



PLAC 2019 SPRING CONFERENCE

May 1-3 – New Orleans, LA

Wednesday, May 1

- 8:00am – 1:00pm **GOLF OUTING** (*sign up required – start time to be confirmed*)
- 9:00am – 1:00pm **PLAC BOD MEETING**
- Noon – 5:00pm **REGISTRATION**
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm **FUTURE LEADERS PANEL & PLAC 101**
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm **COOKING SCHOOL** (*sign up required*)
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm **WOMEN’S & FUTURE LEADERS RECEPTION**
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm **WELCOME RECEPTION**
- 7:00pm – 10:00pm **DINE-AROUNDS** (*sign up required*)

Thursday, May 2

- 7:30am – 5:00pm **REGISTRATION**
- 7:30am – 8:30am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:30am – 8:45am **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**
- Angela A. Meyer, Ph.D., P.E.
President & CEO
PLAC
- Deirdre C. McGlinchey, Esq.
McGlinchey Stafford PLLC
- 8:45am – 9:30am **IS CRISIS THE NEW NORMAL? CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS IN A HYPER-CONNECTED WORLD**
- Karen L. Doyne
Executive Vice President, Managing Director & US Crisis Lead
Burson Cohn & Wolfe
- 9:35am – 10:20am **MDL PROCESS CONTINUING TO ACCOMPLISH ITS INTENT AND ARE CHANGES TO MDL PROCESS AND PROCEDURES NEEDED**
- The Honorable Eldon E. Fallon
US District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Deirdre C. McGlinchey, Esq.
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10:20am – 10:40am **BREAK**

10:45am – 11:30am **REGULATORY UPDATE**

Matthew H. Marmolejo, Esq. (NHTSA)
Mayer Brown LLP

Timothy L. Mullin, Jr., Esq. (CPSC)
Miles & Stockbridge P.C.

Nancy E. Taylor, Esq. (FDA)
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Elizabeth V. McNulty, Esq. – Moderator
Taylor Anderson LLP

11:30am – Noon **APPELLATE UPDATE: PRE-EMPTION**

John P. Lavelle, Jr., Esq.
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Noon – 1:15pm **LUNCH**

1:15pm – 2:15pm **IN-HOUSE RISK PANEL**

Sally Brammel, Esq.
Chief Litigation Counsel
PAX Labs, Inc.

Michael Del Negro, Esq.
GE Appliances

Beth Hill, Esq.
General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer
Ford Direct

Nicole Nice, Esq.
Assistant General Counsel - Food Law, Americas
Mars, Incorporated

Timothy C. Smith, Esq.
Senior Associate General Counsel - Product Safety
Polaris Industries, Inc.

Phillipa V. Ellis, Esq. – Moderator
Owen, Gleaton, Egan, Jones & Sweeney, LLP

2:15pm – 3:00pm **ALL ABOUT CANNABIS**

G. Ryan Ansin
Co-Founder and Managing Director
Revolutionary Clinics

Eric Kirkland, Esq.
Kirkland Law

Ryan P. Sullivan, Esq.
BIC Corporation

James H. Rotondo, Esq. – Moderator
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3:00pm – 3:15pm **BREAK**

3:15pm – 5:00pm **BREAKOUTS**

A. Autonomous Products – Transformation in Transportation

ADAS Update

Thomas P. Branigan, Esq.
Bowman and Brooke LLP

Erinn D. DePorre, Esq.
General Motors LLC

The Regulatory Environment for Autonomous Vehicles

Steven R. Kramer, Esq.
Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott

Professor Nicholas J. Wittner, J.D.
Professor of Law in Residence
College of Law, Michigan State University

Dennis Ziemba, Esq.
Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott

When is an Autonomous Vehicle Safe Enough to Release for Sale or for Use?

Dale G. Markland, Esq.
Markland Hanley

B. Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals

Medical Devices

Chris Harvey
Director of Recall Solutions
Stericycle ExpertSOLUTIONS
Steven G.A. Meyers, Esq.
Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC

Richard Underwood, Ph.D, CEng, P.E.
Exponent

Hot Topics in Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation

Megan L. Pizor, Esq.
Executive Project Director
Litigation Management, Inc.

Daniel I.A. Smulian, Esq.
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

C. International Issues – Asia

Junichi Ikeda, Esq.
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu

Philip Quaranta, Esq.
*Mazak Corporation, represented by
Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP*

Kelli J. Stallard, Esq.
Hall & Wilcox

6:00pm – 7:00pm **RECEPTION**
6:30pm – 10:00pm **DINE-AROUNDS** (*sign up required*)
9:00 pm – 11:00pm **PLAC NIGHTCAP** (*drinks & dessert*)

Friday, May 3

- 8:00am – Noon **REGISTRATION**
- 8:00am – 8:45am **PROGRAM COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETING**
- 8:00am – 9:00am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 9:00am – 9:45am **THE ILLUSORY VALIDITY OF ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**
- Richard Reiss, Sc.D.
Exponent
- Frank C. Woodside III, M.D., J.D.
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
- 9:45am – 10:30am **DATA ANALYTICS IN LITIGATION**
- Owen Byrd, Esq.
Chief Evangelist & General Counsel
Lex Machina
- 10:30am – 10:45am **BREAK**
- 10:45am – Noon **LEGAL ETHICS: LESSONS FROM THE RECENT PAST**
- Professor N. Gregory Smith, J.D.
Professional Ethics Professor of Law and
G. Frank & Winston Purvis Professor of Law
Paul M. Herbert Law Center, Louisiana State University