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**IT'S A WHOLE NEW GAME:
Adapting Your Litigation Strategies to the Changing Times**

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SEMINAR PROGRAM
Abigail Adams Ballroom - 2nd Floor

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- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 am **Welcoming Remarks** – Chair, Eagle International Associates, Inc.
Jeffrey V. Hill, Esq., Hill & Lamb, LLP (OR, WA)
- 8:35 am **Program Introduction** – Co-Chairs 2015 Fall Seminar Committee
John Egan, Esq., Rubin & Rudman, LLP (MA)
Alison M. Crane, Esq., Bledsoe Diestel Treppa & Crane, LLP (CA)
- 8:40 am **Cutting Edge Issues in Employment Law**
Moderator: *John Egan, Esq., Rubin & Rudman, LLP (MA)*
Panelists:
Jeffrey L. Benedict, Esq., Complex Casualty Claim and Litigation Director, Church Mutual Insurance Company
Heather Lacey, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Legal Sea Foods, LLC
Ellen D. McCann, Esq., Assistant Vice President, Senior Counsel, Unum Group
Stacey Widlansky, Assistant Vice President, North American Claims Group, Allied World Insurance Company
- 9:40 am **Concussions and Head Injuries - Trends in Litigation**
Co-Moderators:
David A. Abrams, Esq., Strongin Rothman & Abrams, LLP (NY/NJ)
Peter M. Waldeck, Esq., Waldeck Law Firm, PA (MN/WI)
Panelists:
Kathleen M. Austen, National General Adjuster, Hanover Insurance Company
Robert J. McCaffrey, Ph.D, Editor-in-Chief, Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, Albany Neuropsychological Associates
Therese M. Sizer, JD, CPCU, CSRP, Senior Attorney, West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
- 10:40 am **BREAK**
- 11:00 am **Juror Misconduct: Strategies for Jury Research in the New Social Media Age**
Matthew L. Schrader, Esq., Reminger Co., LPA (OH)
- 11:30 am **Creative Settlement Strategies – Mediation, Loss Mitigation and Offers of Judgment**
Moderator: *John M. D'Amelio, Jr., Esq., Harvey Pennington, Ltd. (PA)*
Panelists:
James DeDonato, Claims Manager, Specialty Lines, Beazley Group
Robert Irish, Senior Claims Analyst, North American Claims Group, Allied World Insurance Co.
Cy McFarlin, Claims Manager, United Church Insurance Board
Rebecca Selinger, CPCU, Vice President/Claims Division, General Star - A Berkshire Hathaway Co.
- 12:30 pm **Q & A / Closing Remarks**
- 12:45 pm **Reception**
- 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm **Luncheon**

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David Abrams is a founding member of Strongin Rothman & Abrams, LLP with offices in Livingston, NJ and New York, NY. David has been admitted to practice law in New York since 1986 and in New Jersey since 1988 and is also admitted in the federal courts in those jurisdictions. Mr. Abrams has over twenty five years of civil litigation experience, including significant trial experience in the State and Federal Courts of New York and New Jersey. Areas of concentration include hospitality industry litigation, premises and premises security liability, sports and recreational injury litigation, insurance coverage, construction site accidents, transportation/trucking, products liability, professional liability and commercial litigation. Since 1996, Mr. Abrams has served as national coordinating counsel for Club Mediterranee, S.A.'s insured litigation in the United States, a position he proposed, developed, and implemented. He is a former Chairman and a member of the Board of Directors of Eagle International Associates, Inc. Mr. Abrams is a contributing author to the legal treatise Products Liability in New York, Chapter 8, "Defending the Design Defect Case: Strategic Considerations," published by the New York State Bar Association in 1997. Additionally, Mr. Abrams has lectured on a variety of civil litigation topics at Bar Association seminars and before professional organizations. He received his Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law in June 1985, where he graduated "with distinction" (top 10%). He graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton with a BA in June 1979.

