USLAW NETWORK EXCHANGE SERIES

APRIL 29 - 30, 2019
HILTON COLUMBUS POLARIS/CAMPUS OF S-E-A

COMPLEX TORT & PRODUCT LIABILITY

COACH AIRFARE AND (1) NIGHT LODGING PAID BY USLAW NETWORK

CLIENT

Held in conjunction with S.E.A.

Register online at http://web.uslaw.org/2019-CTPL-exchange/
The 2019 USLAW NETWORK Complex Tort & Product Liability Exchange is a two-day, interactive event designed to bring together claims professionals, in-house counsel and other top decision makers to create a hands-on experience and open dialogue regarding emerging issues that directly impact business now, and in the future.

Hosted in conjunction with S-E-A, including programs at their new facility in Columbus, Ohio, the Exchange offers participants an opportunity to go behind the scenes and experience the nitty gritty of forensic engineering firsthand. Experienced trial attorneys and engineers will host topical discussions on a range of emerging legal and forensic issues. This will not be the passive conference experience with which we have all become too accustomed. From the use of 21st Century technology in the courtroom, to autonomous vehicles, to recent developments in fire loss and power tool litigation, this event is designed to engage the audience in the process while presenting state-of-the-art technology coming to a courtroom near you.

We hope you will join us in this unique opportunity to engage with other industry leaders, learn about emerging technology and complex legal trends, and contribute toward the exchange of ideas so vital to the health of our industries.

IN-DEPTH TOPICS TO INCLUDE:
• NFPA 921 and 1033 In Fire Investigations and Litigation
• 21st Century Jurors and Visually Defending Product Litigation
• Exploring Claims Relating to Fire Protection Systems
• Autonomous Vehicles and the Future of Automated Driving System Litigation
• Lithium Ion Batteries and Fire Causation
• Use of Exemplars and Testing to Defend Power Tool Litigation

CLE AND CE ACCREDITATION
USLAW NETWORK will be offering national CLE credit for attorneys and CE credit for FL and TX adjusters. All states are currently pending and all hours are approved or denied at the discretion of the state boards. We have partnered with CEU Institute as our CE/CLE provider to manage all credits: www.ceuinstitute.net. Should you have questions, please contact accreditation@ceuinstitute.net.
2019 USLAW NETWORK COMPLEX TORT & PRODUCT LIABILITY EXCHANGE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY
APRIL 29, 2019

Registration and all meetings on Monday will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Registration

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
USLAW Complex Tort & Product Liability Practice Group Annual Business Meeting for USLAW Member Attorneys and Corporate Partners Only

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Lunch for All Exchange Attendees

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Exchange Sessions – Part 1

5:30 P.M.
Departures to S-E-A

5:45 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
USLAW NETWORK/S-E-A Food Truck Party on the Campus of S-E-A

TUESDAY
APRIL 30, 2019

All Meetings and Meals will be held at the office of S-E-A. Ground transportation from the Hilton Columbus/Polaris to S-E-A and from S-E-A to the airport will be provided for all attendees.

6:45 A.M.
Bus Departure from Hilton to S-E-A Office

7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.
Breakfast at S-E-A Office

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Exchange Sessions – Part 2

12:00 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Box Lunch for All Attendees

12:30 P.M.
Close of Program and Motor Coach Departure to Airport
SESSION TOPICS

MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 29
AT THE HILTON COLUMBUS/POLARIS

NFPA 921 AND 1033 IN FIRE INVESTIGATIONS AND LITIGATION
This program will feature a panel of experienced practitioners in an audience-interactive discussion of best practices for dealing with three subjects investigators, counsel and experts commonly confront in fire and explosion cases. We will address: rounding up the usual suspects - investigating by recall; knowns, unknowns and unknowables - dealing with negative corpus; and by the numbers - substantive methodology in Daubert challenges.

21ST CENTURY JURORS AND VISUALLY DEFENDING PRODUCT LITIGATION
Whether used as a visual aid or as an analysis tool, computer animation can have a significant effect on the outcome of a case. In our increasingly technology-driven society, jurors are constantly bombarded by information, training them to receive information visually. Thanks to what’s known as The CSI Effect, they even expect to be entertained in the courtroom. Meanwhile, it can take hours of expert testimony to clearly explain the details of the case, or, it can be done in one thirty-second animation. Speakers will present case studies illustrating how 3D laser scanning and animations can be used to investigate claims and present your case to a jury.

