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- Best defense strategies when even the best warnings are not enough to make a product safe
- The latest in sports concussion litigation
- How the post-Scalia Supreme Court could affect product liability defendants




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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**
SPONSORED BY **Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP**
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- 7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.
- 7:30 p.m. **Young Lawyers Dinner** (see page 8)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Device Charging Kiosk in Exhibit Hall**
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- Device Charging Station in General Session**
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- 7:15 a.m. **Registration**
- 7:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
SPONSORED BY **Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial LLC**
- 7:15 a.m. **First-Time Attendees Breakfast**
Anne M. Talcott, *Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC*, Portland, OR
- 8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
John (Jack) J. Laffey, *Laffey Leitner & Goode LLC*, Milwaukee, WI

Gretchen N. Miller, *Greenberg Traurig LLP*, Chicago, IL

8:30 a.m. **Keynote and Ethics Address: Defending Manufacturers Following an Internal Investigation**

In the wake of the financial crisis, corporate scandals, and mass recalls, the government relies increasingly on criminal enforcement tools, including requiring “robust and speedy” internal investigations. Hear a discussion of the ethical issues that arise when defending a company that has been required to submit an internal investigation report for public viewing.

Anton R. Valukas, *Jenner & Block*, Chicago, IL

9:30 a.m. **Young Lawyers Blockbuster** (see below)

9:30 a.m. **When Are Product Warnings Not Enough to Make a Product Safe?**

In 2011 the CPSC, upon reports of children sustaining severe injuries from swallowing Buckyballs, concluded that no warning could rectify the hazards posed by the small, high-powered magnets. Hear from the expert who conducted the human factors and warnings analysis that informed one of the CPSC’s most divisive decisions.

J. Paul Frantz, PhD, CPSM, CPE, *Applied Safety + Ergonomics*, Ann Arbor, MI

YOUNG LAWYERS BLOCKBUSTER **Wednesday, February 8, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

- 9:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Introductions**
Brannon J. Arnold, *Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial LLC*, Atlanta, GA
Daniel J. Kain, *Littleton Joyce Ughetta Park & Kelly LLP*, Radnor PA
- 9:40 a.m. **Settlement Strategy: Perspective from the Client and Tips from Outside Counsel**
 **Kathleen Anne Jackson**, *Cummins Inc.*, Indianapolis, IN
Patrick H. Reilly, *Faegre Baker Daniels LLP*, Indianapolis, IN
- 10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **How to Make the Client Happy: Tips from In-House Counsel to Foster an Effective Client Relationship**
 **Jonathan Karas**, *Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.*, Los Angeles, CA

Conor A. McLaughlin, *Thompson Hine LLP*, Cleveland, OH

 **Kyle D. Sandefur**, *Ford Motor Company*, Dearborn, MI

11:05 a.m. **Beyond Pleading: Courting Your Client with a Tailored Defense in a Multiparty Loss**
Patrick P. Clyder, *Swanson Martin & Bell LLP*, Chicago, IL


 **Brian J. Hoffman**, *Kiewit Corp.*, Omaha, NE

11:40 a.m. **What You and Your Clients Need to Know About Defending Product Liability Claims in Canada**
Christopher Horkins, *Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP*, Toronto, ON

12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

- 10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
SPONSORED BY **Ericksen Arbuthnot
Husch Blackwell LLP**
- 10:45 a.m. **Silent Recall or Product Improvement?**
In-house counsel will discuss the factors that must be considered in determining whether post-sale duties arise from product improvements.
MODERATOR | **Lindsay Lorimer, McMillan LLP, Toronto, ON**

PANEL

 **Sean Beckstrom, Newell Brands Inc., Atlanta, GA**

 **Amy E. Neff, Evenflo Company Inc., Miamisburg, OH**

James (Jim) J. Walter, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

- 11:30 a.m. **Quick Hits: Technology Is Everywhere**
Fitness Trackers: How is the information they provide being used in litigation and how can the liability issues that they trigger be avoided?