Kathleen M. Austen has worked for Hanover Insurance Company in Worcester, Massachusetts for the past five years and is currently a National General Adjuster. Kathleen handles professional liability and complex general liability claims and coverage litigation. Prior to Hanover, she was the Claim/Litigation Manager at RiverStone Claims Management in Manchester, New Hampshire for three years, handling toxic tort claims, litigation pertaining to 9/11 bombings of the World Trade Center, and professional liability claims. Kathleen was in private practice litigating insurance defense and coverage matters for 14 years. She received her undergraduate degree from Boston University and her J.D. from Boston College Law School.

Jeffrey L. Benedict is Complex Casualty Claim and Litigation Director for Church Mutual Insurance Company in Merrill Wisconsin. Church Mutual insures more religious organizations than any other insurer in the United States with approximately 100,000 accounts from a wide range of religious groups and organizations. Jeff has been employed at Church Mutual for the past 24 years working on defense of religious institutions. He is a member of the American Bar Association including the Tort & Insurance and Labor and Employment Law sections, the State Bar of Wisconsin including the Business Law and Litigation Sections, and the Lincoln County Bar Association. He has also obtained a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (CPCU) designation in the insurance profession.

Prior to his employment at Church Mutual, Jeff worked as in-house counsel for ten years at the Ansul Company, a fire protection manufacturer located in Marinette Wisconsin. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Alison M. Crane is a partner with Bledsoe, Diestel, Treppa & Crane, LLP in San Francisco, California. Her practice focuses on complex personal injury, wrongful death and business litigation, including products liability, industrial and construction accidents, unfair competition, and employment litigation. Alison graduated from Villanova University in 1995 and received her J.D. from Boston University School of Law in 1998. She is a member of the Judicial Nominations Evaluation Commission for the State Bar of California and serves as Chair of the Queen's Bench Mentorship Committee. She is also active in the American Inns of Court which promotes legal excellence, civility, professionalism, and ethics and the Association of Defense Counsel for Northern California and Nevada.

John M. D'Amelio is an attorney with the law firm of Harvey Pennington, Ltd., based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Harvey Pennington is a full service firm that has been serving regional clients with a strong reputation in Philadelphia for over 40 years. Mr. D'Amelio is a graduate of Lafayette College and Villanova

University School of Law. Mr. D'Amelio has over 10 years of experience as a civil litigation attorney practicing in all levels of state and federal courts in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. D'Amelio has particular expertise in representing national public utility companies in areas ranging from premises liability and auto carrier liability defense to contract interpretation and the enforcement of state and federal public utility codes. Since 2008, Mr. D'Amelio has been recognized as a rising star in Philadelphia's "Super Lawyers" annual publication based on his history obtaining favorable judgments in major jury trials and cost-effective settlements in hundreds of litigation cases. Most importantly, Mr. D'Amelio is an avid Philadelphia sports and culture fan, with a great love for his city and its history.

James DeDonato leads Beazley's US Midmarket A&E Claims Team, where he manages complex claims brought against architects, engineers, and other design professionals in the US and around the world from first notice through pre-trial resolution or final adjudication. Beazley, which currently manages five syndicates at Lloyd's and also underwrites risks on an admitted basis in all 50 states, insures design firms of all sizes including a majority of Engineering News Record's (ENR) Top 50. Prior to joining Beazley, Jim spent 10 years as a litigation attorney for two large regional law firms where he represented sophisticated clients in trials, arbitrations, and other business disputes, including construction, insurance coverage, intellectual property (patent/ trademark/copyright), and other complex issues. Jim is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and New York. Jim holds a BA in Political Science from Providence College and his JD from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

John Egan is a partner with Rubin and Rudman, LLP, a 75-lawyer general practice firm in Boston, Massachusetts. He is a trial attorney with over 30 years experience in a wide variety of product liability, toxic tort, asbestos, personal injury, property damage, fire, professional liability, housing and employment discrimination, insurance coverage and bad faith, and other claims. Has tried over 75 cases to verdict, and has briefed and argued over 30 appeals. He received his B.A. from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and his J.D. from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He is a member of the Massachusetts and District of Columbia bars, as well as the bars of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the American, Massachusetts, and Boston Bar Associations, the Defense Research Institute, and is a founding member of Eagle International Associates.

