

## **Anapol Schwartz Attorneys Hold CLE Course on “Vaccine Litigation for Non-Vaccine Lawyers”**

**PHILADELPHIA – July 21, 2010** – [Lawrence R. Cohan](#), shareholder with [Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman & Smalley, P.C.](#), and [Melissa Hague](#), an associate with the firm, recently presented a course for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education on “Vaccine Litigation for Non-Vaccine Lawyers.” The course was designed to give attorneys who do not currently handle vaccine litigation the tools they need to start pursuing cases. Cohan has been litigating vaccine injury cases for nearly 20 years. He and Hague recently filed two Gardasil vaccine complaints before the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. to seek recovery for their clients under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP).

During the course, Cohan and Hague provided an introduction to the NVICP and specific vaccines and gave an overview of the bifurcated process and how fees are handled. They also discussed case screening and intake, getting an expert on board, and the initial petition filing.

Chair of Anapol Schwartz’s toxic tort litigation department, Cohan serves as managing partner and senior trial counsel for the firm’s Cherry Hill, N.J. office. He concentrates his practice in [toxic torts](#) (including asbestos, chemicals and other dangerous products), pharmaceutical liability, vaccine-related injuries, medical malpractice, products liability, and complex personal injury matters. Cohan is a graduate of Boston University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1976) and The University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 1979).

Melissa Hague focuses her practice in mass torts, products liability, class actions, medical malpractice, premises liability, dram shop and other personal injury matters. She earned her undergraduate degree from St. Joseph’s University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2003) and her law degree from Widener University School of Law (J.D., 2006), where she was a graduate of the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.

Founded in 1977, Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman & Smalley, P.C., is a civil justice firm with more than 25 attorneys and [law offices in Philadelphia, Media, Reading and Harrisburg, Pa., Cherry Hill, N.J., and Wheeling, W.Va.](#) The firm has a multi-faceted practice with a tradition of excellence in medical

malpractice law, pharmaceutical mass tort, medical device matters, toxic tort, asbestos, class actions, products liability, automobile, investor claims and wrongful termination litigation.

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