EXPLORING CLAIMS RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS
Over the last 30 years or so, litigation relating to Fire Protection Systems has increased across the country leading to complex, protracted and expensive litigation. This presentation will investigate possible failure modes as it relates to system design, installation, maintenance and response of Fire Protection Systems, as well as proper preservation of sensitive evidence during catastrophic events. In addition, the presentation will address the use of advanced analytical techniques in failure analysis to evaluate fracture surfaces, address potential defects, and identify trace contaminants that could lead to material failures legitimacy and severity of the claimed injury, but also confirming the plaintiff has undergone the proper testing needed to determine if an injury actually exists.
SESSION TOPICS

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 30 AT S-E-A

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND THE FUTURE OF AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM LITIGATION

The continuing evolution of automotive technology offers the hope of safer roadways and far fewer accidents, while the path to get there promises obstacles to hurdle. This session will explore the safety standards set forth by NHTSA and the technology used by the automotive industry to evaluate Automated Driving Systems (ADS). The program also will include a demonstration of an actual ADS evaluation scenario and explore product litigation where ADS components are faulted for accidents rather than drivers. The lessons learned from this session will be applicable to any industry sector where automation and connectivity are changing how humans interact with products and their environments.

LITHIUM ION BATTERIES AND FIRE CAUSATION

Lithium batteries can be found everywhere and especially at fire scenes. In this presentation, experts in the field will discuss and show how lithium batteries work and how they fail. Through case studies and video demonstrations they will show how you can tell whether a lithium battery was the cause – or victim – of a fire. The experts will discuss typical arguments made by plaintiffs in lithium battery cases and present defense strategies for dealing with them.

USE OF EXEMPLARS AND TESTING TO DEFEND POWER TOOL LITIGATION

Understanding the plaintiff's use of a product and determining how an accident happened are at the core of every case. In defending the manufacturer or distributor of a product, it is critical to use the product (if available) or an exemplar as part of the discovery process to explore the knowledge of plaintiff (and later, their liability expert), and to have the plaintiff demonstrate how the product was being used at the time of the accident. In order to do this effectively, the defense attorney must have personal knowledge of the product, its components and use. The program will address this process and showcase how the facts of the case become locked in and defense themes are revealed.

ABOUT S-E-A

The recently opened S-E-A 47-acre research campus marries time tested methodologies with some of the most advanced techniques and groundbreaking innovations available for forensic analysis and product testing. Within the 100,000 sq. ft. of building space are: a test sled, an inertia measurement facility, biomechanical labs, candle labs, chemical labs and confidential high-bay suites for specialized product testing. Outdoors, on the campus, are: paved and unpaved vehicular test pads, fire-reconstruction facilities, and undulating topography for testing off-highway vehicles and equipment. To support on- or off-site testing, S-E-A is equipped with drones and 3-D laser scanners. Data from these and other sources are frequently used by our imaging sciences practice group, which consists of architects, medical illustrators and animators, making it one of the most advanced visualization groups in the industry.
ABOUT THE HOTEL

HILTON COLUMBUS/POLARIS

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The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is located next to Polaris Mall in Columbus, Ohio. Spacious guest rooms decorated with granite countertops, soft earth tones and rich dark woods await your arrival at Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Combining modern conveniences, such as WiFi and flat screen TVs, with a convenient location and complimentary shuttle within a 5-mile radius makes it easy to get to Columbus attractions and the airport. Onsite you can enjoy the Papillon Day Spa, fitness center, indoor pool and whirlpool.
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WHY USLAW NETWORK

In today’s global marketplace, legal needs often transcend geographic boundaries. To operate globally, you need to have an edge locally. This requires an in-depth understanding of local cultures, economies, laws, governments, trends and business climates. This kind of edge not only enhances your competitive position, but also allows you to anticipate — and even influence — changes in the market, and to react quickly and effectively.

Clients with these types of complex needs turn to USLAW NETWORK (USLAW) member firms to represent them in the courtroom and the boardroom, next door and across the United States and around the world. USLAW member firms are some of the most highly respected law firms in their respective jurisdictions. Each member firm is admitted only after substantial due diligence and is rigorously reviewed to ensure they meet USLAW quality service standards.

The collective expertise of USLAW member firms is impressive. National and international law firms, while they may have scores of offices, do not have access to the depth of the legal resources available through USLAW. As well, our lawyers know and respect each other. Through friendship, networking and resource-sharing, USLAW attorneys develop the type of cooperation and client-focused service that corporations demand of their legal counsel.
ABOUT THE COMPLEX TORT & PRODUCT LIABILITY PRACTICE GROUP

The USLAW NETWORK Complex Tort and Product Liability Practice Group is a nationwide network of experienced attorneys committed to providing the highest quality legal services to effectively and efficiently achieve the goals of the clients we serve. We share a commitment to integrity and professionalism and are dedicated to finding creative and cost-effective solutions to the full range of product liability and complex tort exposures, including toxic and mass tort, class actions and claims under consumer protection statutes, so that the results we achieve exceed the expectations of our clients.

WHY CHOOSE USLAW COMPLEX TORT AND PRODUCT LIABILITY LAW FIRMS?
Complex Tort and Product Liability Practice Group are specialists and include leaders in our field who have lectured and written extensively on cutting edge topics and litigation techniques. We provide a full range of litigation and counseling services related to the entire spectrum of product liability and complex tort issues, from traditional exposures to emerging trends, and from single lawsuits to multi-jurisdiction litigation. Often, these matters involve catastrophic injuries or property damage.

