

Benzene Litigation Audiocast

November 18, 2009, 1:00 PM ET-5:30 PM ET

- 1:00 The Next Generation: New Products and Looming Liability**
- What is hydroquinone and why is it important?
 - Cosmetics, film developer, and other products containing hydroquinone
 - Why hydroquinone is banned in Europe but not domestically
 - Other end-user consumer products that may pose risks to users
 - Does benzene in the air we breathe cause leukemia in the general population?
- Gregory Coolidge, Esq., Metzger Law Group, Long Beach, CA**
James Scadden, Esq., Gordon & Rees, LLP, San Francisco
Allen Lockerman, IV, Esq., Hawkins & Parnell, LLP, Atlanta
- 1:55 Questions and Answers**
- 2:05 Causation Evidence and the Different Types of Diseases**
- New studies regarding benzene and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
 - The relationship between benzene and multiple myeloma
 - Manufacturing doubt: industry's suppression of studies showing a relationship between benzene and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and multiple myeloma
 - Satisfying Daubert, Frye, and other admissibility standards with the studies
- James Dahlgren, M.D., Envirototoxicology, Santa Monica, CA**
Howard Sandler, M.D., President, Sandler Occupational Medicine Associates, Inc., Melville, NY
- 2:50 Questions and Answers**
- 3:00 Afternoon Break**
- 3:15 Working With the Jury: Strategy and Procedures**
- Strategies for working with jury consultants
 - Methods and models for presenting complicated evidence and when to use them
 - How to demystify the science
 - Tips and strategies for opening and closing statements
- Richard Gabriel, President, Decision Analysis Inc., Los Angeles**
Edward Slaughter, Esq., Hawkins, Parnell & Thackston, LLP, Dallas
Herschel Hobson, Esq., Ph.D., Law Offices of Herschel L. Hobson, Beaumont, TX
Tammy Metzger, M.A., J.D., President, JuriSense, LLC, Seal Beach, CA
- 4:15 Questions and Answers**
- 4:20 Mock Session: Preliminary Hearing of Expert Testimony at Trial**
This mock session will address various issues, including but not limited to:
- Expert qualifications
 - Types of data on which experts rely
 - Expert data evaluation and conclusions
 - Daubert, Frye and science
- Hon. Ken Kawaichi (Ret.), JAMS, Walnut Creek, CA**
James Riley, Jr., Esq., Coats Rose Yale Ryman & Lee, Houston
Amanda Hawes, Esq., Alexander Hawes, LLP, San Jose, CA
David Galbraith, M.D., ChemRisk, San Francisco
- 5:20 Questions and Answers**
- 5:30 Adjourn**

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