Jeffrey V. Hill is a partner at Hill & Lamb LLP an insurance and trial practice law firm in Portland, Oregon. He is a thirty year plus trial lawyer who concentrates his practice in Oregon and Washington in the areas of complex insurance coverage and bad faith as well as defense of professional, fire, environmental and financial liability claims. Jeff received his undergraduate degree in economics from Washington State University in 1978 and his law degree from the University of Puget Sound in 1981. He is admitted to practice in all courts of the states of Oregon and Washington. He is a member of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, The International Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, The CLM and is a frequent contributor to insurance and trial related presentations throughout the United States and Europe.

Robert Irish is a Senior Claims Analyst with Allied World Insurance Company in Chicago, Ill. He primarily handles medical malpractice, and healthcare professional liability claims. Prior to his current role, he was a Senior Claims Attorney with Monitor Liability Managers, Inc., where he concentrated in handling legal malpractice claims for 10 years. Earlier in his career he also served in various claims capacities with TIG Insurance Company, and General Electric, Westport Insurance Division. He has a law degree from Loyola University of Chicago, School of Law, and an M.B.A. from DePaul University.

Heather A. Lacey serves as Vice President & Associate General Counsel of Legal Sea Foods, LLC, a nationally acclaimed seafood and restaurant company. Over the last ten (10) years, Ms. Lacey has served Legal Sea Foods' senior executives, directors, managers and human resource professionals in all matters

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involving employees, including, without limitation: performance management issues; investigations, claims of harassment/discrimination, wage and hour issues, workplace safety, benefits, and recruiting. She has developed and implemented policies and training materials. In addition, Ms. Lacey defends Legal Sea Foods against complaints filed in various federal and state agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the state counterparts. Ms. Lacey also manages outside attorneys representing Legal Sea Foods in employment and civil litigation matters by actively directing strategy and managing to reduce litigation costs. She also manages the Risk & Safety Department which is responsible for: insurance procurement (property, general liability, employment practices liability, auto, unemployment, workers compensation, directors and officers, liquor, and others), work place safety, and loss control and claims handling (workers compensation, unemployment, and general liability). She works closely with senior leaders on strategic business issues that have potential legal risks from an employment and litigation perspective.

Prior to joining Legal Sea Foods, Ms. Lacey worked in several Boston-area firms representing corporate entities (including Legal Sea Foods), employers, and individuals with respect to employment and business litigation issues. She earned her J.D., Suffolk University School, 1997, *cum laude* and B.A., University of Delaware, *cum laude*, 1993.

Robert J. McCaffrey, Ph.D., ABN, ABPdN received his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in 1979. From 1980–1983 he was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Clinical Psychology & Clinical Neuropsychology. In 1983, Dr. McCaffrey joined the Clinical Training Program in the Department of Psychology, University at Albany, State University of New York where he is currently a tenured full professor and director of the neuropsychology laboratories. He has published over 100 peer reviewed journal articles and six books, including *The Practice of Forensic Neuropsychology: Meeting Challenges in the Courtroom*. Plenum Press, 1996. Dr. McCaffrey is the Editor-in-Chief of *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, the official journal of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. He also serves on the editorial board of *Applied Neuropsychology: Child* and the *Journal of Pediatric Neuropsychology*. Dr. McCaffrey is the past president of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology, the Division for Neuropsychology of the New York State Psychological Association and the National Academy of Neuropsychology. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, the American Psychological Association through Division 40, the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology, and the Association for Psychological Science. Dr. McCaffrey is board certified as both an adult and pediatric clinical neuropsychologist with Albany Neuropsychological Associates. His major research and clinical interests are in the areas of traumatic brain injury, environmental toxicants (PCBs and lead) and secondary influences negatively impacting neuropsychological test performance.

