



35th Annual Conference
Four Seasons Resort and Conference Center Orlando
at Walt Disney World® Resort
May 6–8, 2020

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, May 6:

Registration and Welcome Dinner

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Registration and Name Tags
Grand Ballroom Foyer

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Welcome Reception and Dinner at King Meadow Lawn
Hosted Wine & Beer Bar from 6:30pm to 8pm
Dinner and Reception Complements of our Gold Premiere Sponsors

8:00pm - 8:30pm

KEYNOTE: Reflections on Insurance Coverage Decisions since EECMA's Origin, 2020 Update, and the Forecast Looking Ahead



*Laura Foggan, Esq., Partner
Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC*

Thursday, May 7:

General Session: [Grand Ballroom East](#)
Sponsor Hall: [Grand Ballroom West](#)

7:00 - 8:00am

BREAKFAST [Grand Ballroom Central](#)
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8:00 – 8:15am

[Welcome and Opening Remarks](#)

- *Gregory Kelder, Esq., President of EECMA, SVP Claims, Great American Insurance Group Environmental Division, Exton, PA*

8:15 – 9:15am

[How Insurance, Law, and Technology Intersect in the Age of Climate Change](#)

- *Kelly Coulon, Principal Engineer, Roux Associates, Islandia, NY*
- *Wm. Chip D'Angelo, Division President, Gallagher Bassett Technical Services Division, Pennington, NJ*
- *Noel Edlin, Esq., Bassi Edlin Huie & Blum, San Francisco, CA*
- *Kim MacDonald, Esq., Head of Environmental Claims Americas, AXA XL, Exton, PA*
- *Lind Stapley, Esq., Soha Lang, Seattle, WA*

9:15 – 9:45am

[Emerging Contaminants: How They Emerge, Why We Care, and What We Are Doing About It](#)

- Moderator: Carol Murphy, Senior Engineer, Trihydro Corporation, Wildwood, MO*
- *Sara Brothers, VP Technical Services, Great American Insurance Group Environmental Division, NY, NY*
 - *Jayne Cunningham, Environmental Underwriter, Beazley USA, NY, NY*

9:45 – 10:00am

BREAK, Coffee in Sponsor Hall, [Grand Ballroom West](#)
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10:00 – 11:00am

[CERCLA Sediment Remedies: Selection, Performance and the Role of Community Groups](#)

- *Rachel Roberts, Esq., Beveridge & Diamond, Seattle, WA*
- *Tarek Saba, Ph.D, Environmental Engineering, Exponent, Boston, MA*
- *Larry Silver, Esq., Langsam Stevens Silver & Hollaender, Philadelphia, PA*
- *Tracy Williams, Esq., Beveridge & Diamond, Seattle, WA*

11:00 – 12:00pm

PFAS 3.0: Staying Ahead of the PFAS Wave

Moderator: George Buermann, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, Newark, NJ

- *Ginamarie Alvino, Esq., VP and Director of Legal Reform, RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH*
- *Nikki Delude Roy, VP, GeoInsight, Manchester, NH*
- *Chase Gerbig, Ph.D., Roux Associates, Woburn, MA*
- *Scott Green, Market Area Director, First Environment, Boonton, NJ*

12:00 – 1:15pm

LUNCHEON, Grand Ballroom Central Complements of our Silver Sponsors

1:15 – 2:15pm

Are we Losing the PR Fight in Mass Tort Litigation? Large Verdicts, Group Dynamics, Jury Psychology, and Where we Can Go from Here

- *Rick Braun, Esq., Collins Einhorn Farrell, Detroit, MI*
- *Chenelle Brown, Esq., CMBGs, Boston, MA*
- *Jeniffer Carson, Esq., CMBG3, Boston, MA*
- *Christine Calareso, Esq., CMBG3, Santa Ana, CA*
- *Steve Wood, PhD, Courtroom Sciences Inc., College Station, TX*

2:15 – 3:00pm

Environmental Claims Arising from Construction and Redevelopment Projects

- *Melissa Anderson, Claims Manager, AXIS Insurance, Shrewsbury, NJ*
- *Brian Margolies, Esq., Kaufman, Borgeest & Ryan, Hawthorne, NY*
- *Peter Mintzer, Esq., Selman Breitman, Seattle, WA*
- *Catherine N. Pierce, EVP, The Vertex Companies, Morrisville, NC*

