success, despite virtual challenges.
  - Jim Beck suggested a new conference platform – as a speaker, it was hard to navigate this platform; it was materially more difficult than Zoom.
  - Planning for the 2022 Joint CLE will be up and running soon – please reach out to David, Joe, or Natassia if you’re interested in helping out for next year!
- Products Liability/Pharma CLE will be in 2021 [Mike Zogby]
  - Joe reports that this CLE will be held later in the month of February (2/25 – 2/26).
  - You can register at this [link](#).
- 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.

## Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]
  - Subcommittees with article commitments for this quarter (Spring 2021) -- are as follows:
    - Young Lawyers

- MDL/Class Procedures Practice
  - Environmental & Toxic Torts [to be completed by Paul Majkowski – THANK YOU!]
  - Pharma & Medical Device
  - Aviation Corner
- The due date for articles this quarter is March 15, 2021. 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 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 **February 23, 2021**:
    - Experts & Evidence;
    - Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation [already completed by Michael Smith – Thank you!]; &
    - Aviation.

### **Deliverables**

- January – Joint Regional CLE (Edd Gaus/Andrew Tharp); ADR Roundtable
- February – Newsletter (Jim Beck); Regional CLE on Pharma/Med. Device (Mike Zogby)
- March – Ebony Morris (Special Newsletter); Sound Advice (Natassia Kwan)
- April – Newsletter (Jim Beck); Practice Points (Andrew Tharp)

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. EST by Joe Winebrenner. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. EST on March 9, 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Natassia Kwan, Committee Co-Chair

Approved by: David Schwan, Committee Co-Chair