# PLAC 2023 SPRING CONFERENCE

## THE FAIRMONT – CHICAGO, IL  APRIL 26-28, 2023

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

**11:00am – 5:00pm**
Registration

**12:00pm – 2:00pm**
Chicago Deep Dish Pizza (*register using the Dine Around link*)

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**
Architectural Boat Tour (*separate registration required*)

**4:30pm – 5:30pm**
Women's Forum

**5:30pm – 7:00pm**
Welcome Reception

**7:00pm**
Dine-Arounds (*reservation times vary – sign up required*)
Baseball Game at Wrigley Field (*limited seats - separate registration required*)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

**7:30am – 5:00pm**
Registration

**7:30am – 8:30am**
Continental Breakfast

**7:30am – 8:25am**
HLTh Group Breakfast Meeting

**8:30am – 8:35am**
Welcome

**8:35am – 9:35am**
**Beyond the Acronym – The Strength of Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Legal Teams: Foundational for Powerhouse In-House Legal Departments and Outside Counsel**

**Scholastica N. S. Baker, Esq.**
Senior Counsel | Director, Commercial Litigation
*McDonald's Corporation*

**Sahr A. M. Brima, Esq.**
Associate General Counsel, Legal Innovation
*Nike, Inc.*

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*Ford Motor Company*

Kaitlyn E. Stone, Esq. – Moderator
*Barnes & Thornburg LLP*

**9:45am – 10:15am**
**A Quick Primer on Litigation Related to Illinois's Biometric Information Privacy Act or BIPA**

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

**10:15am – 10:30am**
Break

**10:30am – 11:15am**
**Modern Product Liability – The Wave of Change Sweeping Europe and How it is Altering the Risk Landscape for International Product Manufacturers**

Rodney J. Freeman, Esq.
*Cooley (UK) LLP*

**11:15am – 12:15pm**
**Class Actions in 2023: Plaintiffs' Trends and the Defense Toolbox**

Joel A. Dewey, Esq.
*Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, & Berkowitz, PC*

Stephanie Douglas, Esq.
*Bush Seyferth PLLC*

Kyle D. Sandefur, Esq.
Counsel
*Ford Motor Company*

**12:15pm – 1:30pm**
Lunch

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**
**Current Trends in Product Recalls and Litigation: An Expert's Perspective**

Abid Kemal, Ph.D., CFEI, CVFI
Principal & Practice Director – Thermal Sciences
*Exponent*

**2:30pm – 3:15pm**
**Handling Vocational Experts – Life Care Planning**

**Paul E. Benson, Esq.**
*Michael Best & Friedrich LLP*

**Michael Fryar, M.S., CCM, CLCP, CRC, RN, QRP**
*InQuis Global, LLC*

**Steve Yuhas, M.Ed., CBIS, CCM, CLCP, CRC, NCC**
President
*InQuis Global, LLC*

**3:15pm – 3:30pm**
Break

**3:30pm – 4:00pm**
**Preserving Issues for Appeal**

**Robert A. Brundage, Esq.**
*Bowman & Brooke LLP*

**4:00pm – 5:00pm**
***Amicus Program - 2022 Year in Review:*** **Hot Topics, Developments and Emerging Issues**

**Paul Alarcón, Esq.**
*Bowman & Brooke LLP*

**James Beck, Esq.**
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**6:00pm – 7:00pm**
Reception

**7:00pm**
Dine-Arounds (*reservation times vary – sign up required*)

**7:00pm**
Dinner & a Show at Second City
(*limited seats – separate registration required*)

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**8:15 am – 9:15am**
Continental Breakfast

**8:15am – 9:10am**
CASE Mobility Group Breakfast Meeting

**9:15am – 10:00am**
**Act Now: Don't Wait Until December to Rely On the Rule 702 Amendment**

Matthew Hundley, Esq.
*Moran Reeves & Conn PC*

Lee Mickus, Esq.
*Evans Fears & Schuttert, LLP*

**10:00am – 10:45am**
**The Trilogy of Personal Jurisdiction And the Importance of Ford**

Michaela L. Cloutier, Esq.
*Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC*

Jonathan M. Hoffman, Esq.
*MB Law Group LLP*

Jason A. Proctor, Esq.
*Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC*

**10:45am – 11:00am**
Break

**11:00am – Noon**
**Social Media for Lawyers: Avoiding the Ethical and Professional Pitfalls**

Francisco "Frank" Ramos, Jr., Esq.
*Clarke Silvergate, P.A.*

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