Our attorneys have successfully represented clients in thousands of product liability matters across the country and throughout the world. In addition to our vast experience with product liability trials and litigation, we advise our clients on matters relating to pre-litigation planning, litigation management, liability exposure, risk management, risk avoidance and risk transference. This can include working with clients on recall and/or retrofit campaigns, warning labels, operator manuals, disclaimers, indemnity agreements and insurance coverage issues. Utilizing the USLAW Complex Tort and Product Liability Practice Group provides clients with nationwide access to highly experienced liability attorneys who share information and resources for the benefit of their clients. When you retain a USLAW Complex Tort and Product Liability Practice Group attorney, you are assured the highest level of quality representation whatever, and wherever, your needs may be. Through seminars, meetings and electronic networking, the members of this practice group communicate with one another to stay abreast of technological advances and changes of law in all areas relating to product liability.

We are trial lawyers, not just litigators. Our attorneys are skilled at early case evaluation and are dedicated to finding creative and cost-effective solutions to complex issues and to look for alternative methods for dispute resolution when appropriate. We represent regionally, nationally and internationally based manufacturers, distributors and retailers of all sizes. Clients from around the world rely upon us to get the job done.

AREAS OF PRACTICE
Our lawyers defend products of every sort, from consumer goods and automobiles to industrial machinery and high-tech medical devices and everything in between. In addition, USLAW Complex Tort and Product Liability Practice Group attorneys have represented clients in every major mass product liability and toxic tort litigation since the inception of Section 402A of the Restatement (Second) of Torts, including asbestos, silica, breast implant, Dalkon Shield, Pedicle Screw, Fen/Phen, Redux and latex glove litigation, to name a few.
REGISTRATION

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COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND EMAIL, FAX OR MAIL TO USLAW.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION:

FULL NAME (E.G., JOSEPH A. SMITH)  NICKNAME ON BADGE

TITLE

COMPANY NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, COUNTRY, ZIP

PHONE  FAX

EMAIL

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE) LIST YOUR STATE AND BAR NUMBER

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) FOR INSURANCE ADJUSTORS LIST YOUR STATE AND LICENSE NUMBER

☐ YES  I WILL ATTEND THE MONDAY, APRIL 29 FOOD TRUCK PARTY AT S-E-A CAMPUS

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

USLAW is sensitive to Corporate Gift Policies. Please read carefully below and select the option that is appropriate for your organization’s guidelines.

☐ I request USLAW book a hotel room on my behalf. USLAW NETWORK will pay for (1) night, April 29th.
☐ I request USLAW book a hotel room on my behalf; however, I will pay for the cost of the room.
☐ I will book my own hotel room and understand that USLAW will not reimburse for this expense.

Hotel Check-In Date:  Hotel Check-Out Date:

Room Type:  ☐ Non-Smoking  ☐ Smoking  Bed Type:  ☐ King  ☐ Double/Double

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

Ground transportation will be your own responsibility.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL (800) 231-9110 EXT. 3

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY APRIL 22, 2019
REGISTRATION

Complete the information below and email, fax or mail to USLAW.

Email registration information to: jennifer@uslaw.org

Mail registration form to: Jennifer Randall
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Complex Tort & Product Liability Exchange
3111 N University Drive
Suite 400
Coral Springs, FL 33065

Fax registration form to: (800) 231-9110

Register online at: http://web.uslaw.org/2019-CTPL-exchange/

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY APRIL 22, 2019

AIRLINE TRAVEL:

Please read carefully below and select the option that is appropriate per your organization’s guidelines.

☐ (1) I request USLAW purchase airline ticket(s) on my behalf.
☐ (2) I will purchase my own ticket(s) and understand that USLAW will not reimburse for this expense.

– COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION ONLY IF YOU SELECTED #1 ABOVE –

Passenger Name (as it appears on ID including First, Middle and Last name)

/ / ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

Date of Birth (Required – MM/DD/YYYY) Gender (Required) TSA Pre# (if applicable)

Home Address

City, State, Zip Cell Phone (Day of Travel)

TRAVEL PREFERENCES (Complete Only If USLAW Purchasing Airfare)

Departure Date Preferred Departure Time

Return Date Preferred Return Time

Airport for Departure Airport to Return

Seat Preference ☐ Aisle ☐ Middle ☐ Window Guest Seat Preference ☐ Aisle ☐ Middle ☐ Window

AIRLINE (Complete Only If USLAW Purchasing Airfare)

Preferred Airline Frequent Flyer #

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (REQUIRED):

Emergency Contact Name #1 Cell Number Relationship

Emergency Contact Name #2 Cell Number Relationship