

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. EDT on October 12, 2021 by Joe Winebrenner.

Present

Kasey Adams, Karen Crawford, Steve Harkins, Andrew Jackson, Carla Karp, Paul Majkowski, Dustin Rawlin, Michael Smith, Richard Tabura, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Joe Winebrenner.

Announcements

We are revamping subcommittee leadership roster. If you are interested in a position, or know of someone who would like to get engaged, reach out to Joe Winebrenner, Karen Crawford, or Dale Weppner.

Planning for the 2022 Joint CLE is underway. The all-virtual CLE is set for January 27-28, 2022. Mike Leslie, who is chairing the committee is finalizing the application which will be submitted to the regional committee for approval. Karen Crawford, Andrew Tharp, and Edd Gaus are lining up speakers and looking to get the program in place before October/November. We want to promote the program and hope to have as many individuals as possible to attend.

The Mass Tort Annual Plan has been submitted to the ABA. The plan has already received excellent reviews. Once available, Joe Winebrenner will circulate a finalized PDF version of the plan. Committee members should identify the months they or their subcommittee have deliverable requirements.

Latest Programing & Publications

Paul Majkowski, Partner at Rivkin Radler LLP in New York, New York submitted a Practice Point titled [*Ensuring Consulting Experts Wear Only One Hat to Protect Work Product.*](#)

Upcoming Events & Publications

Subcommittees responsible for Practice Points for October are Diversity and Practice Strategies, MDL Class/Procedure, and Pharmaceuticals and Medical Device. The deadline to submit Practice Points is October 25th.

The first newsletter of the bar year has been completed and submitted. The newsletter will be published later this month.

Ebony Morris is preparing a Sound Advice for the second deliverable for October.

Future Events and Publication Planning

We are co-sponsoring an environmental social and governance (ESG) webinar in the third week of November.

A roundtable on Mass Tort litigation updates in 2021, court re-openings, and general changes after COVID-19 is tentatively scheduled for November. Andrew Jackson is working to get roundtable approval. We will look to work with other ABA committees to encourage attendance at this roundtable.

Articles for the next newsletter are due December 15th. The subcommittees with commitments are Young Lawyers, MDL/Class Procedure, Experts Evidence, and Aviation Corner.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. EDT by Joe Winebrenner. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. EDT on November 9, 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Jackson, Young Lawyers Sub-Committee Co-Chair

Approved by: Joe Winebrenner, Committee Co-Chair