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34th Annual EECMA Conference

Loews Portofino Hotel and Conference Center, Orlando, Florida
May 1 – May 3, 2019

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, May 1:

Registration and Dinner in Harbor Piazza

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Registration & Name Tags

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Welcome Reception and Dinner

Hosted Wine & Beer Bar from 6:30pm to 8pm
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8:00pm - 8:30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Thursday, May 2:

General Session in Venetian Rooms IV and V
Sponsor Hall in Venetian Rooms I- III

7:00 - 8:00am

BREAKFAST in Citrus Piazza

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8:00 – 8:15am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Gregory Kelder, Esq., President of EECMA
Vice President Environmental Division, Great American Insurance Group,
Exton, PA*

8:15 – 8:45am

Emerging Coverage Trends: Highlights Over the Last Year

Laura Foggan, Esq., Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC

- 8:45 – 9:30am **State of Emergency: How California Wildfires Burn the Whole Country**
Erin K. Poppler, Esq. and Lisa M. Stevenson, Esq., Bassi Edlin Huie & Blum, San Francisco, CA
Ryan Stifter, Economist, ROUX Associates, San Francisco, CA
- 9:30 – 9:45am **BREAK, Coffee in Sponsor Hall**
- 9:45 – 10:45am **Fallout from the Monsanto Glyphosate Verdict: Present and Future Impact of Roundup's Health Risks, Litigation, and Coverage Issues**
Jeniffer A.P. Carson, Esq. and Michaela Lancer, Esq., CMBG3 Law, Boston, MA
Kathleen Olear, Esq., Markel Insurance, Red Bank, NJ
Tara Darbyshire, Holistic Nutritionist
Richard Ranieri, Esq., Weber Gallagher, Warren, NJ
- 10:45 – 11:30am **Should We Be Afraid? Dissecting Fear at Trial by Focusing on Science and Causation**
Christopher S. Kozak, Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford, Newark, NJ
Marygrace Schaeffer, DecisionQuest, Minneapolis, MN
Anissa M. Mediger, Briggs and Morgan, Minneapolis, MN
- 11:30 – 12:00pm **Insurance Coverage Issues Arising From the Opioid Crisis**
Lisa Simon, Esq., CPCU, Vice President, Swiss Reinsurance, Armonk, NY
Paul White, Esq., Wilson Elser, Los Angeles, CA
- 12:00 – 1:15pm **LUNCH in Citrus Piazza**
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- 1:15 – 2:00pm **Drycleaner Litigation: Pay Now or Pay Later**
Eleanor Barr, Esq., Barr Mediation, Los Angeles, CA
Tom Vandenburg, Esq., Wood Smith Henning & Berman, Los Angeles, CA
Elizabeth Brockman, Esq., Selman Breitman, Los Angeles, CA
Alborz Wozniak, P.E., BCEE, Veritas Environmental Consulting, Pleasant Hill, CA
- 2:00 – 2:30pm **Environmental Risks of Oil & Gas Transport via Pipelines, Motor, Railways, Storage Facilities, Port Operations, and Marine**
Michael Diggin, Esq., CPCU, Vice President, Swiss Re, Armonk, NY
Phil Watters, Senior Vice President, Rimkus Consulting Group, Houston, TX
- 2:30 – 3:15pm **PFAS 2.0/Poly & Perfluoralkyl Substances: Looming Litigation and Associated Claims**
Dr. Lydia Dorrance, PhD, Roux Associates, San Francisco, CA
George Buermann, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, NY, NY
Joseph Welter, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, Buffalo, NY
- 3:15 – 3:30pm **BREAK, Coffee in Sponsor Hall**
- 3:30 – 4:15pm **Water-Related Concerns: Claim Handling and Coverage Issues Involving Mold, Lead Contamination, PFAS, and Clean Water Act**
Melissa Anderson, AXIS Insurance Company, Berkeley Heights, NJ
Brian Margolies, Esq., Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury, Hawthorne, NY
Dawn Krigstin, Chief Executive Officer, Envoy Specialty, NY, NY

- 4:15 – 5:00pm **Environmental Project Failures: Why Site Remediation Projects Go Over Budget, Take Longer, and Often Fail**
Chip D’Angelo, President, WCD Group, Pennington, NJ
Sara Brothers, Divisional Vice President, Technical Support, Great American Insurance Group, Environmental Division, NY, NY
- 5:00 - 6:00pm **Hosted Wine & Beer Reception, Outside of Meeting Room**
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DINNER on your own
- Friday, May 3:** **General Session in Venetian Rooms IV and V**
Sponsor Hall in Venetian Rooms I- III
- 7:00 - 8:00am **BREAKFAST in Citrus Piazza**
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- 8:00 - 8:45am **The Evolution and Future of Food Flavoring Litigation**
Scott Pfeiffer, Esq., Cray Huber Horstman Heil & VanAusdal, Chicago, IL
Jacob Plattenberger, Esq., TorHoermanLaw, Chicago, IL
Dr. Howard Sandler, M.D., Sandler Occupational Medicine Associates, Melville, NY
- 8:45 – 9:30am **Emerging Regulatory Issues with Petroleum Hydrocarbons: Likely Changes to Site Investigation and Remediation Requirements**
Elisa R. Rombach, Esq., Supervisor, Environmental Claims, Philadelphia Insurance Companies, Bala Cynwyd, PA
Dr. Robert Scofield, Principal Toxicologist and Vice President, GSI Environmental, Irvine, CA
Timothy Wood, Principal Geologist, GSI Environmental, Irvine, CA
Michael Gallagher, Esq., Bassi Edlin Huie & Blum, Los Angeles, CA
- 9:30 – 10:00am **The Kids Aren’t Alright: Climate Change and The Impact of *Juliana v United States***
Lind Stapley, Esq., Soha & Lang, Seattle, WA
Gregory Kelder, Esq., Divisional Vice President, Great American Insurance Group, Environmental Division, Exton, PA
- 10:00 – 10:15am **BREAK, Coffee in Sponsor Hall**
- 10:15 – 11:00am **New Frontiers in Citizen Air Monitoring Data and Crowdsourcing: Federal and State Developments**
Bina Reddy, Esq. and David Weber, Esq., Beveridge & Diamond, Seattle, WA
Dr. Julia Luongo, Ramboll Air Quality/Founder at SHAIR, San Francisco, CA
- 11:00 – 11:45am **Insurance Implications of New Underground Storage Tank Regulations**
Scott Green, Director, First Environment, NY, NY
Susan Morrison, Executive Claims Specialist, Crum & Forster Insurance
- 11:45 – 12:00pm **BREAK, Coffee in Sponsor Hall**
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12:00 – 12:45pm

Persistent Claims and Coverage Issues: What Have We Learned?

Patrick Perry, Assistant Vice President Claims, Argo Group US, St. Louis, MO
Jayne Cunningham, Environmental Focus Group Leader, Specialty Lines, Beazley Group
Peter J. Mintzer, Partner, Selman Breitman, Seattle, WA
Kristien V. Webber, Assistant Vice President, The Vertex Companies, Weymouth, MA

12:45 – 1:15pm

Silica Respiratory Risks: Assessment and Management of Claims

Daniel Engling, Director of Industrial Hygiene Services, Keramida, Noblesville, IN

1:15 - 1:30pm

Wrap Up and Farewell

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