Carol P. Michel, Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial LLC, Atlanta, GA

Recent Trends in Smart Products: From cars to baby monitors, as products get smarter, so do the hackers. Hear the latest trends in liability issues.

Samuel L. Sharpless, PE, CFEI, Rimkus Consulting Group Inc., Altamonte Springs, FL

Citizen Enforcers, Consumer Activists and “Mommy Bloggers”: How are these social media advocates affecting the potential liability of product manufacturers?

Edward B. Chansky, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Las Vegas, NV

- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:15 p.m. **SLG Lunch Arouds (see page 8)**
- 12:15 p.m. **Women in the Law Lunch (see page 8)**
- 1:45 p.m. **Specialized Litigation Groups Session I (see page 5)**

- 3:45 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
SPONSORED BY **McMillan LLP
Baker Donelson Bearman
Caldwell & Berkowitz PC**

- 4:15 p.m. **Keynote Address: The Post-Scalia Court**
Dean Erwin Chemerinsky will share his insights about the post-Scalia Supreme Court.
Erwin Chemerinsky, University of California Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

- 5:15 p.m. **Product Liability Committee Meeting (open to all)**
- 6:15 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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- 7:45 p.m. **SLG Dine-Arounds** | Join SLG Leaders, colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for a no-host dinner. More details on-site.

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- 7:15 a.m. **Registration**
- 7:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
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- 8:15 a.m. **Announcements**
Gretchen N. Miller, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Chicago, IL
- 8:30 a.m. **Chevron Corp. v. Donziger, et al.**
Hear how the Chevron legal team used cut footage from a documentary and other key evidence to expose “The Legal Fraud of the Century.”
 **Jose Luis Martin, Chevron Corp., San Ramon, CA**
- 9:15 a.m. **Defending Product Labeling Claims**
In-house counsel will discuss what companies must consider in developing product labels and strategies for defending lawsuits.
MODERATOR | **Richard Fama, Cozen O’Connor, New York, NY**
- PANEL
-  **Shayon T. Smith, The Hershey Co., Hershey, PA**
-  **Jaclyn Ann Bryk Welsh, The JM Smucker Co., Orrville, OH**
-  **Bettina W. Yip, Pet Food Express, Oakland, CA**
- 10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
SPONSORED BY **Burr & Forman
L.A. Wojcik & Associates LLC**
- 10:30 a.m. **Corporate Counsel Roundtable (open to in-house counsel and claims professionals only) (see page 4)**

- 10:30 a.m. **Case Law Update**
Join us for a quick and entertaining tour of the last 12 months of cases from across the country.
D. Christopher Robinson, *Frost Brown Todd LLC*, Louisville, KY
- 11:00 a.m. **Jury Selection for the Catastrophic Injury Case, Part I (Live Mock Voir Dire)**
What are the best ways to weed out problem jurors, identify jurors who might champion your case, and tackle sensitive issues that arise in the catastrophic injury case?
R. Dennis Donoghue, *Donoghue & Associates Inc.*, Chicago, IL
Sandra Giannone Ezell, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, VA
John R. Woodard III, *Coffey Senger & McDaniel*, Tulsa, OK
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:00 p.m. **SLG Lunch Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for lunch (*on your own*). More details on-site.
- 12:00 p.m. **Diversity and Inclusion Lunch** (see page 8)

- 1:30 p.m. **Jury Selection for the Catastrophic Injury Case, Part II (Debriefing and Deliberation)**
How did each lawyer's mock voir dire affect the jurors' views, and did the examinations reveal what they needed to know?
R. Dennis Donoghue, *Donoghue and Associates Inc.*, Chicago, IL
Sandra Giannone Ezell, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, VA
John R. Woodard III, *Coffey Senger & McDaniel*, Tulsa, OK
- 2:15 p.m. **Sports Concussion Litigation**
Hear a discussion of the issues surrounding concussion litigation, and the effect that medical science will have on the future of these cases.
LaKeisha C. Marsh, *Akerman LLP*, Chicago, IL
- 3:00 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
SPONSORED BY **Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt**
- 3:30 p.m. **Specialized Litigation Groups Session II** (see pages 5–6)
- 5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 5:30 p.m. **Blue Zone Activity** (see page 8)
- 6:30 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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- 9:30 p.m.–11:30 p.m. **Products Goes Bowling at Brooklyn Bow!** (see page 8)
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CORPORATE COUNSEL ROUNDTABLE

