

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:04 p.m. EDT on December 14, 2021 by Karen Crawford.

Present

Kasey Adams, Michael Baier, Jim Beck, Karen Crawford, Edward Gaus, Andrew Jackson, Josh Kahn, Paul Majkowski, George Swoyer, Andrew Tharp.

Latest Programing & Publications

Michael T. Baier published a Practice Points piece on November 23, 2021 titled “New Cook County HIPAA Protective Order Includes Discovery Limitations.”

Nathan P. Nasrallah published a Practice Points piece on November 23, 2021 titled “Objecting to a Rule 30(b)(6) Deposition Notice.”

Mary Gately and Brian Young published a Sound Advice on December 2, 2021 titled “FDA Activity on Materials in Medical Devices.”

Upcoming Events & Publications

Winter Newsletter articles are due to Jim Beck December 15, 2021. Sub-committees contributing are: Young Lawyers, Pharma/Medical Device, Toxic Torts, Experts Evidence, and Aviation corner. We have commitments for three articles and need one additional article submission.

January Practice Points are due December 27th. Subcommittees scheduled to contribute are Environmental & Toxic Torts Litigation, Diversity and Practice Strategies, and MDL & Class Procedures Practice.

Edd Gaus will do a Sound Advice deliverable for December 2021.

Future Events and Publication Planning

Planning for the 2022 Joint CLE is underway. The all-virtual CLE is set for January 29-31, 2022. Karen Crawford, Andrew Tharp, and Edd Gaus have speakers and panelists lined up. Action items is to get invite and brochure out to as many people as they can get and get more people signed up. We are also looking for sponsorships.

No new updates on the 2022 Joint Regional CLE.

A roundtable on Mass Tort Litigation Updates in 2021, Court re-openings, and General Changes after COVID-19 is tentatively scheduled for January. We will look to work with other ABA committees to encourage attendance at this roundtable.

ESG webinar will be pushed back to February 2022.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. EDT by Karen Crawford. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. EDT on January 11, 2021.

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

Approved by: Joe Winebrenner, Committee Co-Chair