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## REASONS TO ATTEND

- Hear both sides of the debate on causation and the chrysotile defense from nationally recognized physicians
- Point/counterpoint on dose and allegedly dangerous products from industrial hygiene experts
- Learn about the anticipated tidal wave of foreign litigants and the accompanying choice-of-law issues
- Stay current on litigation, legislation, medical defenses, plaintiff bar strategies and Medicare requirements
- Refresh your knowledge on the basics of asbestos litigation defense

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DRI's Asbestos Medicine Seminar informs in-house counsel, litigators and claims managers alike on the latest developments in the medical, scientific and legal community for immediate use in defending asbestos cases. Presentations by physicians, scientists, industrial hygienists, psychologists and trial attorneys provide invaluable information to those in the trenches and in the corporate world. You will learn how to evaluate strategies, counter plaintiff's counsel's arguments and experts, and develop the best defense for your company or client. This annual conference is *the* place to acquire the newest tools in asbestos litigation defense. We look forward to having you join us in San Diego this November!



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### **What You Will Learn**

- When to use a fiber burden study
- Which products are deemed dangerous by some experts
- How to defend your client using historical evidence of the Navy's knowledge of the dangers of asbestos
- Methods for proving exposures to bankrupt companies' products to have their shares counted
- What can be done about the tidal wave of foreign litigants
- Effective cross-examination of experts on "every fiber counts" and fiber drift theories



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, November 10, 2010

6:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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### Thursday, November 11, 2010

**Boarding Pass Kiosk**

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7:30 a.m. **Registration**

7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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7:00 a.m. **First-Time Attendees Breakfast**

8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

**Paul M. Lavelle**, *Beirne Maynard & Parsons LLP*,  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Evelyn Fletcher Davis**, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

**David A. Speziali**, *Speziali Greenwald & Hawkins PC*, Williamstown, New Jersey

8:25 a.m. **Your Way, My Way and the Navy Way**

Learn to use the National Archives as a resource for effective cross-examination of Navy experts.

**Bobbie R. Bailey**, *Howard Rome Martin & Ridley LLP*, Redwood City, California

9:20 a.m. **Research Techniques for Making the Most of Your Case**

Techniques such as the use of investigators, the Internet, FOIA requests, historical records and other creative approaches will be explored.

**Elizabeth Runyan Geise**, *Goodwin Procter LLP*, Washington, D.C.

10:15 a.m. **The Elephant in the Room: Bankrupt Trusts**  
Procedural traps: learn how to work around them and get the bankrupt shares before the jury.

**R. Thomas Radcliffe, Jr.**, *DeHay & Elliston LLP*, Baltimore, Maryland

11:10 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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11:30 a.m. **Disproving Plaintiff's Exposure: Sequencing on Land and Sea**

Ms. Loftis will use construction staging to disprove plaintiff's claims of exposure from working in close proximity to drywallers or other trades.

**Jeanne F. Loftis**, *Bullivant Houser Bailey PC*, Portland, Oregon

12:25 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

1:45 p.m. **Post-1966 Exposure, Continuing Duty to Warn, State of the Art**

Gain insight into defending the company that plaintiffs will say should have known about the dangers but didn't.

**David A. Speziali**, *Speziali Greenwald & Hawkins PC*, Williamstown, New Jersey

2:35 p.m. **Defending Claims of Foreign Litigants**

From Mexico and Canada to Saudi Arabia and Iran, this presentation will cover the anticipated tidal wave and choice of law issues.

**Matthew K. Ashby**, *McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP*, Los Angeles, California

3:30 p.m. **Asbestos MythBusters: Debunking the False and Exaggerated Claims in Plaintiff's Opening Statements**

Turn plaintiff's counsel's trash into treasure: use openings to put plaintiffs on the defensive and claim the moral high ground.

