

Mass Torts Committee Conference Call 12/13/2011:

Welcome to new subcommittee chairs

Aviation CLE (New York City, NY, June 7, 2012)

The New York City Bar will co-sponsor the CLE and host it at its building. The CLE will be run by the National Institute. The program will be presented as a mock trial based around a fact pattern that is being put together now.

Annual Joint CLE Seminar (Miami, FL, January 19-21, 2012)

The finishing touches have been put on the panels for the CLE seminar. The brochure went out in October. Registration numbers are trailing behind last year's registrations at the same point in time. As co-chairs, we are all expected to attend. Please encourage colleagues to register. It is in Miami, FL, on January 19-21. The committee dinner will be Thursday night, at a to-be-announced location. The committee meeting will be at 4:15 on Friday. David to find a way to post the event on the Committee's home page.

Regional Pharmaceutical/Medical Device Seminar (Philadelphia, PA, November 17, 2011)

The CLE was well-attended and well-received.

Calendar

There will be a conference call later in the month to determine how we can better utilize the calendar as a resource for committee members.

Membership/Diversity

We are in the process of setting up joint events with the Minority Trial Lawyer. A co-chair of the Minority Trial Lawyer Committee will send an email encouraging committee members to attend the Annual Joint CLE in Miami in January. Mass Tort subcommittee chairs are encouraged to meet with first-time attendees to ensure that they are introduced to committee members. We are also evaluating the possibility of cosponsoring an event in Miami with a local minority bar organization.

Toxic Torts

The toxic torts subcommittee has proposed topics for next year's chemical products CLE. In addition, the subcommittee has submitted an article for the winter newsletter. At least five subcommittee members have confirmed attendance at the Annual Joint CLE.

Pharmaceutical/Medical Device

No report.

MDL/Class Procedure

Goal is to increase membership. Subcommittee will schedule calls for the upcoming year.

Experts & Evidence

Matt Moeller is a new co-chair for the subcommittee. The subcommittee will have submissions for each of the newsletters and each of the website deadlines. The winter newsletter article will be submitted on Monday.

Content

Newsletter:

We are on track for a winter newsletter with five articles. A proposed schedule for next year's newsletter contributions has been circulated.

Website:

We have met as a subcommittee twice in the past month. There is a new Message from the Chairs on the website. A new subcommittee leadership roster will have been submitted to the ABA to be posted on the website. The program materials section of the website is dated, with no materials from 2011 programs. We will try to get those materials posted to the website soon. A new schedule for next year's website contribution responsibilities will be circulated in the next week.

Hot Topics

No report

Young Lawyers

No report