Ellen D. McCann has worked for Unum Group for eighteen years and is currently Assistant Vice President and Senior Counsel. She advises Human Resources on all employment-related legal issues, with particular emphasis on wage/hour compliance, leaves of absence, military leaves, restrictive covenants and employee relations issues. She also provides daily legal support to Unum's Leave Management Services department, which provides leave administration services to its customers. Presently, Unum's leave administration product includes administration of over 195 state leave laws in addition to FMLA and covers over 1.3 million lives. Ms. McCann received her BA from the College of the Holy Cross and her JD from the University of Notre Dame Law School. She is a certified trainer for SHRM and CE credit and is a frequent national speaker on FMLA.

Cy McFarlin has served in the insurance industry for more than 20 years as an adjuster and claims manager for both personal and commercial lines. His specialties include general and professional liability, as well as auto and homeowners. Cy currently works as the Claims Manager for the Insurance Board, based in Cleveland, Ohio. The Insurance Board provides an insurance program to approximately 3,800 churches across the country in three denominations: United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ and Presbyterian USA.

Matthew L. Schrader is a shareholder in Reminger Co., L.P.A.'s Columbus office. He has litigated and tried cases involving professional liability, medical malpractice, wrongful death, products liability and copyright infringement. Matthew has tried cases in both the state and federal courts throughout Ohio. He has also argued and briefed appeals in Ohio's appellate courts and the Fourth and Sixth Circuits. Matthew earned his B.A. from Xavier University, University Scholar in 1998 and his J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2001.

For nearly 10 years, Matthew served as the Coach of and Advisor to the Mock Trial Team of the Capital University School of Law, where he also served as Adjunct Professor teaching second and third year law students trial advocacy and evidence. Matthew acts as General Counsel to one of Central Ohio's largest non-profit organizations. He has also spoken to audiences throughout the country on issues dealing with trial practice, medical negligence, UM/UIM claims and employment issues. He is Rated AV® Preeminent™: Very Highly Rated in Both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards by Martindale Hubbell Peer Review and has been recognized as a Rising Star by Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine in 2011, 2014 and 2015.

Rebecca Selinger has been with General Star Management Company since 1996. She is currently a Claims Manager. Becky handles the management and oversight of claims for GL, Products, auto/garage keepers liability, primary coverage. Claims are nationwide. She approves coverage positions, oversees investigations, monitors litigation and attends mediations and trial, as well as provides updates and reviews on coverage to underwriters on both existing policies and endorsements as well as prospective business. Becky reviews and maintains the database of approved adjusters and defense attorneys nationwide. Her prior experience is with carriers that provide first and third party auto and medical malpractice. Becky earned her B.S. Administration of Justice degree from Pennsylvania State University and the CPCU and ARM designations from the Insurance Institute.

Therese M. Sizer has been a Senior Attorney for over 20 years at West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, located in West Bend, Wisconsin. Prior to that, she was in private legal practice in both Iowa and Illinois. She graduated with honors from Drake University Law School in Des Moines Iowa and has tried cases in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. She is licensed in all three of those state courts as well as Federal Courts. Throughout her career, Ms Sizer has focused her practice on insurance litigation, representing both the insured and the insurance carrier. She is a current member of the State Bar Associations for Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, the WDC (Wisconsin Defense Counsel), NASP and is a member and Past President of the Greater Milwaukee CPCU chapter and DRI.

Peter M. Waldeck practices exclusively in insurance defense matters, including construction law, product liability, insurance coverage, no-fault UM/UIM, auto liability, professional liability, employment law, day care, health clubs and liquor liability. This includes all phases of litigation from pre-suit investigation and evaluation through trials and appeals. Mr. Waldeck has tried cases throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin and has successfully argued cases at the appellate level. Peter earned a B.A. from Drake University and a J.D. from John Marshall Law School.

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