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Presents

BEATING BACK THE WINDY CITY BLUES: Achieving Cheery Outcomes in the Defense of Claims

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172 West Adams Street
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



*"Everybody wants to know
Why I sing the blues
Well, I've been around a long time
I really have paid my dues."*

The great B.B. King wasn't handling liability claims when he wrote "Why I Sing the Blues," but we've all had days when we know the feeling. The dues we pay in defending claims these days – not to mention the settlements and verdicts – keep increasing, the pressures keep mounting and, in insurance companies and defense firms all over the country, "it seems like everybody got the blues."

Chicago: The Bean, skyscrapers, deep-dish pizza, our first quarterback since the 1940's and...the Blues. What better venue than Chicago for our next Eagle conference and what better topic for discussion than Beating Back the Blues: Achieving Cheery Outcomes in the Defense of Claims? We'll be addressing important issues and challenges we confront daily, with a particular emphasis on negotiations, dealing with extreme pain and suffering claims, defending professionals and the exploding array of employment cases. Together with our usual array of industry and legal experts and the participation of our engaged conference-goers, we'll discuss, collaborate, strategize and identify real-world practices that can help us achieve cheerier outcomes in the claims we handle and defend.

Topping it all off will be Eagle at its most hospitable. The Blues Brothers will have nothing on Eagle and its guests as we take in the blues at the world-famous Buddy Guy's Legends club, enjoying dinner, drinks, superb company and, of course, world-class blues.

Come join us and discover how to beat back (and enjoy) the blues – Chicago style!

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PROGRAM

- 11:30 am **Registration and Lunch**
- 12:15 pm **Welcoming Remarks**
Stephen J. Fields, Esq., Brinker & Doyen, LLP
Chair, Eagle International Associates
- Program Introduction**
Mitchell A. Orpett, Esq., Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C.
Program Chair
- 12:30 pm **Paying the Cost to Be the Boss (B.B. King):
Successful Defense of Employment Practices Claims**
Moderators:
Melvin J. Davis, Esq., Reminger Co., LPA
John A. Safarli, Esq., Macdonald Devin Madden Kenefick Harris
- 1:30 pm **Shame Shame Shame (Jimmy Reed): Defending the Indefensible Professional**
Moderators:
John E. Bordeau, Esq., Sanders Warren & Russell LLP
Jason J. Campbell, Esq., Gill Ragon Owen, P.A.
- 2:30 pm **BREAK**
- 2:45 pm **I'd Rather Go Blind (Etta James): Defending Conscious Pain and Suffering Claims**
Moderators:
Davis J. Reilly, Esq., Bledsoe Diestel Treppa & Crane LLP
Lindsey J. Woodrow, Esq., Waldeck & Woodrow P.A.
- 3:45 pm **That's Why I'm Crying (Koko Taylor): Ten Mistakes to Avoid in Negotiating Claims**
Moderators:
David A. Abrams, Esq., Strongin Rothman & Abrams
Mitchell A. Orpett, Esq., Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C.
- 4:45 pm **Closing Remarks**
- 5:00 pm **Reception**
- 6:15 PM **Depart Hotel for Blues Club**
Buddy Guy's Legends
Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment

DETAILS

GUEST PANELISTS:

Lee Gross, Allianz
Sonia Dhaliwahi, General Star
Day Ryan, Intact Insurance
John Buckley, Western National
Vickie Story, Arch Insurance – Soundview Claims Solutions
Anthony Ingrassia, Great American
Rob Danner, Everett Cash Mutual

VENUE:

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HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Hotel room reservations are made through the conference registration form, **not with the hotel** and are payable directly to the hotel by presenting a credit card at check-in. ***Please complete the Guest Registration Form for Hotel Room Requests by September 27th***

Room Rate: \$327
Check-In: 4PM / Check-out: 12PM

Hotel Room Cancellation Policy: Individual cancellations will be accepted up to **72 hours prior to arrival without penalty**. The first night's room and tax will be charged for individual **no shows**. If conference attendance is cancelled after October 18, 2024, you may be charged a portion of the conference fee. You will be advised of the exact amount, if any, within one week following the conference.

ATTIRE: Business Casual

HOTEL ROOM REQUESTS BY SEPTEMBER 27TH

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BY OCTOBER 16TH

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THIS EVENT IS COMPLIMENTARY

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Texas 4.0

LEGAL

Illinois 4.0
Wisconsin 4.5

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