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Benzene Litigation Conference

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October 17-18, 2005
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Phoenix
Mealey’s Benzene Litigation Conference

Hear all the scientific and medical views you need to successfully prosecute or defend your benzene cases

Flawlessly navigate your way through the most complex – yet most essential – benzene issues by attending the only conference that probes the topics at the very core of this litigation.

The fact is, other benzene conferences paint the litigation with a broad brush. With so much material to cover, you end up with little more than a general overview at the expense of in-depth focus on the key issues in the litigation.

You’ll find that in-depth focus at Mealey’s Benzene Litigation Conference. This comprehensive educational and networking event is unique in that it will take the vital medical and scientific issues in benzene litigation and put them under the microscope.

You’ll hear all the expert perspectives you need to tenaciously represent your clients or company …

• hematologists will disclose the blood diseases linked to benzene exposure
• toxicologists and epidemiologists will support or refute the medical literature on diseases related to benzene
• geneticists will probe whether certain genetic types are at greater risk from benzene exposure
• a toxicologist and an industrial hygienist will reveal whether a “safe exposure level” actually exists.

The medicine … the science … and all the other insight you need to build strong cases

With case volume on the rise, and the dollars at stake keeping pace, you need to know the strategies that are working in courtrooms across the nation – not just in the Gulf states. Mealey’s Benzene Litigation Conference will keep you one step ahead of your competition. At this advanced program, you will …

• find out “how low you can go” on exposure and still prove causation
• recognize the cases you should prosecute or defend – and those you should pass up or settle
• know the jurisdictions where quantifying exposure is mandatory – and where it isn’t
• hear manufacturing industry representatives discuss OSHA standards – and how they affect you
• get up to date on recent court rulings so you can fine-tune your tactics

Network with attorneys, medical and scientific professionals

It’s rare that you get to meet face-to-face with such a diverse group of experts – so take advantage of this opportunity to build relationships and generate new business!

Mealey’s Benzene Litigation Conference features two breakfasts, a networking luncheon, and a reception – ample opportunities for you to meet one-on-one with faculty members and discuss strategies with colleagues, clients, and prospects from throughout the country.
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Conference Chairs:

David C. Allen, Esq., is the partner in charge of the Los Angeles office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. Mr. Allen focuses on product liability and toxic tort litigation. His product liability practice has included the defense of claims of defective design and manufacturing involving automobiles, drugs, lawn mowers, continuous arc welders, tractor-trailers, diesel generators and containers of radioactive wastes. His toxic tort practice focuses on claims arising out of occupational and environmental exposure to many substances. Mr. Allen has been trial counsel for corporations in the chemical, petrochemical and other manufacturing industries. Mr. Allen earned his B.A. with honors from Providence College and his J.D. from the George Washington University.

R. Dean Hartley, Esq., is one of the founding partners of the Wheeling, West Virginia law firm of Hartley & O’Brien. He is a trial attorney with 18 years experience successfully representing injured individuals. Mr. Hartley emphasizes the representation of workers who have been injured as a result of toxic substance exposures or industrial accidents. He is specifically interested in workers exposed to solvents and the development of cancers and blood diseases. He is currently co-chairman of ATLA’s Benzene/Leukemia Litigation Group. Mr. Hartley received his B.S. from East Carolina University and his J.D. from West Virginia University’s College of Law.

Monday, October 17, 2005

8:00  Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00  Welcome & Introductory Remarks
   R. Dean Hartley, Esq., Hartley & O’Brien, Wheeling, WV
   David C. Allen, Esq., Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Los Angeles

9:15  Benzene Litigation: An Overview to Date
   • The Parties
   • The Jurisdictions
   • Theories of liability & defenses to the claims
   R. Dean Hartley, Esq., Hartley & O’Brien Wheeling, WV
   David C. Allen, Esq., Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Los Angeles

10:15 Medical Perspectives on Benzene Exposure:
   Hematology
   • The basics on blood diseases potentially linked to benzene exposure
   Speakers to be announced
11:15 Medical Perspectives on Benzene Exposure: Toxicology & Epidemiology
- A review of the medical literature supporting or refuting diseases related to benzene exposure
- How is benzene metabolized?
- Is it excreted & how can it be measured?
Speakers to be announced

12:30 Networking Luncheon

2:00 Medical Perspectives on Benzene Exposure: Genetics
- Do certain genetic types have a greater risk of susceptibility to disease from benzene exposure?
Speakers to be announced

3:00 Afternoon Break

3:15 How Low Can You Go? Measuring Exposure to Benzene
- Is there any safe exposure level?
- How are exposure levels quantified?
Stephen Petty, PE, CIH, President, EES Group, Inc., Dublin, OH
Myron A. Mehlman, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Community & Preventative Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Princeton, NJ

4:15 Networking Reception

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 State of the Art
- Who knew what & when?
- OSHA standard
- Development and history of the regulatory standards for benzene
- Development of the medicine related to benzene and health effects
Robert D. Brownson, Esq., Brownson & Ballou, PLLP, Minneapolis, MN
10:00  Morning Break

10:15  A Survey of the Law on Causation
   • Do you have to quantify exposure & if so, how?
   • Recent decisions
   Bruce J. Berger, Esq., Spriggs & Hollingsworth, Washington, DC
   Lance H. Lubel, Esq., Heard, Robins, Cloud & Lubel, LLP, Houston

11:15  Benzene Case Screening Wrap-Up
   This panel session will include a discussion of appropriate case
   screening procedures taking into consideration all of the medical
   & legal considerations covered in earlier program sessions.
   David C. Strouss, Esq., Thornton & Naumes LLP, Boston
   Additional speakers to be announced

12:15  Adjourn

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National Asbestos Litigation Conference
September 19-20, 2005, Philadelphia

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November 14-15, 2005, New Orleans

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December 5-6, 2005, Battery Park

Lead Litigation Conference
December 12-13, 2005, Washington DC

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Registration Information

Registration Fee
The registration fee includes two breakfasts, a networking luncheon, attendance at all conference sessions, a copy of the conference handbook on CD, a reception, and coffee breaks. The registration fee is $1145 for the first attendee.

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