

# **Mass Torts Litigation Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

July 12, 2016

### **Opening**

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on July 12, 2016 by Richard Gaal.

### **Present**

Jim Beck, Kristin Beckman, Scott Brooksby, Richard Gaal, Maxwell Herman, Eric Hudson, John T. Pardun, Rudy Perrino, Brooke Tigchelaar, Courtney Ward-Reichard, Karen Woodward.

### **Upcoming Monthly Deliverables Under Committee Plan**

- In June:
  - o The Aviation Litigation National Institute was held in New York City.
  - o All deliverables were received on-time.
  - o All articles for the Summer Newsletter were received. The newsletter will be out shortly.
- In July:
  - o A Blogging and Social Media Roundtable will be held on July 20 with Jim Beck, Courtney Ward-Reichard and Richard Gaal. The roundtable will be live online. An email was sent around with a link to the roundtable on July 12. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up.
  - o The Committee is on-track to meet its July deliverables.
- In August:
  - o The ABA will hold its Annual Meeting from August 3 to August 5 in San Francisco (more below).
- September - November
  - o In September a Sound Advice piece is due on ‘Tips for Taking Expert Depositions.’
  - o In October there will be a Fall leadership meeting and Committee dinner
    - Further details to be determined.
  - o The Committee will submit a two-parted ‘Core Knowledge’ deliverable during the Fall on “Taking Your First Deposition.”
  - o In November the Committee will circulate edits to the Mass Torts Treatise.

**2016 ABA Annual Meeting (August 3-5, 2016 in San Francisco, CA)**

- The Committee will host a dine-around with the Products Liability Committee on August 4 (location still to be determined).
- The Section of Litigation designated hotel is the Palace Hotel.
- Register here: <http://www.americanbar.org/calendar/annual.html>.

**2017 Joint CLE Conference Update (January 26-28, 2017 in Olympic Valley, CA at the Resort at Squaw Creek)**

- The Joint CLE Planning Committee selected an MDL-related program discussing process improvements, and Mass Torts has two breakout panels:
  - o Emerging Trends in Mass Torts, and
  - o Bioterrorism and Food Safety.
- Program speakers are nearly finalized and sponsor selection will begin soon.
- Registration information will be disseminated in late summer/early fall.

**Mass Torts Treatise Update**

- Andrew Scholz and Courtney Ward-Reichard are in the process of putting together an editorial team. Parties interested in volunteering should reach out to Andrew or Courtney.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. by Richard Gaal. The next general meeting will be via teleconference at 2:00 p.m. on August 9, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Maxwell Herman, Young Lawyers Co-Chair

Approved by: David L. Schwan, Website Content Chair