

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. EDT on April 13, 2021 by Joe Winebrenner.

Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, David Elman, Andrew Jackson, Carla Karp, Natassia Kwan, Paul Majkowski, Ebony Morris, David Schwan, Michael Smith, Andrew Tharp, & Joe Winebrenner.

Announcements

- Class Actions Regional CLE (June 2021) – Joe reports that early planning with CADS is underway, and as a reminder, this regional CLE has traditionally been held in San Francisco. This year it will be a non-traditional CLE, though, given the changes imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. We'll be organizing and putting on various regional networking meetings. If you're interested in serving as a chair or rep for one of these meetings, please reach out to Joe Winebrenner or Courtney Ward Reichard.
- 2021 ABA Section Annual Conference (Virtual) – May 5 to May 7, 2021
 - Register here: [2021 Virtual Litigation Section Annual Conference](#).
 - Brochure attached for more information – great panels and speakers lined up!
 - Mass Torts is co-sponsoring a panel with the Environmental & Energy Committee – Virtual Depositions is the topic.
 - Andrew Jackson has reached out to Jim Ray on this panel and will work with him to keep Mass Torts involved.
- New Member Introduction
 - [Carla Karp](#) is joining as a co-chair on the Social Media Subcommittee with Courtney, and she is a counsel at Goodwin Proctor. Welcome Carla!

Ongoing Items

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]
 - The Newsletter was just issued for Spring 2021, with five articles.
 - Subcommittees with article commitments for this quarter (Summer 2021) -
- are as follows:
 - Toxic Torts

- Discovery
 - Experts & Evidence
 - Pharma & Medical Device
 - MDL/Class Procedures
- The due date for articles this quarter is June 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 April, which are due to Andrew Tharp by **April 23, 2021**:
 - Young Lawyers (Thank you Andrew Jackson for volunteering for this month's contribution)
 - Aviation
 - Experts & Evidence
 - Ideas for Practice Points content are (1) how to be an ally to minority attorneys of color; and (2) bystander training/tactics for witnessing hate crimes against minorities.

Deliverables

- April – Newsletter; Sound Advice—need volunteers.
- May – Diversity Roundtable [David Schwan, Moderator]; Section Annual Conference (Virtual)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 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 Schwan, Committee Co-Chair

Approved by: Natassia Kwan, Committee Co-Chair