

# Mass Torts Litigation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

### Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. (EDT) on July 13, 2021 by David Schwan.

### Present

Kasey Adams, Jim Beck, David Schwan, Andrew Jackson, Steve Harkins, Michael Smith, Eric Hudson, & Natassia Kwan.

### Announcements

- Class Actions Regional CLE (Chicago) – Joe Winebrenner reports that this Regional CLE is still in the planning stages, and the CADS lead is working to get ABA approval on this. No further updates at this time.
- New Mass Torts Leadership - We will announce at August meeting. David Schwan is rolling off, so we will have a new Co-Chair in his place.

### Future Planning

- Newsletter Update [Jim Beck]
  - Subcommittees with article commitments for the next quarter (Fall 2021) are as follows:
    - Young Lawyers
    - Pharma/Med Device
    - Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation
    - Experts & Evidence
    - Aviation Corner
  - The due date for articles this quarter is September 15, 2021. Please contact Jim Beck with any questions.
  - Jim sent four articles for the Summer 2021 newsletter to the ABA on June 30, 2021, and we expect those to go live in July.
- Website Content Status Update [Andrew Tharp]
  - Practice points for this month are due by July 23, 2021, and the following subcommittees are on tap:
    - Experts & Evidence
    - Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation
    - Diversity & Practice Strategies

- Previous articles and practice points can be found on our website: <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/masstorts/practice/>.

### **Deliverables**

- July – Newsletter; Sound Advice (David Schwan)
- August – Roundtable on Mass Torts Litigation Updates in 2021, Court Reopenings, and General Changes after COVID-19; Sound Advice
  - *Post-Pandemic Trials and Verdicts: 4 attys at Faegre, what will stay and what will go.*

**Good News** – Andrew Jackson shared that Faegre is permitting 50 hours of diversity billable credit – great progress!

**Allyship:** Michael Smith presented on the 5 Ds of Bystander Intervention.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. (EDT) by David Schwan. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on August 10, 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Natassia Kwan, Committee Co-Chair

Approved by: David Schwan, Committee Co-Chair