

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:01 p.m. EDT on May 10, 2022 by Joe Winebrenner.

Present

Kasey Adams, Knight Anderson, Michael Baier, Jim Beck, Megan Bennett, Allison Brown, Christopher Campbell, Brian Cadigan, Elizabeth Chiarello, Peter Choate, Karen Crawford, Lee Diamondstein, Brad Drew, David Elman, Michael Elsner, Amy Furness, Edward Gaus, Steve Harkins, Buzz Hines, Eric Hudson, Andrew Jackson, Josh Kahn, Carla Karp, Natassia Kwan, Corey Lorenz, Paul Majkowski, Clay Massey, Patrick McGrath, Ebony Morris, Arameh O'Boyle, Pravin Patel, Morgan Persinger, Emily Pincow, Tim Raab, Michelle Ramirez, Dustin Rawlin, Ellen Relkin, Paul Rheingold, Erica Rutner, Munjot Sahu, Michael Smith, George Swoyer, Richard Tabura, Andrew Tharp, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Dale Weppner, Joe Winebrenner, Karen Woodward, Michael Zogby, Lauren Grinder.

Latest Progaming & Publications

The Section Annual Conference was held May 4-6 in Miami Beach. Committee members Joe Winebrenner, Karen Crawford, Dale Weppner, and Andrew Tharpe were able to attend. The Conference was very successful.

Paul Majkowski submitted a Sound Advice in April, which is expected to be posted to the website imminently.

The Spring edition of the Newsletter was published in April with five articles:

- “Suing Automakers in State Court—Personal Jurisdiction Clarified? Or Not?” by Karen Crawford
- “Voluntary Dismissal to Avoid Adverse Result in Federal Court? Not So Fast, Says Eighth Circuit” by Dustin B. Rawlin and Monee Takla Hanna
- “FDA’s Recent Guidance on Real-World Evidence and the Potential Impact for Mass Tort Litigation” by Kelsey Tavares, William Kiniry III, and Chris Campbell
- “A Young Trial Lawyer’s Guide to Gaining Experience Through Mock Exercises” by Andrew Jackson, Kate Middleton, and Helen Chacon
- “Recent Developments in U.S. Montreal Convention Case Law, Part I” by Evan Kwarta

Upcoming Events & Publications

2022 Class Actions/Mass Torts Regional CLE. Josh Kahn is assembling the Mass Torts panel on “Resolving Mass Torts Litigation.” He now has a full set of panelists. The conference is expected to take place in-person on June 17 at a location to be determined in Chicago.

2022 Pharma/Biotech Regional CLE. Mike Zogby is planning this program for Mass Torts and is looking for an in-person venue, preferably at a pharmaceutical or biotech company. Please contact Mike if you have suggestions. The date is set for November 15 and possibly November 16, 2022.

Future Events and Publication Planning

Mass Torts is co-sponsoring a May 24 Regional CLE Program with the Environmental & Energy and Products Liability committees entitled “Federal Environmental & Energy Litigation Updates.” This will be a one-day in-person program in Washington, D.C., on May 24. The final brochure is out and registration is open.

April Deliverables

We are co-sponsoring the “Federal Environmental & Energy Litigation Updates” program on May 24, and Edd Gaus will be preparing a Sound Advice piece by month's end.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m. EDT by Joe Winebrenner. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. EDT on June 14, 2022.

Minutes submitted by: Joe Winebrenner, Committee Co-Chair

Approved by: Joe Winebrenner, Committee Co-Chair