Thursday February 9, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

(Open to in-house counsel and claims professionals only)

- 10:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Introductions**
 **Kristen Elizabeth Dennison**, *CNH Industrial America LLC*, New Holland, PA
 **Kathleen Anne Jackson**, *Cummins Inc.*, Indianapolis, IN
- 10:35 a.m. **Understanding the Complicated Nuances of the Attorney–Client Privilege as It Relates to Internal Company Communications: How to Invoke, Preserve and Communicate the Privilege Operationally to Internal Clients**
MODERATOR | **E. Todd Presnell**, *Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP*, Nashville, TN
PANEL
 **Kristen Elizabeth Dennison**, *CNH Industrial America LLC*, New Holland, PA
 **Amy Mass**, *The Hanover Insurance Group*, Howell, MI
 **W. Jeffrey Sefton**, *Cintas Corp.*, Mason, OH
- 11:30 a.m. **Roundtable Discussion**
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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- 7:15 a.m. **Registration**
- 7:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
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- 8:15 a.m. **Specialized Litigation Groups Session III** (see page 7)
- 10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Specialized Litigation Groups Session IV** (see pages 7–8)
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 2:00 p.m. **Community Service Project** (see page 8)

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SPECIALIZED LITIGATION GROUPS SESSIONS

SLG Session I

Wednesday, February 8, 1:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

Joint Session

■ **AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION MINING AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT (ACMIE)**

CHAIR | **Michael E. McWilliams**, *Butler Snow LLP*, Ridgeland, MS

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On the Horizon or Already Here? The Use of Object Detection Systems to Improve “Communication” Between Man and Machine

 **Michael T. Flynn**, *Joy Global Inc.*, Milwaukee, WI

Jury Swayed by Sway in I Beam Failure: An Analysis and Live Demonstration of a Jury Trial from the Lawyers and Experts Involved

Roland J. Amundsen, *Kring & Chung Attorneys LLP*, Irvine, CA

Jeffrey A. Travis, PE, SE, *Exponent*, Warrenton, IL

Are Confidential Pre-suit Investigations Actually Confidential? Understanding the Unsettled Privilege of Self-Critical Analysis

Kathleen Ingram Carrington, *Butler Snow LLP*, Ridgeland, MS

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 **Jennifer L. Hamilton**, *Deere & Co.*, Moline, IL

■ **AVIATION & AEROSPACE**

CHAIR | **Steven F. Casey**, *Jones Walker LLP*, Birmingham, AL

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Conflict in the Field: Federal Preemption After *Sikkelee*

Catherine B. Slavin, *Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP*, Philadelphia, PA

Where’s the Dance and Who Will Be on the Floor? Recent Changes in Jurisdictional Law and Enduring Challenges in Managing Aviation Experts

 **Matthew D. Flesher**, *Textron Aviation Inc.*, Wichita, KS

■ **MASS TORT & CLASS ACTIONS**

CHAIR | **Anthony (Tony) Sammons**, *Dinsmore & Shohi LLP*, Lexington, KY

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Exposure Is Not Causation: How Recent Rulings Are Changing the Standards Applied to Experts and How to Challenge Them

Jay Evans, *Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP*, Pittsburgh, PA

Cybersecurity and Mass Tort Liability: How the Medical Device Industry Became a Target for Hackers, Lawsuits, and Regulations—Lessons Learned for All Products with Technology

Abby L. Sacunas, *Cozen O’Connor*, Philadelphia, PA

■ **RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS**

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Easy Rider—Head Out on the Highway:

