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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:30 p.m. Registration for Workshops

NEW PROFESSIONAL GROWTH WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 4
1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Defining Your Career: A Professional Growth Workshop for Rising Leaders

PRESENTER | Wendy Merrill, StrategyHorse Consulting Group, Baltimore, MD

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LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

From Blank Canvas to Masterpiece: The Art of the 30(B)(6) Deposition

Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

With plaintiffs’ attorneys attempting to circumvent written discovery limitations through 30(b)(6) depositions, successful trial attorneys need to be attuned to analyzing and deconstructing the 30(b)(6) deposition notice properly and determining the appropriate corporate designee(s) at the outset. Defense counsel can stop plaintiffs’ counsel in their tracks with thorough preparation of these witnesses and effective defense of these depositions. The DRI Litigation Skills Committee (formerly “Trial Tactics”) is excited to present the Litigation Skills Workshop in conjunction with this seminar, providing attendees of this interactive program with the tools necessary to push back on the deposition notice and ultimately prepare and defend the witness at deposition. One-on-one and small group exercises will ensure that you are prepared to mount an impactful defense.

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

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7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
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7:00 a.m. **First-Time Attendees Breakfast**  
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8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**  
Christopher T. (Chris) Sheean, Swanson Martin & Bell LLP, Chicago, IL  
James W. Bryan, Nexsen Pruet LLC, Greensboro, NC

8:10 a.m. **Industry and Trends: Is the Crystal Ball Fuzzy or Bright?**  
The insurance industry is constantly evolving and adapting to change. What are the most recent trends in the space, and in coverage in particular, and what is on the horizon? Our panel of industry leaders will discuss what is happening now and what is to come.  
MODERATOR | Matthew S. Foy, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP, San Francisco, CA

8:10 a.m. **Additional Insured Endorsements and Their Thorny Issues**  
Rights and obligations of additional insureds can vex the best coverage lawyer. How do you sort out the priorities of coverages? Can one lawyer represent multiple AIs? How are policy exclusions applied? And how do courts interpret the term “caused by” in the endorsements and address the duty to defend?  
Joanna M. Roberto, Gerber Ciano Kelly Brady LLP, New York, NY

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**  
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10:15 a.m. **The Dynamic of the Defunct Insured and Bad Faith**  
Bad-faith allegations are always a concern, but an extra layer of complication arises when it is asserted in a case where the insured is no longer in business, has been acquired, or simply fails or refuses to defend itself. Can bad faith be avoided in such a scenario?  
William A. Bulfer, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP, Asheville, NC  
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11:10 a.m. **Difficult Fire Cases That Keep You Up at Night**  
Large fire claims present myriad issues, including whether the loss implicates a fraud or arson investigation, the effect of unprecedented rises in construction costs on ACV and RC values, and policy renewal considerations. Policyholder and insurer counsel will address these and other issues in complex fire cases.  
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12:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. Metrics and a Good Partnership: An Essential Combination

The bottom line challenges every claim department, and a solid partnership between counsel and carrier is needed more than ever. The strength of the relationship can turn upon counsel’s performance under insurer measurements of metrics. What are metrics? How are carriers using them? What should counsel do?

Lowell D. Aptman, AmTrust Financial Services, New York, NY

John C. Trimble, Lewis Wagner LLP, Indianapolis, IN

2:10 p.m. Problems with Newly Extended Statutes of Limitation and Sexual Abuse Claims

Claims arising from sexual abuse perpetrated decades ago are now being asserted with increasing frequency. Time-bar limitations that would otherwise apply have been disposed of by legislatures and courts. How are insurers resolving problems of missing policies, gaps in coverage, lost or forgotten evidence, and more?

Bryana L. Blessinger, Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, Portland, OR

Catalina J. Sugayan, Clyde & Co US LLP, Chicago, IL

3:00 p.m. Refreshment Break

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3:15 p.m. The Coverage Side of Claims-Made Professional Liability Policies

Claims-made professional liability policies raise numerous potential coverage pitfalls for the unwary. You will learn about the most vexatious provisions of claims-made coverage, including what is a “claim,” claim and circumstance reporting requirements, prior knowledge and related acts provisions, retroactive dates, extended reporting periods, and the carrier’s communication obligations regarding these issues.

Mark E. Cohen, McDonough Cohen & Masalek LLP, Boston, MA

Melisa G. Thompson, Markel Corporation, Chicago, IL

4:05 p.m. The First 18 Months of the ALI’s Restatement: How’s It Going?

The Restatement of the Law of Liability Insurance was adopted last year and litigants are now using it for their arguments. It’s not academic anymore. There are many landmines, and courts are citing it. What’s working and what is not. Our panel will report from the front lines.

Moderator | Laura A. Foggan, Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 a.m. Registration

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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8:00 a.m. Announcements
Brenda K. Wallrichs, Lederer Weston Craig PLC, Cedar Rapids, IA

8:05 a.m. The Addicted Lawyer
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The Honorable Chris Christie, Former New Jersey Governor, Newark, NJ

Jonathan P. Zayle, Athens Programs Services Inc., Parsippany, NJ

9:00 a.m. Informal Break

9:10 a.m. Managing the Complex Coverage Litigation: Not an Easy Task
Complex coverage litigation invariably involves numerous parties, an assortment of policies, primary and excess insurers, many coverage disputes, and really high dollars. This session will address the challenges that this type of litigation presents and will explore best practices for effectively managing and efficiently resolving these cases.

Daniel L. Mayer, AmeriTrust Group, Westerville, OH

Rosa M. Tumialan, Dykema Gossett PLLC, Chicago, IL

10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:15 a.m. Ethical Issues with Sharing Information
Defense counsel needs to share with the insured and insurer information learned during litigation. But the tripartite relationship, the concern of benefiting one at the expense of the other, and ethical considerations can hamper the free flow of communication. How should lawyers navigate these minefields under the ethics rules?

Aaron D. French, Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC, Saint Louis, MO

Cory J. Person, Hill Ward Henderson, Tampa, FL

11:15 a.m. Multiple Claimants, Multiple Insureds, Low Limits: A Recipe for Bad-Faith Allegations?
Multiple claimants, multiple insureds, and insufficient limits can bestir the perfect bad-faith storm. When such cases arise (and they do often), what actions can the insurer and its counsel take to avoid accusations of violating the duty of good faith and fair dealing?

Robert S. (Bob) Marshall, Nicolaides Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan LLP, Chicago, IL

Lynn Menschenfreund, Hallmark Financial Services Inc., Jersey City, NJ

12:05 p.m. “One for You, Two for Me”: Allocation of Liability Coverage Between Covered and Noncovered Claims
Cases in which covered and noncovered claims are presented involve significant allocation issues. What are the insurer’s defense obligations? What are its indemnification obligations? When is recoupment available? How can the insurer parse a judgment or settlement where no clear breakdown between covered and noncovered claims was made?

Scott M. Seaman, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, IL

12:55 p.m. Brokers/Agents: Caught in the Middle
Increasingly, the broker finds itself between multiple insurers, the policyholder, and others.

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But often the broker is uniquely positioned to help resolve coverage disputes. Getting beyond the often mischaracterized label of “broker v. agent” is becoming even more complex in the technology age of online applications and instantaneous binding authority. How do these concerns affect coverage obligations?

Julian D. Ehrlich, Aon, New York, NY
Debra T. Varner, Varner & Van Volkenburg PLLC, Clarksburg, WV

1:40 p.m. Adjourn

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