**Lawrence G. Cetrulo**, *Cetrulo & Capone LLP*, Boston, Massachusetts

4:15 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

(All breakout sessions are limited to defense lawyers and their clients only. Plaintiffs' lawyers are invited to meet elsewhere on their own.)

- 4:30 p.m. **Breakout A: Asbestos Medicine 101—Fiber Types, Causation, Expert Selection and Preparation** (50 minutes)
- Moderator**  
**Timothy L. Krippner**, *Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.*, Chicago, Illinois
- Panelists**  
**Gail C. Jenkins**, *Jackson Jenkins Renstrom LLP*, Beaumont, Texas  
**Mark D. Sayre**, *Valorem Law Group LLC*, Chicago, Illinois
- 4:30 p.m. **Breakout B: Defense Verdicts and Helpful Appellate Opinions in 2009–2010** (50 minutes)
- Moderator**  
**H. Lane Young II**, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia
- Panelists**  
**Thomas J. Burns**, *O'Connell Tivin Miller & Burns LLC*, Chicago, Illinois  
**John B. Manning**, *Cooley Manion Jones LLP*, Boston, Massachusetts
- 4:30 p.m. **Breakout C: MDL—Return of the Non-Malignant Cases** (50 minutes)
- Moderator**  
**John C. Canoni**, *Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman LLP*, New York, New York
- Panelists**  
**Barbara J. (Bashi) Buba**, *Wilbraham Lawler & Buba PC*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**David M. Setter**, *Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy LLP*, Denver, Colorado
- 4:30 p.m. **Breakout D: Medicare—How Plaintiffs, Clients and the Government Address Recent Developments Regarding Repayment and Reporting** (50 minutes)
- Moderator**  
**Catherine E. Goldhaber**, *Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.*, Chicago, Illinois
- Panelists**  
**Kevin E. Clark**, *Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC*, Birmingham, Alabama  
**Jennifer A. Whelan**, *McGivney & Kluger PC*, Boston, Massachusetts
- 5:20 p.m. **Breakout E: Asbestos Medicine 102—Depositions of Critically Ill Plaintiffs and How to Address Lack of Memory Issues** (50 minutes)
- Moderator**  
**Gail C. Jenkins**, *Jackson Jenkins Renstrom LLP*, Beaumont, Texas
- Panelists**  
**Catherine E. Goldhaber**, *Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.*, Chicago, Illinois  
**Charles A. Weaver III, Ph.D.**, *Baylor University*, Waco, Texas
- 5:20 p.m. **Breakout F: From Office Halls to Courtroom Walls—The Ethical Considerations and Benefits of an Integrated Approach to Team Staffing from Case Management through Trial** (50 minutes)
- Kevin E. Clark**, *Lightfoot Franklin & White LLC*, Birmingham, Alabama
- 5:20 p.m. **Breakout G: “Ban Asbestos” Legislation, Naturally Occurring Asbestos and Libby: What Do They Mean for the Litigation Scenario?** (50 minutes)
- Lori Elliott Jarvis**, *Hunton & Williams LLP*, Richmond, Virginia  
**David Craig Landin**, *Hunton & Williams LLP*, Richmond, Virginia
- 5:20 p.m. **Breakout H: Know Thy Juror: Trial Questionnaires, Voir Dire and Pretrial Strategy to Reduce Risk** (50 minutes)
- Jill M. Leibold, Ph.D.**, *Litigation Insights*, Los Angeles, California  
**Raymond H. Modesitt**, *Wilkinson Goeller Modesitt Wilkinson & Drummy LLP*, Terre Haute, Indiana



6:10 p.m. **Adjourn**

6:15 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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## Friday, November 12, 2010

**Boarding Pass Kiosk**

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7:30 a.m. **Registration**

7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:15 a.m. **Announcements**

**Evelyn Fletcher Davis**, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

8:20 a.m. **Ethics in the Asbestos World**

From workup to settlement negotiations, this session will cover the representation of “external insulation” defendants and chrysotile defendants under the same roof.