A Discussion of Strategies and Challenges for Dealing with Motorcycle Litigation

 **Jerry K. Hashimura**, *Suzuki Motor of America Inc.*, Brea, CA

Diplomatic Immunity! A Discussion of Recreational Immunity Statutes

 **John P. Buckley**, *Western National Insurance Group*, Edina, MN

The Future Is Here: Using Robots and Other State-of-the-Art Technology to Test Recreational Vehicles

Douglas R. Morr, MS, PE, *S-E-A Ltd.*, Columbus, OH

SLG Session II

Thursday, February 9, 3:30 pm.–5:30 p.m.

■ **CONSUMER GOODS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT (CGOE)**

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Junk Science Got You Down? Trade Groups Rise Up to the Challenge to Battle Litigation and Regulation
William Perdue, *American Home Furnishings Alliance*, High Point, NC
Michael J. Sullivan, *Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP*, Atlanta, GA

Ethics Issues Raised by the Retention of Outside Counsel: Balancing Client Requirements, Ethical Obligations, and Realities of Practice
Jessica Kozlov Davis, *Pepper Hamilton LLP*, Philadelphia, PA

Slack Fill Packaging Claims—Empty Threats or Full of Danger? Discussion of the Recent Growth of Consumer Class Actions Based on Slack Fill Packaging
Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov, *Steptoe & Johnson LLP*, Washington, DC

Joint Session

■ **FIRE SCIENCE & LITIGATION**

CHAIR | **Thomas J. (TJ) Jarzyniecki, Jr.**, *Kightlinger & Gray LLP*, Indianapolis, IN
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Expert Testimony Around the World:

Don't Roll the Dice with the Wrong Expert!
Jeannine L. Lee, *Stinson Leonard Street LLP*, Minneapolis, MN
John A. Olah, *Beard Winter LLP*, Toronto, ON
Martha Sue Warren, *Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP*, Kansas City, MO

Don't Gamble on Which Fire Investigation Standards Will Apply to Your Case: Recent Changes to Fire Investigation Standards as Defined by NFPA 921 and 1033
Charles (Randy) R. Watson, *IAAI-CFI, CFEI, CVFI, CFII, S-E-A Ltd.*, Duluth, GA

Discovery Issues: Can Foreign Manufacturers Still Hold Their Cards Close to the Vest?
Jonathan Hodes, *Miller Thomson LLP*, Vancouver, BC
 **Emily M. Knott**, *Deere & Co.*, Moline, IL
Facundo Viel Temperley, *Marval O'Farrell & Mairal*, Buenos Aires, Argentina

■ **FOOD LAW**

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New Developments in Food Law

Nilda M. Isidro, *GOODWIN*, New York, NY

Labeling, Regulations, and Litigation

 **Jill M. Irvin**, *Bumble Bee Foods*, San Diego, CA
 **Scott Kirkpatrick**, *Coca-Cola Refreshments CA*, Toronto, ON
 **William R. Seale**, *Bush Brothers & Co.*, Knoxville, TN

Dealing with Social Media:

Impact on Industry and Consumers

 **Jill M. Irvin**, *Bumble Bee Foods*, San Diego, CA
 **Scott Kirkpatrick**, *Coca-Cola Refreshments CA*, Toronto, ON
 **William R. Seale**, *Bush Brothers & Co.*, Knoxville, TN

■ **HAND & POWER TOOLS**

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Preparing Foreign Witnesses to Testify: Challenges and Best Practices Inherent in Preparing Foreign Witnesses to Testify

Anthony V. Agudelo, *Sugarman Rogers Barshak & Cohen PC*, Boston, MA
 **Mark A. Rowe**, *Techtronic Industries Power Equipment*, Anderson, SC

The Evolving Nature of Opinions Interpreting the Duty to Warn of the Dangers of Another Manufacturer's Product

