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## Environmental Risk and PFAS Litigation Conference

New York City Bar Association  
New York, NY  
June 11-12, 2024

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**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

**8:00 AM - 8:45 AM – Registration and Light Breakfast (Meeting Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**8:45 AM - 9:00 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs**

**Audrey O. Anyaele, Esq.**, Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy LLC, Jersey City, NJ

**Cindy Hunter**, Underwriting Officer & Claims Liaison, Hartford Global Specialty – Environmental, The Hartford, New York, NY

**Adam H. Love, Ph.D.**, Vice President/Principal Scientist, Roux, Oakland, CA

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM – Clear as Mud: Navigating the PFAS Regulatory Landscape**

- How is the 5 Year EPA Roadmap going?
- What are states doing in the meantime?
- Are regulations evolving to something that functions more uniform across the country or more patchwork?
- How do you make business decisions in a regulatory climate still fraught with uncertainty?

**Stephen J. Acquario, Esq.**, Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, New York, NY

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**Scott J. Ryskoski, Esq.**, Senior Counsel, Nationwide, Southlake, TX

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM – Not all Sunshine and Roses - Renewable Energy Risks**

- What is the Risk? What could go wrong?
- Greenhouse gases reduction technologies risks [carbon sequestration]
- Risks associated with batteries, energy storage units, and the transfer of energy.
- Is a market for carbon credits coming? Will environmental insurance play a role?
- Government funding tilting the technology scale
- Case Study: Homegrown Lithium- The Environmentalist's Conundrum

**Rosemarie C. Hebner, Esq.**, O'Toole Scrivo, Cedar Grove, NJ  
**Ted Mavraganis**, Senior Vice President, Head of Environmental, Ascot, New York, NY  
**Jack Sheldon**, Senior Consultant, Antea Group, Des Moines, IA

**11:00 AM - 11:15 AM – Break**

**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM – Mold: Why won't it just go away?**

- Difficulty in underwriting habitational risks; Phase I reports not meant to address mold risk
- Trends in mold claims
- Moral hazard-Use of PLL policies as hotel renovation coverage
- Why have we not done a better job at the management of mold in order to avoid/reduce claims?
- Any silver bullet on the horizon?
- If we can't beat them, what are the alternative approaches to risk management of molds claims?

**Laura H. Berney**, VP, Claims Counsel, Distinguished Programs, Narberth, PA  
**Andrew Davis, Esq.**, Shipman & Goodwin LLP, Hartford, CT  
**Sergio Hönl**, Senior Associate, First Environment, Butler, NJ  
**Kerry L. Jones, Esq.**, Goldberg Segalla, New York, NY  
**M. Claire Juliana**, Director - Environmental Claims Advocacy, Aon, New York, NY

**12:15 PM - 1:30 PM – Lunch (on your own)**

**1:30 PM - 2:15 PM – Environmental Liability Concerns in Youth Sports**

- Regulations on potential chemical exposures at sports facilities
- The potential risks of sports complexes on closed landfill properties
- The potential risks from some artificial turfs
- How are underwriters assessing such risk?
- How/If these landfill sports complexes are regulated by the State Green Acres Program and/or the EPA's Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program

**Frederick W. (Rick) Brown, Esq.**, Weber Gallagher, Philadelphia, PA  
**Yvette Nadgir**, Senior Claims Manager, Environmental Claims, Westfield Specialty, Berkeley Heights, NJ  
**Tyler Scott, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Kansas City, MO  
**William B. Silverstein, P.E, LSRP**, Senior Consultant, GEI Consultants, Mount Laurel, NJ

## 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM – Will AI Make All of Our Jobs Obsolete?

- What can AI do in the context of the insurance industry?
- Actual examples of how AI is already being used
- Advantages, disadvantages and risks of AI
- How might AI continue to evolve in underwriting and claims?

