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## THE PRODUCT LIABILITY CONFERENCE



**February 26-27, 2015**  
**The James Royal Palm**  
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# Program Agenda – The Product Liability Conference

Thursday, February 26, 2015

## 8:00 AM – Registration

## 8:30 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks

**Edwin S. Gault, Esq.**, Forman Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP, Jackson, MS

**Steven A. Hart, Esq.**, Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL

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## 8:45 AM – National Overview & Outlook on Product Liability Trends/Cases/Verdicts

**Steven A. Hart, Esq.**, Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd., Chicago, IL

**Theodore J. Leopold, Esq.**, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

**Peter Kelso**, Manager, Bates White Economic Consulting, Washington, DC

**Jan E. Simonsen, Esq.**, Carr Maloney, P.C., Washington, DC

**Gabriel S. Slominski**, Director of Specialty Claims, First Mercury Insurance Company, Chicago, IL

## 9:45 AM – What are Jury Consultants Focused on in Large Products Cases?

**Jack J. Delany, III, Esq.**, Delany McBride, Philadelphia, PA

**Jason J. Irvin, Esq.**, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young, LLP, Dallas, TX

**Michael F. Merlo**, Managing Director, F T I Consulting, New York, NY

**Harvey A. Moore, Ph.D.**, Harvey Moore & Associates, Inc., Tampa, FL

## 10:45 AM – Break (*Sponsored by: CED Technologies Inc.*)

## 11:00 AM – Reptile Theory in Product Liability Cases

**Bill Kanasky, Ph.D.**, Vice President, Courtroom Sciences, Inc., Chicago, IL

**Theodore J. Leopold, Esq.**, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

**R. Scott Masterson, Esq.**, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Atlanta, GA

**Eric V. Skelly, Esq.**, Manion Gaynor & Manning LLP, Boston, MA

## 12:00 PM – Lunch

## 1:00 PM – Update on Automotive Liability and the Latest Claims

- Unintended acceleration
- Airbags
- Ignition switch
- Tires

**Kevin R. Dean, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Douglas E. Horelick, Esq.**, Thornton, Davis & Fein, P.A., Miami, FL

**Leslie M. Kroeger, Esq.**, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

**Michele R. Sowers, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell LLP, St. Louis, MO

## **2:00 PM – The Judicial Perspective- Discussion of Recent Verdicts in Product Liability Cases**

**Moderator: Stuart L. Cohen, Esq.**, Bennett Aiello & Cohen, Miami, FL

**Judge Spencer Eig**, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL

**Judge Norma S. Lindsey**, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL

**Judge Peter R. Lopez**, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL

**Judge David M. Medina**, Texas Supreme Court Justice (Ret.), The Medina Law Firm, Houston, TX

**Judge Bronwyn C. Miller**, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, Miami, FL

**Judge Jeffrey E. Streitfeld**, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida (Ret.), Fort Lauderdale, FL

## **2:45 PM – Break**

## **3:00 PM – Insurance Recovery Consideration in Product Liability Context**

- Keeping insurers informed
- New claims or new facts
- Insurer guidelines
- Settlement considerations
- Attorney-client privilege

**James Dorion**, Managing Director, Marsh Risk Consulting, Chicago, IL

**Brian T. Himmel, Esq.**, Reed Smith LLP, Pittsburgh, PA

**Michael H. Sampson, Esq.**, Reed Smith LLP, Pittsburgh, PA

## **3:45 PM – In-House Counsel and Insurance Perspectives Roundtable**

**Moderator: Edwin S. Gault, Esq.**, Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP, Jackson, MS

**Brian DeSoto**, Divisional Senior Vice President, Great American Insurance Group, Cincinnati, OH

**Tammy Fanning**, Deputy General Counsel- Product Liability, Continental, Fort Mill, SC

**L. Michelle Gessner**, Vice President Litigation & Compliance, Big Lots Stores, Columbus, OH

**Neil A. Huber**, AIC Vice President, Chubb & Son, Warren, NJ

**Shaka Johnson**, Legal Director, Law Department, Sony Electronics Inc., San Diego, CA

**Pamela Pettus**, Director of Claims and Insurance Litigation, BFC Financial Corporation - Risk Management, Boca Raton, FL

## **4:45 PM – Adjourn**

## **4:45 PM - 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception**

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*Friday, February 27, 2015*

## **9:00 AM – The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Regulatory Panel**

**Victor Diaz, Esq.**, VM Diaz & Partners, LLC, Miami Beach, FL

**Stephen McGonegal**, Econometrica, Inc., Bethesda, MD

**Alicia Trinley**, Assistant General Counsel, Litigation, Office Depot, Inc., Boca Raton, FL

### **10:00 AM – Mediating Product Liability Cases**

**John J. Kennealy**, ARM, Director- Strategic Claim Oversight, CNA, Chicago, IL

**Rodney A. Max, Esq.**, Principal, Upchurch Watson White & Max, Miami, FL

**Pamela Pettus**, Director of Claims and Insurance Litigation, BFC Financial Corporation - Risk Management, Boca Raton, FL

**Todd A. Romano, Esq.**, Romano Law Group, Lake Worth, FL

### **11:00 AM – Break**

### **11:15 AM – Ethical Considerations in Product Liability Litigation**

**Tammy Fanning**, Deputy General Counsel- Product Liability, Continental, Fort Mill, SC

**Daniel S. Liebowitz, Esq.**, Cruser & Mitchell LLP, Orlando, FL

**Eric G. Reeves, Esq.**, Moran Reeves & Conn PC, Richmond, VA

**Fred Thompson, III, Esq.**, Motley Rice LLC, Mt. Pleasant, SC

### **12:15 PM – Adjourn**

*\*Speaker and Agenda are subject to change.*

Conference details and additional information are located on the following page.

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