Joseph W. Hovermill, *Miles & Stockbridge PC*, Baltimore, MD

Anatomy of a Claim for Reimbursement of Costs Associated with a Voluntary or Mandatory Recall or Corrective Action

Beth Schneider Naylor, *Frost Brown Todd LLC*, Cincinnati, OH

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SLG Session III

Friday, February 10, 8:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

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Putting the Driver in the Passenger Seat

David M. Cades, PhD, *Exponent*, Chicago, IL**The Virtual Law Firm:** Why Playing Nice in the Sandbox Is Important to the Future of Your Practice**J. Randolph (Randy) Bibb, Jr.**, *Lewis Thomason*, Nashville, TN **Anthony Michael Ruffolo**, *Honda Canada Inc.*, Toronto, ON**Dennis P. Ziemba**, *Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC*, Philadelphia, PA**■ CHEMICAL/TOXIC TORTS**CHAIR | **Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov**, *Steptoe & Johnson LLP*, Washington, DCVICE CHAIR | **H. Lockwood (Chip) Miller III**, *Goldberg Segalla*, Newark, NJ**Genetics, Genomics and Epigenomics:**

Implications for the Courtroom and Beyond

E. Paige Sensenbrenner, *Adams and Reese LLP*, New Orleans, LA**Leonel (Len) M. van Zyl, PhD**, *ArrayXpress Inc.*, Raleigh, NC**■ MANUFACTURERS' RISK**CHAIR | **Sara M. Turner**, *Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC*, Birmingham, ALVICE CHAIR | **Joshua H. Abramson**, *Porzio Bromberg & Newman PC*, New York, NY**Using Industry Standards and Product Reporting as Critical Defenses****Timothy R. Freeman**, *Sedgwick LLP*, Newark, NJ**Eric L. Probst**, *Porzio Bromberg & Newman PC*, Morristown, NJ**■ TRIAL TECHNIQUES & TECHNOLOGY**CHAIR | **Justin D. Howard**, *McGuireWoods LLP*, Raleigh, NCVICE CHAIR | **Jonathan E. Hall**, *Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP*, Raleigh, NC**Taking Product Liability Cases to Trial:** In-House Counsel Perspectives on Decisions to Roll the Dice**Jonathan E. Hall**, *Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP*, Raleigh, NC **Brian P. Roche**, *Riddell Inc.*, Rosemont, IL **David P. Stankovich**, *Werner Co.*, Greenville, PA**SLG Session IV**

Friday, February 10, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

■ BIOMECHANICS & INJURY CAUSATIONCHAIR | **Marie E. Chafe**, *Cornell & Gollub*, Boston, MAVICE CHAIR | **John (Jay) R. Reid, Jr.**, *McDonald Toole & Wiggins PA*, Orlando, FL**Can You See It Now?** Benefits and Challenges of Using 3D Printing to Create Injury Causation and Analysis Exhibits for Trial**Cynthia M. Day, MD**, *Biodynamic Research Corp.*, San Antonio, TX**Craig L. Winterman**, *Herzfeld & Rubin LLP*, Los Angeles, CA**The NHTSA Decision Tree and Its Effects on Biomechanics Analysis in the NCAP Program****Christopher J. Bonanti, MEng**, *Engineering Systems Inc.*, Washington, DC**■ BUILDING PRODUCTS**CHAIR | **Mark D. Shifton**, *Seiger Gfeller Laurie LLP*, Princeton, NJVICE CHAIR | **Harris Neal Feldman**, *Parker McCay*, Mount Laurel, NJ**Update on the Use of the Economic Loss Doctrine When Defending Claims Against Building Products Manufacturers****Harris Neal Feldman**, *Parker McCay*, Mount Laurel, NJ**Jeff G. Harmeyer**, *Harmeyer Law Group APC*, San Diego, CA **Andrew M. Rink**, *JELD-WEN Inc.*, Charlotte, NC**The Role of Cement in Construction and Product Liability Cases—Engineering Principles and Concepts****James S. Cohen, PE**, *Thornton Tomasetti*, Newark, NJ**Michael Parrish**, *Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP*, Vancouver, BC Denotes **THE DRI CLIENT CONNECTION:** In-house and claims professional speakers

Where Do Products Liability Claims Fit in Complex Construction Cases?