3:00 – 3:15pm

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3:15 – 3:45pm

Not A 'Lost Cause': Usefulness of Product-Specific Testing and Alternate Cause Theories in Toxic Tort Cases

- *Jennifer Ellis, CIH, CSP, Managing Consultant, Ramboll, Princeton, NJ*
- *Andrew J. Kornblau, Esq., Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford, Philadelphia, PA*
- *Nicolas Martin, Esq., Wilson Elser, San Francisco, CA*

3:45 – 4:30pm

Developing Trial and Litigation Themes in Environmental and Environmental Coverage Litigation for Depositions, Motion Practice, Mediation, and Trial

- *Todd Betanzos, Trial Consultant, Dallas, TX*
- *Alex Potente, Esq., Clyde & Co LLP, San Francisco, CA*
- *Thomas F. Vandenburg, Esq., Wood Smith Henning & Berman, Los Angeles, CA*

4:30 – 5:00pm

Exploring the Evolving Role of Fintech and InsurTech on Runoff Issues and the Increasing Automation of Claims Adjudication

- *Huhnsik Chung, Esq., Carlton Fields, New York, NY*
- *Richard J. Fabian, Esq., Chief Strategy Officer, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH*

5:00 - 6:00pm

**Hosted Wine & Beer Reception, Grand ballroom West Terrace
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DINNER on your own

Friday, May 8:

General Session, Grand Ballroom East

7:00 - 8:00am

**BREAKFAST, Grand Ballroom Central
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8:00 – 9:00am

Vape Intrusion: The Developing Crisis of Bodily Injury from Vaping and Risk Assessments for Tobacco Products

- Moderator: Scott Pfeiffer, Esq., Cray Huber, Chicago, IL*
- *Thomas Alleman, Esq., Dykema Gossett, Dallas, TX*
 - *Jacob Plattenberger, Esq., TorHoerman Law, LLC, Chicago, IL*
 - *Dr. Howard Sandler, M.D. President, Sandler Occupational Medicine Associates, Inc., Melville, NY*
 - *Dr. Annette Santamaria, PhD, MPH, DABT, RIMKUS Consulting Group, Houston, TX*

9:00 – 9:30am

Active Shooter Events and Resulting Liabilities

- *Nicole Bazzy, Esq., Burns White LLC, Pittsburgh, PA*
- *T.H. Lyda, Esq.: Burns White LLC, Pittsburgh, PA*

9:30 – 10:015

A Hypothetical Site Clean-Up Scenario: Making the Complicated Uncomplicated

- *Lisa Armon, Esq., Chubb/Brandywine Holdings Litigation Counsel, Philadelphia, PA*
- *Shane Heskin, Esq., White and Williams, Philadelphia, PA*
- *Erin Poppler, Esq., Bassi, Edlin, Huie Blum, San Francisco, CA*
- *Guy Vaillancourt, VP & Strategic Advisor, VHB, Burlington, VT*

10:15 – 10:30

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10:30 – 11:00am

Fracking Flow-Back and Produced-Water from Oil & Gas Production: Spill Prevention and Risk Mitigation

- *Michael Diggin, Esq., CPCU, VP, Swiss Re, Armonk, NY*
- *Richard H. Kingsbury, PG, HETI, Atlanta, GA*
- *Rick M. Pollard, PG, HETI, Houston, TX*

11:00 – 11:30am

Brownfield Sites and Vapor Intrusion

- *D.J. Camerson, II, Esq., Bressler Amery Ross, Florham Park, NJ*
- *Andy Hellenthal, P.G., VP, Brown and Caldwell, Jacksonville, OR*
- *Ryan Jones, Senior Scientist, Brown and Caldwell, Atlanta, GA*

11:30- 11:45am

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11:45 – 12:15pm

The Likely Impact of the International Agency for Research on Cancer's 2020-2024 Evaluations of Potential Carcinogens: What Needs To Be Done To Prepare by the Defense Bar, Insurers and Corporate America.

- *Max Swetman, Esq., MG+M Law Firm, New Orleans, LA*
- *TBD Speaker*

12:15 – 12:45pm

Clerical Sexual Abuse Claims and the Long Tail Coverage Issues They Present

- *Carl Pernicone, Esq., Wilson Elser, White Plains, NY*
- *Michael Boushosa Esq., Wilson Elser, White Plains, NY*

12:45 – 1:00pm

Wrap Up and Farewell

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