

ABA Products Liability Committee Leadership Call Minutes

Call Date: 6/3/09 (4:00 p.m. EDT)

Present on call: Dan Wittenberg, Jerry Bradford, Brian Fowler, James O'Reilly, Whitney Watt, Lara White, Monique Weiner, Brad Petersen, Joanne Gray, Andrew Pride, Penelope Dixon, Sarah Cronan, Lee Farrow

I. Committee Co-Chairs Report – Dan and Jerry – Nothing to report. Jerry expressed his appreciation and thanks for everyone's hard work and Dan echoed those sentiments.

II. Subcommittee Reports

- A. *Automotive* – Brad and Andrew – They are still working on pinning down a date for their seminar. They have some topics and speaker ideas.
- B. *Biotech* – Lee Farrow – Their seminar scheduled is for 10/14/09, in San Diego. They have narrowed the list of topics to five topic areas, and have some speakers in mind. They are working on getting an FDA representative to participate.
- C. *Chemical* – Monique and Sarah – Regional meeting set for 9/11/09 at Exxon Mobile in Houston, Texas. All panel moderators have been selected. There is a 6/15/09 deadline to fill the panels. A brochure will be circulating shortly after that. The meeting will include a cocktail party on Thursday night.
- D. *Consumer Products* – Penelope Dixon – Seminar scheduled for 9/17/09 in Washington, D.C. at Crowell & Moring. All moderators have been lined up. They are working on filling their speaker panels. Alston & Bird has agreed to co-sponsor a cocktail party the night before. A CPSC member will be on each panel except for the panel concerning litigation trends.
- E. *Corporate Counsel* – No report.
- F. *Class Action* – No report.
- G. *Food & Supplements* – Joanne – They are organizing a “Hot Topics” panel, probably in February or March of 2010. Please let Joanne know if you are considering a similar panel around that same time period.
- H. *Medical Device* – No report.
- I. *Membership* – No report.

- J. *Newsletter* – Jim O’Reilly – They are making progress on the summer issue of the newsletter. They are looking forward to using presentation materials from the various seminars in upcoming newsletters.
- K. *Pharmaceutical* –.No report. Seminar set for 12/12/09.
- L. *Website* – Brian – Please take advantage of the tools that we have available for use in disseminating information about upcoming seminars. The subcommittee schedule for website content submissions includes a submission by the Medical Device Subcommittee on 6/15/09, and submissions by the Young Lawyers and Food & Supplements on 8/1/09. Dan also encourages Brian and Richard, as well as the Newsletter Subcommittee, to coordinate with the people who run the ABA Litigation News website, and to submit content to them so that people who use that website can be linked directly to content on our website.
- M. *WIPL* – Lara – Meeting set for 10/15/09 in Chicago at Sidley Austin. All moderators are selected, and most of the panelists. The brochure is in the works.
- N. *Young Lawyers* – Whitney – They are working with the Environmental and Mass Torts Young Lawyer Subcommittees to plan the 2010 Joint CLE Young Lawyer’s breakout seminar. The theme will be “Discovery Pitfalls.” They are currently working on their list of moderators and panelists, and hope to have a Young Lawyers cocktail hour after the seminar this year.
- O. *2010 Joint CLE* – No report. Set for January 27 – 29, 2010 at the Park Hyatt in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

III. Miscellaneous – None.