R. Matthew Cairns, *Gallagher Callahan & Gartrell PC*, Concord, NH

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Tips, Best Practices, and Strategies Designed to Maintain and Improve Relationships and Services You Provide to Clients

 **Travis Jackson**, *Kids II Inc.*, Atlanta, GA

 **Mark W. Johnson**, *Newell Brands Inc.*, Atlanta, GA

No Good Recall Goes Unpunished: Dealing with the Press, Litigation, and Investigations in the Aftermath of a Recall Announcement

Theodore Dorenkamp III, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Minneapolis, MN

 **Travis Jackson**, *Kids II Inc.*, Atlanta, GA

Zach Olsen, *Infinite Global*, San Francisco, CA

Cheryl A. Possenti, *Goldberg Segalla*, Buffalo, NY

James (Jim) J. Walter, *Rancho Palos Verdes*, CA

Toying with Information: What Manufacturers and Other Companies Should Do to Protect Against Data Breaches with More Toys and Consumer Products Using Internet Connectivity and Data Collection

Shelley G. Hurwitz, *Holland & Knight LLP*, Los Angeles, CA

Ryan Mrazik, *Perkins Coie LLP*, Seattle, WA

■ **ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY**

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E-Discovery Issues Arising from the Internet of Things

H. Michael O’Brien, *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP*, White Plains, NY

Proportionality in Discovery: Methods to Minimize ESI Costs Following the 2015 Amendments to the FRCP

 **Marie-Claude Simard**, *Bombardier Recreational Products*, Valcourt, QC

NETWORKING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 7

7:30 p.m. | **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

7:30 p.m. | **Young Lawyers Dinner** | Join leaders, colleagues, and friends from the Young Lawyers Committee for a no-host networking dinner at Scarpetta. For more information contact Daniel Kain at daniel.kain@littletonjoyce.com or Brannon Arnold at barnold@whgd.com.

Wednesday, February 8

12:15 p.m. | **SLG Lunch Arouns** | Join SLG Leaders, colleagues, and friends at selected restaurants for a no-host lunch. More details on-site.

12:15 p.m. | **Women in the Law Lunch** | Join colleagues and friends from the Women in the Law Committee at the Wicked Spoon restaurant within the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas hotel. For more information or to sign-up please contact Heather Bub at hbub@salawus.com or Marie Chafe at mchafe@cornellgollub.com.

7:45 p.m. | **SLG Dine-Arounds** | Join SLG Leaders, colleagues, and friends at selected restaurants for a no-host dinner. More details on-site.

Thursday, February 9

12:00 p.m. | **Diversity and Inclusion Lunch** | Join colleagues and friends from the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for a no-host lunch at a nearby restaurant. For more information please contact

Enjolique D. Aytch at enjolique.aytch@akerman.com or Derrick Haddox at dhaddox@smbtrials.com.

5:30 p.m. | **Blue Zone Activity** | Exercise and regenerate when you join committee leaders, fellow attendees, colleagues, and friends for a short walk or run outside the hotel. For more details please contact Bob Love at rlove@blg.com.

9:30 p.m.–11:30 p.m. | **Brooklyn Bowl Networking Bash** | Join friends and colleagues at the DRI Product Liability Committee Annual Networking bash at the famed Las Vegas hot spot, Brooklyn Bowl. Named “one of the most incredible places on earth” by *Rolling Stone*, Brooklyn Bowl is a truly unforgettable experience, with alluring beats, eclectic eats, bang-up bowling (purely optional), and open bar. Located on the strip at the Inq Hotel Promenade, walking distance from The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas. Don’t miss the fun, purchase your ticket today by checking the box on the registration form. **Ticket cost: \$40 per ticket** (includes food, beverages, bowling lanes and shoe rental).

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