



# PERRIN CONFERENCES CUTTING-EDGE ISSUES IN ASBESTOS LITIGATION CONFERENCE

Eden Roc Miami Beach Resort  
March 12-13, 2024

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**Monday, March 11, 2024**

**4:00 PM – Registration** (Eden Roc II Foyer)

**4:30 PM – 5:30 PM – Rapid Connections Session** (Eden Roc II)

Kick start the conference and join us for a fun express networking event providing face-to-face time with judges, in-house counsel, and insurance executives. This is your opportunity to have several short conversations where you can ask questions, exchange information, discuss professional backgrounds, and explore potential collaborations in a casual environment. The goal is to facilitate quick and efficient introductions, allowing participants to make valuable connections within a short period. We will gather at round tables and spend a set period of time meeting multiple people. When you hear the signal, it's time to rotate and meet someone new! Cocktails will be provided.

**Session hosts:**

**Anthony S. Guardione**, Senior Counsel, Travelers, Hartford, CT  
**Frederick C. Schaefer**, Associate Vice President, Nationwide, Wausau, WI  
**Hon. Laura A. Seigle**, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA  
**Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock**, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL  
**Hon. Adam Silvera**, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York, NY  
**Hon. Stephen Stobbs**, Circuit Court, Madison County, IL  
**Hon. Jean H. Toal**, Supreme Court of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
**Craig Ziolkowski**, Assistant Vice President, Resolute Management, Inc., Chicago, IL

**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Opening Cocktail Reception** (Outdoor Spa Terrace)  
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**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**8:00 AM – 8:45 AM – Registration and Light Breakfast** (Eden Roc II Foyer)  
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## 8:45 AM – 9:00 AM – Welcome and Co-Chair Opening Remarks (Eden Roc II)

**Anthony S. Guardione**, Senior Counsel, Travelers, Hartford, CT

**Lisa L. Oberg, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Oakland, CA

**Perry Weitz Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

## 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – The Top Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation

- Filing trends: Disease, jurisdiction and plaintiff firms
- Hot and emerging jurisdictions
- Defense-Plaintiff Coordination

**Moderator: Joseph W. Belluck, Esq.**, Belluck & Fox, LLP, New York, NY

**Debra Forsythe**, Sr. Director, Epiq, Charlotte, NC

**Kathrin Hashemi**, Director, KCIC, Washington, DC

**Kevin E. Hexstall, Esq.**, Marshall Dennehey, Philadelphia, PA

**Frederick C. Schaefer**, Associate Vice President, Nationwide, Wausau, WI

## 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Recent Bankruptcies and the Impact on Asbestos Litigation

- Update on bankruptcies
- Is the Texas 2-step dead? What are alternatives?
- Picking a jurisdiction

**Moderator: Perry Weitz Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY

**John Baden, Esq.**, Motley Rice, Mount Pleasant, SC

**Lisa Nathanson Busch, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY

## 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Break (Eden Roc II Foyer)

## 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM – Significant Developments in Asbestos Employer Liability Cases

- *Altman case*

**Moderator: Hon. Patrick J. Sherlock**, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, IL

**Michael C. Cooney, Esq.**, Cooney & Conway, Chicago, IL

**Michael Maizena, Esq.**, Vogelzang Law, Chicago, IL

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**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM – Women’s Networking Lunch (Key Biscayne Room)**  
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**Kate Cook**, Assistant General Counsel, Jacobs, Boston, MA  
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**Erin M. Voyik, Esq.**, VP/Director, APO Strategy & Claims Counsel, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM – Lunch (on your own)**

**1:15 PM – 2:15 PM – Recent Large Verdicts**

- What to expect going forward?
- How are jurors changing and what do we expect going forward
- Managing jury picks
- Jurisdictional impact
- How do you evaluate the risk?

**Lindsey Cheek, Esq.**, The Cheek Law Firm, New Orleans, LA  
**Lily Keefer**, Director, STOUT, Chicago, IL  
**Pierre Ratzki, Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg, New York, NY  
**Stuart Simon**, President, American Jury Centers, Boca Raton, FL  
**Erin Smith-Corbally**, Manager, Asbestos Claims, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH  
**Daniel Wasserberg, Esq.**, Meiorowitz & Wasserberg, New York, NY

**2:30 PM – 3:15 PM – The Lung Cancer Docket Update**

**Clayton E. Dickey, Esq.**, Rasmussen Dickey Moore, Kansas City, MO  
**Edward J. McCambridge, Esq.**, Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL  
**Mark Thomas, Esq.**, The Gori Law Firm, Edwardsville, IL

**3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Break (Eden Roc II Foyer)**

**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – The Judicial Perspectives**

**Moderator: Joseph Cagnoli, Jr., Esq.**, Goldberg Segalla, Philadelphia, PA  
**Moderator: Perry Weitz Esq.**, Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., New York, NY  
**Hon. Laura A. Seigle**, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA  
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### 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM – The Rapidly Developing Science and Medicine on Genetic Cancer Treatments

Timothy L. Krippner, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Chicago, IL  
Jennifer Alesio, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, San Francisco, CA

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**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM – Light Breakfast (Eden Roc II Foyer)

### 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Talc Litigation Update

- Overview of proving asbestos content
- Establishing significant causation
- Litigating talc mesos

Amanda R. Cachaldora, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Miami, FL  
John D. Cosmich, Esq., Cosmich Simmons & Brown PLLC, Jackson, MS  
Olivia Kelly, Esq., Simmons Hanly Conroy, New York, NY

### 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – The In-House Counsel and Insurance Perspectives

**Moderator: Beverly M. Bond, Esq.**, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, Dallas, TX  
**Christopher W. Bowman**, Managing Counsel of the Product Litigation & Insurance Group, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI  
**Paul Slater, Esq.**, Senior Counsel, General Electric Company, Fairfield, CT  
**Craig Ziolkowski**, Assistant Vice President, Resolute Management, Inc., Chicago, IL

### 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Personal Jurisdiction and Legislative Updates

- Analyzing the effects of the *Mallory* Decision

**John P. Arranz, Esq.**, Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP, Chicago, IL  
**Michael A. Brockland, Esq.**, SWMW Law, St. Louis, MO  
**Perry J. Browder, Esq.**, Simmons Hanly Conroy, Alton, IL  
**David E. Freed, Esq.**, Hawkins Parnell & Young LLP, New York, NY

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**Miami Beach, FL 33140**

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