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- Gain an understanding of the trends in nontraditional health care settings and the associated risks
- Hear a physician, claims professional and an attorney explain how the stress of litigation can impact case outcomes
- Learn about cutting-edge trends in radiology and their implications for defense counsel
- Master EMR and the evolving risks associated with electronically stored information
- Hear from a nationally recognized CEO of a medical insurance provider about the tripartite physician-lawyer-carrier relationship
- Understand the risks and liabilities that health care providers can face as a result of natural disasters

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DRI's Medical Liability and Health Care Law Seminar offers two days of advanced and informative presentations and discussions targeted to the claims professional, in-house counsel, defense attorney and risk management personnel. This year's faculty includes an impressive list of physicians, lawyers, health care and insurance industry professionals, all leaders in their respective fields. The program includes topics of interest on emerging issues and continuing challenges in representing and advising health care providers, and provides excellent networking opportunities as well. Register now to ensure your place at this leading seminar at the Hilton Riverside in historic New Orleans.



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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- How to assess the neonatal brain injury case
- Updates by the ACOG and AAP
- How managing the defendant provider's litigation stress can improve case outcome
- Strategies for limiting liability in cardiac care through application of clinical guidelines
- How to resolve ethical issues regarding end-of-life care and mandatory employee vaccinations
- The impact of diabetic complications as underlying conditions that impact health outcomes and litigation, and how to defend the diabetic amputation case
- Strategies for handling supportive and unsupportive medical literature at trial
- Expectations and issues presented by the carrier-client-attorney relationship

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

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

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

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

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7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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

8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

Stephen O. Plunkett, *Bassford Remele PA*,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ted J. McDonald III, *Adam & McDonald PA*,
Overland Park, Kansas

Alex J. Hagan, *Ellis & Winters LLP*, Raleigh,
North Carolina

8:15 a.m. **Brain Damage in Infants: Analyzing the
Medical Evidence for Etiology**

In 2003, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published a scientific evidenced based monograph, *Neonatal Encephalopathy and Cerebral Palsy*, to summarize the research on the etiology of perinatal brain injury. Dr. Goldsmith serves as one member of the multi-disciplinary task force presently updating this publication. He will educate us on the current state-of-the-art research and discuss important changes in the criteria for the timing of neonatal brain injury.

Jay P. Goldsmith, M.D., *Ochsner Medical
Institutions*, New Orleans, Louisiana

9:15 a.m. **Disasters: Natural and Man-Made**

Hear three Hurricane Katrina veterans discuss how municipalities and hospitals plan for natural disasters and emergencies, and the risks and liability issues they create. Dr. Saussy, the former head of the New Orleans EMS System; Dr. Aiken, the former director of emergency planning for Charity Hospital; and Mr. Cranner, who defended numerous Katrina liability cases, will explain how government and facilities work together to plan for natural disasters, the limitations of government and the emergency planning system and the liability and exposure created by natural disasters. Special emphasis will be placed on the lessons of Katrina and the post-Katrina experience.

James Aiken, M.D. MHA, *LSU School of
Medicine*, New Orleans, Louisiana

Bruce A. Cranner, *Frilot LLC*, New Orleans,
Louisiana

Juliette M. Saussy, M.D., *New Orleans EMS
Services*, New Orleans, Louisiana

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

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10:25 a.m. **Disasters: Natural and Man-Made** (*continued*)

11:05 a.m. **Representation of the Health Care Provider:
Expectations and Opportunities**

Mr. Starnes will cover malpractice case defense from his unique perspective of seasoned trial lawyer and current CEO of a publicly held medical insurance provider. He will focus on the evaluation of lawyers through the lens of ethics, effectiveness and efficiency, as well as the expectations and obligations of the client-carrier-lawyer relationship, the need for absolute fidelity to the insured's interests and the impact of trial and settlement on those interests.

W. Stancil Starnes, *ProAssurance Corporation*,
Birmingham, Alabama

11:55 a.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)



1:15 p.m. **Defense of Diabetic Amputation Claims**
 There are approximately 23.6 million individuals in the United States who suffer from diabetes. In 2002, approximately 82,000 amputations related to diabetes were performed. These numbers translate to frequent litigation involving health care practitioners. Mr. Heller will focus on the defense of malpractice actions seeking recovery for diabetic amputation against the vascular surgeon, the endocrinologist, the podiatrist and those involved in wound care, and defense strategies that involve inevitable medical results, poor patient compliance, discussions of jury venue characteristics (favorable and unfavorable to the defense), evaluation of medical and hospital records, and preparation for depositions.

