



2019 Spring Conference
The Roosevelt Hotel – New Orleans, LA
May 1-3, 2019

Wednesday, May 1

- PLAC Board Meeting: 8:30am – 1:00pm
- NOLA Cooking Class (off-site): 1:15pm – 4:00pm
- Registration: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Future Leaders Meeting & PLAC 101: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- Future Leaders/Women’s Networking Reception: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- PLAC Reception: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Dine-Arounds: 7:30pm – 10:00pm

Thursday, May 2

- Registration: 7:30am – 5:00pm
- Continental Breakfast: 7:30am – 8:30am
- PLAC General Session: 8:30am – 3:00pm
- Action Groups: 3:15pm – 5:15pm
- PLAC Reception: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Dine-Arounds: 7:00pm – 10:00pm
- PLAC After Party: 9:00pm – 11:00pm

Friday, May 3

- Continental Breakfast: 7:30am – 8:30am
- Programming Committee Breakfast Meeting: 7:30am – 8:30am
- PLAC General Session: 8:30am – 11:00am
- Ethics Presentation: 11:00am – Noon

Confirmed Topics

Corporate Risk Panel Discussion

[Nicole Nice](#) – Mars, Incorporated

[Sally Brammel](#) – Pax Labs, Inc.

Beth Hill – Ford Direct

Tim Smith – Polaris

Michael Del Negro – GE Appliances

Moderator: [Phillipa Ellis](#) – Owen, Gleaton, Egan, Jones & Sweeney, LLP

Regulatory Update – Rapid Fire

[Joe Mohorovic](#) – Troutman Sanders LLP (CPSC, Former Commissioner)

[Erika Jones](#) – Mayer Brown LLP (NHTSA)

[Nancy Taylor](#) – Greenberg Traurig, LLP (FDA)

Moderator: [Liz McNulty](#) – Taylor Anderson LLP

Is Crisis the New Normal? Crisis Communications in a Hyperconnected World

[Karen Doyne](#) – Burson Cohn & Wolfe

Data Analytics & Litigation

[Owen Byrd](#) – Lex Machina

The Illusory Validity of Articles published in Scientific Journals

[Frank Woodside, MD, JD](#) – Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

[Rick Reiss, PhD](#) – Exponent

MDL Process Continuing to Accomplish Its Intent and Are Changes to MDL Processes and Procedures Needed

[Judge Eldon Fallon](#) – Eastern District of Louisiana

Moderator: [Deirdre McGlinchey](#) – McGlinchey Stafford

All About Cannabis

[J. Ryan Aisin](#) – Revolutionary Farms

[Ben Schulte](#) – TGS Global, LLC (invited)

Moderator: [James Rotondo](#) – Day Pitney LLP

Asia Pacific Litigation Update

[Junichi Ikeda](#) – Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu

Appellate Update: Pre-Emption

[John P. Lavelle, Jr.](#) – Morgan Lewis

Ethics Presentation

[N. Gregory Smith](#) – Professional Ethics Professor of Law, Louisiana State University

Other Information

PLAC has a room block at [The Roosevelt Hotel](#) – you can book your reservations online by clicking [here](#), or you can call the hotel at (800) 925-3673 or (504) 648-1200 and mention the code “PLA” to take advantage of our discounted room rate of \$299/night.

Please check the [Spring 2019 Conference website](#) for more information including registration, attendee information, and signups for dine-arounds and other activities.

*****Please note that this conference falls over the dates of Jazz Fest in New Orleans, so be sure to book your travel, hotel, and dinner reservations as early as possible.*****

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