

Mass Torts Litigation Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

Opening

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Mass Torts Litigation Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. (EDT)/1:03 p.m. (EDT) on June 9, 2015 by David Schwan.

Present

Jim Beck, Kristin Beckman, Corey Lorenz, Paul Majkowski, Clay Massey, John Pardun, Andrew Scholz, David Schwan, Adam Spicer, Tim Tomasik, Courtney Ward-Reichard, and Cheryl Woodin.

Recap of last week's Aviation Conference in New York City (Tim Tomasik)

- We had a great turnout for the Aviation Conference. Thanks to all involved!

Upcoming Monthly Deliverables (June/July) Under Committee Annual Plan

- June 2015: we have three deliverables:
 - Quarterly Newsletter (see below re Newsletter Content)
 - Aviation Regional Seminar – June 4, 2015 in New York City
 - Co-Sponsor regional class action/mass torts program in San Francisco with CADS and ADR Committees (1/2 day) – June 19, 2015
- July 2015: we have two deliverables:
 - Sound Advice – Young Lawyers/Jury Trials (submit to Sound Advice Committee by June 15, 2015)
 - Sound Advice – Toxic Torts/Jury Trials (submit to Sound Advice Committee by June 15, 2015)

Mass Tort Program Proposals for 2016 Joint CLE Conference – Park City, UT

- We are open to ideas from anyone for our plenaries and the one (1) mass torts breakout for this year. Please communicate any ideas to David Schwan or Karen Woodward, our representatives on the 2016 Joint CLE planning committee.
- Please submit any ideas this week to David Schwan.
- Planning is in the works for several plenary sessions, ethics, breakout, and young lawyer events.

Newsletter & Website Content

- Newsletter Update (Jim Beck)
 - The spring issue went out at the end of April 2015.

- For the summer issue, the following subcommittees have commitments due by June 15, 2015: (1) Young Lawyers; (2) MDL/Class Procedure; (3) Pharma/Med. Device; (4) Toxic Torts; and (5) Aviation.
- Website Update (David L. Schwan)
 - Theme this month is depositions and witnesses. Submissions do not have to follow the theme, but if you can incorporate the themes, that is beneficial.
 - For July, the submissions (250-750 words) are due no later than Monday, June 22, 2015, from the following subcommittees: (1) Membership & Diversity; (2) Experts & Evidence; and (3) Toxic Torts.
 - Even if your month is not up, you are encouraged to submit.

Update on Successful May Roundtable (Karen Woodward)

- The Mass Torts Litigation Committee recently presented **The Billion Dollar Question: How To Successfully Settle Mass Tort Matters**. The roundtable went well; more than 40 participants dialed in. Thank you to everyone who could attend!
- We encourage everyone to dial-in for roundtables. We'd like to have as just as many participants, if not more, for each one.

Update on 2nd Annual Western Regional CLE Program on Class Actions and Mass Torts – Bar Association of San Francisco, June 19, 2015 (Karen Woodward)

- Mass Torts will have a panel on food labeling.
- An e-blast will be going out later this week on the program.
- We encourage everyone with colleagues/acquaintances on the west coast to market it to them.
- Please ask your colleagues to attend if available. Please market within your own firms.

Update on Toxic Tort Regional Conference – Houston, TX, October 2015 (Paul M.)

- The committee is exploring options for length and location of this conference. There is some concern about attendance, as there has been some drop-off in the last few years due to a variety of factors.
- The committee is looking into alternatives, including an evening CLE or half-day program.

Book Project (Andrew/Courtney)

- The team has been hard at work for chapter/author commitments.
- Andrew and Courtney have been talking with their authors, drafts of chapters are due at the end of the summer.

- There are a few chapters that have one or more authors, and they've been introduced to each other online. At this point, there are outlines so that the authors may work together.
- The content may need additions from the Committee, depending on the end result but at this point, all are hard at work.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. (EDT)/1:23 p.m. (CDT) by David Schwan. The next general meeting is tentatively scheduled via teleconference at 2 p.m. (EDT)/1 p.m. (CDT) on September 8, 2015.

Minutes submitted by: Kristin L. Beckman, Experts & Evidence Subcommittee Co-Chair

Approved by: David L. Schwan, Website Content Chair