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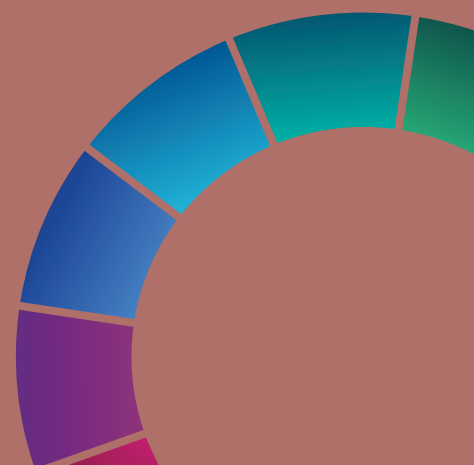


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Program Agenda

This half-day program will present four panels on hot topics in class action and mass tort litigation. The panelists include federal judges, plaintiffs' and defense lawyers, academics, and experts. There will be a networking reception following the program.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm **Check-in**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Refuse to Defend at Your Own Risk? An Insurer's Refusal to Defend and Settlement in Class Actions; When is Settlement Collusive?

This panel will discuss issues relating to insurance coverage over class action liability, settlements that assign insurance rights to a plaintiff class, and other related insurance coverage issues in class actions.

Moderator: **Tonna Farrar**, Bonnett Fairbourn Friedman
Panelists: **Thuy Le**, Clyde & Co US LLP, San Francisco, CA
Max H. Stern, Duane Morris LLP, San Francisco, CA

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Class Action Settlements: Trends, Lessons Learned, and Creative New Approaches

This panel will address the latest trends in class action settlements, including barriers to approval, recent case law, factors affecting settlement values, and creative new settlement approaches.

Panelists: **Elizabeth Cabraser**, Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, San Francisco, CA
Ken Herzinger, Orrick, San Francisco, CA
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Takeaways on Forum Non Conveniens and Related Issues in Multi-District Litigation After Air France 447

3:15 pm –4:15 pm

This panel will discuss the interesting substantive, procedural, and strategic considerations for airlines and other types of manufacturers seeking dismissal in forum non conveniens motions, and for passengers and other plaintiffs seeking to defeat FNC motions in multi-district litigation. Using examples from aviation-related MDLs, and specifically after the groundbreaking MDL involving Air France 447, the panel will discuss key aspects of establishing personal jurisdiction over foreign corporate defendants. The panel will discuss the complex issues associated with international treaties, choice-of-law, the meaning of an “unavailable forum” and challenging jurisdiction and venue considerations that arise when both U.S. and foreign individuals are involved.

Moderator: **Ann C. Taylor**, Locke Lord LLP, Chicago, IL
Panelists: **Thad Dameris**, Arnold & Porter, Houston, TX
Steve Koh, Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle, WA
Steve Marks, Podhurst Orseck, P.A., Miami, FL
Scott Brooksby, Olson Brooksby, Portland, OR

No Big Law? No Problem? How Small Firm Plaintiff and Defense Lawyers are Managing Some of the Largest Class Action Litigation Matters

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Conventional wisdom says that only large firms, both on the defense and plaintiffs’ side, are capable of handling high stakes class action litigation, but that is not always true. This panel will explore the ways in which smaller firms and boutiques are taking on some of the largest class action litigation matters around, and the practical and ethical challenges that they face.

Moderator: **Daniel Karon**, Karon LLC, Cleveland, OH
Panelists: **Steven Gonzalez**, Lee, Tran, and Liang, Los Angeles, CA
Joel Neckers, Wheeler Trigg, Denver, CO
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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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