

Mass Torts Judicial Forum with Judge Marina Corodemus:

Judges, Plaintiff & Defense Lawyers Discuss & Debate Hot Topics in Mass Tort Litigation

June 28, 2010 | The Hub Cira Centre at 30th Street Train Station, Philadelphia

MODERATOR: Hon. Marina Corodemus (Ret.), Corodemus & Corodemus Law, Iselin, NJ

8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast	2:45	Social Media, Juries, and the Use of the Internet-Ethical Pitfalls and Things to Avoid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New spins on trial publicity-using social medias to influence the jury-Model Rule 3.6 & 8.4 (c) and (d) • Information on Facebook, Twitter, MySpace-what must you disclose per Model Rule 3.3 & what is admissible? - Accessing this information without violating Model Rule 4.1-4.3 • Instructing the Jury on the appropriate limits of modern internet mediums in the court room - What can and can't jurors say on their personal sites about proceedings - Independent research of the case and more • Using social networking sites to research jurors-what can you ask during voir dire and what can you access ethically about the jurors • Attorney/Client privilege-how it can be compromised using Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc. Karen Barth Menzies, Esq., Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson, Newport Beach, CA <i>Additional speakers to be announced.</i>
9:00	Opening Remarks Hon. Marina Corodemus (Ret.), Corodemus & Corodemus Law, Iselin, NJ		
9:15	Motion Practice - In limine or lemonade? The bane of any mass tort Judges, the bread and butter of the litigators - the real need for so many and how to effectively handle them. Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, New York State Supreme Court, New York Hon. Carol Higbee, Presiding Judge Civil Division, Vicinage 1, Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic City, NJ Plaintiff: Thomas Anapol, Esq., Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman & Smalley, P.C., Philadelphia Defense: Russell Jackson, Esq., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York		
10:15	Discovery/Pretrial Preparation - Those Pesky Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daubert, Frye, Kemp or what you will - do you serve up the experts • A la carte or put them on the prefixed menu? • Should the court hold the hearings all ahead of the trial during the trial, have hearings on all, hearings on some or none? Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia Hon. Daniel Stack, Circuit Judge, Madison County Circuit Court, Edwardsville, IL Hon. Carol Higbee, Presiding Judge Civil Division, Vicinage 1, Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic City, NJ Plaintiff: Ellen Relkin, Esq., Weitz & Luxenberg, New York Defense: Ronni Fuchs, Esq., Dechert LLP, Princeton, NJ	3:45	Afternoon Break
		4:00	Summation Clean up or Crap Out Hon. David R. Herndon, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of IL, East St. Louis, IL Plaintiff: Richard Meadow, Esq., Lanier Law Firm, New York Defense: David Dukes, Esq., Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, Columbia, SC
		5:00	Future Shock Good, Better, Bland? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's working and what's not in the system? • What can lawyers on both sides do to improve the relationships and facilitate a better environment and more efficient system to move cases along? • What do judges want to see from lawyers in these cases? Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, New York State Supreme Court, New York Hon. David R. Herndon, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of IL, East St. Louis, IL Hon. Daniel Stack, Circuit Judge, Madison County Circuit Court, Edwardsville, IL Hon. Carol Higbee, Presiding Judge Civil Division, Vicinage 1, Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic City, NJ
11:15	Morning Break		
11:30	Proper Use of the Special Master <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule 53 and State Equivalents, Academy of Court Appointed Masters • Effective Use of Special Master - A Two Way Street Hon. Marina Corodemus (Ret.), Corodemus & Corodemus Law, Iselin, NJ Kenneth Feinberg, Esq., Feinberg and Associates, New York Hon. Richard A. Levie (Ret.), JAMS, Washington, D.C.		
12:30	Luncheon and Keynote Address Kenneth Feinberg, Esq., Feinberg and Associates, New York	5:45	Adjourn and Cocktail Reception
1:45	The Smoking Gun Witness - Crescendo or Crash Hon. Daniel Stack, Circuit Judge, Madison County Circuit Court, Edwardsville, IL Plaintiff: Christopher Seeger, Esq., Seeger Weiss LLP, New York Defense: Robert Cary, Esq., Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, DC		