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Presents

MARCH 20, 2024

**THE JEFFERSON HOTEL
101 West Franklin Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23220**

SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATING THE WINDS OF CHANGE

Please join us for an interesting and spirited afternoon seminar as we dig in to four topics where change is happening on the plaintiffs' side and where the defense side needs to pivot as well.

Climate Change Litigation and the Effects of Climate Change on Claims and Litigation

– Lawsuits against private companies and insureds relating to claims for failure to address environmental concerns, such as climate change and emissions operations, have been filed in the courts and more are likely on the way, particularly considering the case of *Held v. Montana* that came down this past year. We will discuss the types of claims that may be made, strategies for defending them, and coverage issues. We will also look into the effects of climate change on other types of litigation, including increasingly frequent and strong storms and the impact that has on claims handling and defense.

Defending Common Carrier Claims – Planes, Trains, Ferries, Buses, Automobiles –

There are more common carriers out there than ever. We will discuss recent changes to common carrier liability, the defenses available, and new ways to gather the facts for defending these claims.

Pro Se Litigants and Constitutional Law Claims – The statistics are showing continually increasing numbers of pro se litigants. We will examine why this is occurring, what are some effective ways of handling pro se plaintiffs, issues to watch out for in defending cases filed by a pro se plaintiff.

Policy Limit Demands – Is every case that comes your way lately loaded up with a demand for policy limits? The policy limits are starting to become the new “anchor” for claims. We will discuss strategies for handling a policy-limits claim that is not really a policy-limits claim and combatting the forces of social inflation in these post-pandemic times.

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Grand Ballroom
Business Casual Attire

PROGRAM

- 11:45 am **Registration and Lunch**
- 12:30 pm **Welcoming Remarks**
Stephen J. Fields, Esq., Brinker & Doyen, LLP
Chair, Eagle International Associates
- Program Introduction**
Debra S. Stafford, Esq., Hudgins Law Firm, P.C.
Program Chair
- 12:40 pm **Keeping Cool During Global Warming and Climate Change Litigation**
Moderators:
Drake Hudgins, Esq., Hudgins Law Firm, P.C.
Carrie Moss, Esq., Bendin Sumrall & Ladner, LLC
- 1:40 pm **Navigating Claims in the Growing Common Carrier Industry**
Moderators:
Paul M. Finamore, Esq., Pessin Katz Law, P.A.
Lyle Robinson, Esq., Taylor Wellons Politz Duhe
- 2:40 pm **BREAK**
- 3:00 pm **A Legal Horror Story: Pro Se Litigants**
Moderators:
Melvin J. Davis, Esq., Reminger Co., LPA
William F. Gogoel, Esq., Hudgins Law Firm, P.C.
- 4:00 pm **“Anchors Aweigh”: Thoughts on How to Re-Moor an Adversary Who Has Pulled Away From the Dock and Set Sail For the Moon**
Moderators:
David V. Hayes, Esq., Bendin Sumrall & Ladner, LLC
Barry S. Rothman, Esq., Strongin Rothman & Abrams, LLP
- 5:00pm **Cocktail Reception – Rotunda**
- 6:00 pm **Dinner – Grand Ballroom**

GUEST PANELISTS

John Bernier, WRIC-TV
Kelly Bradley, West Bend Insurance
Max Brusky, Bulkmatic, LLC
Marc Mayerson, Esq., The Mayerson Firm PLLC
Jonathan Roth, Virginia Division of Risk Management
Sanjay Shivpuri, Markel
Jessie Smith, Kinsale Insurance
Vickie L. Story, Allianz Global Corporate and Specialty Insurance Company
Jeff Trueman, Esq., Mediator & Arbitrator
Michael K. Woolley, XPO Logistics

DETAILS

VENUE:

The Jefferson Hotel
101 West Franklin Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23220
804-649-4750

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 February 16th**

Room Rate: \$270

Parking: Valet - \$38 – Overnight Self - \$20

Check-In: 4PM /Check-out: 12PM

Hotel Room Cancellation Policy: Individual cancellations will be accepted up to 4PM one day prior to arrival. The first night's room and tax will be charged for individual no shows.

FUNCTION LOCATIONS:

The lunch, seminar and dinner are in the Grand Ballroom. The Cocktail Reception is in the Rotunda.

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ATTIRE:

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HOTEL ROOM REQUESTS BY FEBRUARY 16TH

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BY MARCH 15TH

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Reception and Dinner Immediately Following Seminar

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