**Kurt L. Rasmussen**, *Rasmussen Willis Dickey & Moore LLC*, Kansas City, Missouri

9:20 a.m. **Every Little Bit Hurts: The Linear No-Threshold Model and Other Delights**

Dr. Hughson will discuss the linear no-threshold model versus real world dose-response and the impact of fiber type.

**William G. Hughson, M.D., Ph.D.**, *University of California, San Diego*, San Diego, California

10:05 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:25 a.m. **Plaintiff and Defense Experts Debate on Pathological Assessments**

The panel will engage in a counterpoint discussion on dose and chrysotile causation.

**Moderator**

**Albert H. Parnell**, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

**Andrew M. Churg, M.D., Ph.D.**, *University of British Columbia*, Vancouver, British Columbia

**Samuel P. Hammar, M.D.**, *Diagnostic Specialties Laboratory*, Bremerton, Washington

11:20 a.m. **Fiber Burden Studies**

Learn when to use fiber burden analysis and how to interpret the results.

**Bruce T. Bishop**, *Willcox & Savage PC*, Norfolk, Virginia

12:25 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

1:45 p.m. **Challenges to Single Fiber and Fiber Drift Theories**

An experienced litigator will offer valuable insight on the cross-examination of medical experts espousing these theories.

**Gabriel A. Jackson**, *Jackson Jenkins Renstrom LLP*, San Francisco, California

2:40 p.m. **The ABCs of Time Weighted Averages**

The use of industrial hygiene technology at trial to reduce a defendant’s exposure to background level will be discussed.

**Albert H. Parnell**, *Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

3:25 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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3:45 p.m. **Plaintiff and Defense Experts Debate on Whether Dose Matters**

Which products do the experts deem dangerous? Assessment includes brakes, gaskets, packing, plastics, joint compound and electrical components.

**William E. Longo, Ph.D.**, *Materials Analytical Services LLC*, Suwanee, Georgia

**James O. Rasmuson, Ph.D., CIH**, *Chemistry & Industrial Hygiene Inc.*, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

4:50 p.m. **Adjourn**



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*The Houstonian Hotel*, Houston, Texas
- September 23–24 **Nursing Home/ALF Litigation**  
*Swissôtel Chicago*, Chicago, IL
- September 30–October 1 **Construction Law**  
*Bellagio*, Las Vegas, NV
- October 20–24 **DRI Annual Meeting**  
*San Diego Marriott*, San Diego, CA
- November 4–5 **Fire and Casualty**  
*Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel*  
Chicago, Chicago, IL
- November 11–12 **Asbestos Medicine**  
*Hilton San Diego Bayfront*, San Diego, CA
- November 18–19 **Corporate Conduct: Emerging Sources of Criminal and Civil Liability Across Europe for Corporations and Their Directors and Officers**  
*Le Meridien*, London, ENG
- November 18–19 **Insurance Coverage and Practice**  
*Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers*, New York, NY
- November 18–19 **Best Practices for Law Firm Profitability**  
*Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers*, New York, NY

## 2011 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

- January 26–28 **Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability**  
*The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans*, New Orleans, LA
- March 10–11 **Appellate Advocacy**  
*JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes*, Orlando, FL
- March 10–11 **Medical Liability and Health Care Law**  
*Palace Hotel*, San Francisco, CA
- March 23–25 **Damages**  
*Caesars Palace*, Las Vegas, NV
- March 30–April 1 **Insurance Coverage and Claims Institute**  
*Fairmont Chicago Millenium Park*, Chicago, IL
- April 6–8 **Product Liability Conference**  
*Hilton New Orleans Riverside*, New Orleans, LA
- April 27–29 **Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Claims**  
*Boston Marriott Copley Place*, Boston, MA
- May 5–6 **Drug and Medical Device Litigation**  
*Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers*, Chicago, IL
- May 18–20 **Employment Law**  
*The Westin Kierland*, Scottsdale, AZ



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