**Melissa Anderson**, Head of Design Professional & Environmental Claims, AXIS Capital  
Berkeley Heights, NJ

**Mark Eveland**, Founder, CSO, and Chairman of the Board, Verus LLC, Princeton, NJ

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## 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM – Break

## 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM – State of Medical and Toxicological Research on PFAS

- Causation issues
- Identifying whose PFAS is it
- Hydrogeology and PFAS fingerprinting
- Beyond water testing – Blood testing for PFAS in humans
- Overview of guidelines to blood testing
- Approaches to identifying and distinguishing sources of PFAS from blood data
- PFAS source attribution impacts on subrogation claims

**Michael J. Deible, Ph.D.**, Consulting Scientist, RJ Lee Group, Monroeville, PA

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**Jack Kain, PharmD**, Director, Medical Science Liaison, Drug Monitoring & Toxicology,  
Quest Diagnostics, San Diego, CA

## 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM – More than a Simple Dust-up - Dust Lawsuits and Occupational Dust Exposure

- Sources of dust – regional, local, point source
- Physical Particle Risk (PM2.5) versus Chemical Exposure Risk from particles
  - Health claims and medical monitoring claims
- Nuisance dust
- Measuring dust – the risks of inexpensive monitors and citizen science
- Occupational dust exposure – cannabis industry case study

**Christopher C. De Carlo, CHMM, LSRP**, Technical Director, The VERTEX Companies, LLC, Branchburg, NJ

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**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception** (Reception Area at NY Bar Association)

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**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

**8:00 AM - 8:45 AM – Light Breakfast** (Meeting Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**8:45 AM - 9:45 AM – PFAS Claims Arriving from All Directions**

- Limitations of environmental pollution exclusions for PFAS
- Other policies impacted by PFAS-related claims
- Differences in the nature of the claims evaluations from these alternative paths
- How will PFAS risk management continue to evolve?
- Historical insurance research as a recovery strategy

**Moderator: Seth Kagan**, Vice President – Head of Environmental Claims, Aspen Insurance, Jersey City, NJ

**Gregory P. Gaines, JD**, Technical Director, Roux, Burlington, MA

**Chase Gerbig, PhD, PE**, Principal Engineer, Roux, Burlington, MA

**Richard Janisch**, Principal, Arcina Risk Group LLC, Los Angeles, CA

**Danielle N. Valliere, Esq.**, Kennedys, Basking Ridge, NJ

**9:45 AM - 10:30 AM – Phthalates: The (Next) Forever Chemical**

- History of phthalates?
- Why the attention on phthalates now?
- Product risk (i.e. Prop 65) and Supply Chain Management
- Environmental risk
- Examining the current litigation landscape
- Are insurance policy exclusions being developed?

**Christopher Abel, CHMM**, Director/Principal Environmental Chemist, August Mack Environmental, Inc., Indianapolis, IN

**Thomas Duggan**, Chief Claims Officer, Environmental, Ironshore, New York, NY  
**Brian Margolies, Esq.**, Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP, Valhalla, N

**10:30 AM – 10:45 AM – Break**

**10:45 AM - 11:30 AM – Are Those My (Insured's) PFAS and What Are We Required To Do About It?**

- Approaches to identifying and distinguishing sources of PFAS
- When to look for PFAS, what to do when you find it (and what if it isn't mine?)
- Subrogation issues related to PFAS claims
- Coverage and claims considerations related to PFAS claims
- Potential for site reopeners based on PFAS discovery
- How developments (legal, coverage, regulatory, scientific) are affecting how/where we are looking for PFAS and what will be required when it is found

**Moderator: David Guevara, PhD.**, Taft, Indianapolis, IN

**Dylan Eberle, PhD., CPG, PG**, Project Scientist, Geosyntec Consultants, Acton, MA

**Steve Henshaw**, CEO, PolicyFind & EnviroForensics, Indianapolis, IN

**Ligia Kearney**, Manager-Environmental Claims, Beazley, New York, NY

**Jeremy Williams, Esq.**, Akerman LLP, Dallas, TX

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM – Managing the Risk, Environmental Emergency Response and Remediation Losses**

- Claims management methods and practices to minimize costs
- Avoid over-application of the policy
- Initial risk assessment
- Assuring appropriate level of effort
- Effective and defensible allocation of costs

**Robin Kelliher**, Environmental Solutions – Group Counsel, USI Insurance Services, Short Hills, NJ

**Brian N. Johnson**, Senior Geologist, Senior Environmental Scientist, Hydro Environmental Technologies, Inc. (HETI), Chandler, AZ

**Bonnie Stevenson, CPCU, AIC**, Environmental Claims Specialist, Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty, O'Fallon, MO

**Kelly Stoltz, Esq.**, Nicolaidis Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan, LLP, Chicago, IL

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