Anthony M. Heller, *Heidell Pittoni Murphy & Bach LLP*, New York, New York

2:10 p.m. **Lawsuits and Love Triangles: A Connection?**
 Success in defending high exposure medical malpractice cases is dependent on developing a strong triangle of communication between the claims analyst, defense attorney and defendant doctor. A former defendant physician, defense attorney/physician and litigation claims analyst will offer insights and strategies concerning how and why defense attorneys should develop a greater understanding of how physicians view the litigation process and the magnitude and potential catastrophic impact of litigation stress on case outcomes and defendant physicians.

Ann Contrucci, M.D., *Pediatric Emergency Medical Associates*, Atlanta, Georgia

Randy Lee, J.D., M.D., *Batten Lee PLLC*, Cary, North Carolina

Karen L. Still, *MAG Mutual Insurance Company*, Raleigh, North Carolina

3:10 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
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3:25 p.m. **Medical Literature: Friend and/or Foe in the Medical Malpractice Trial**
 Mr. Brown will discuss the identification and strategic use of supportive medical literature at trial, the successful exclusion of or defense against medical literature that may be offered against the defendant physician, and how to protect the record on appeal.

H. Lanier Brown II, *Huie Fernambuca & Stewart LLP*, Birmingham, Alabama

4:15 p.m. **Diagnostic Imaging and Radiation Liability: Preparing to Defend Claims from New Exposures**
 A dramatic uptick in the use of ionizing radiation for diagnostic purposes has coincided with the advancement in imaging technology and invasive imaging procedures. Inappropriate radiation doses have resulted in claims, raised public concerns and attracted media attention. Ms. Shostek will reveal new strategies to protect patients undergoing radiographic interventions from adverse events and radiation overexposure—an imperative set forth by FDA, the Joint Commission, and professional associations—and recommend resources and organizations with useful information when defending against claims from these new exposures against imaging professionals and facilities.

Kathleen Shostek, R.N., ARM, BBA, FASHRM, CPHRM, *ECRI Institute*, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania

5:05 p.m. **Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee Meeting** (*open to all*)

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds**
 Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*).
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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

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7:00 a.m. **Tips for Young Litigators: Establishing Good Relations with Your Claims Professional**

Understanding the roles of defense counsel and the claims professional is essential to ensure that claims are properly managed. Comprehending your involvement as it relates to the insurance carrier and your client will be discussed. This presentation will explore the roles of the claims professional, the relationship between counsel and the insurance company, and your contribution as part of the defense team.

Moderator

Tracy L. Zuckett, *Moser & Marsalek PC*, St. Louis, Missouri

Panel

Lauree Barreca, R.N., J.D., *Johns Hopkins Health System*, Baltimore, Maryland

Gina Harris, *ProAssurance*, Madison, Wisconsin

Ethen R. Shapiro, *Hill Ward Henderson*, Tampa, Florida

8:00 a.m. **Announcements**

Jackie H. Trimm, *Starnes Davis Florie LLP*, Birmingham, Alabama

8:05 a.m. **Guidelines: Can Adherence to Medical Specialty Guidelines Prevent Malpractice?**

The practice of clinical medicine is complex, and individualized decisions can have significant medical-legal implications. While a comprehensive database of practice guidelines is available for practicing cardiologists, clinical realities may preclude implementation. Dr. Smith will discuss malpractice prevention through application of clinical guidelines, including those for cardiac preoperative risk assessment.

Stacy C. Smith, M.D., FACC, FSCAI, *Memphis Heart Clinic*, Memphis, Tennessee

9:00 a.m. **Medical Spas: The Next Wave of Litigation in a Rapidly Growing Field?**

Growth in nonsurgical cosmetic treatments—a specialty of medical spas—is far outstripping its traditional surgical counterparts. But who should be performing them? What oversight is required? What qualifications should the person conducting oversight have? This uncertainty in an area of rapid expansion means litigation and possibly a lot of it.

Stephen O. Plunkett, *Bassford Remele PA*, Minneapolis, Minnesota

9:50 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:05 a.m. **Malpractice Liability and Electronic Medical Records: Assessing the Risks**

As the use of electronic health records becomes more prevalent in health care organizations, the transition from documenting in paper format to recording information electronically is challenging and potentially risky. Discussion will include assessment of risks relating to electronically stored information, documentation concerns and guidelines for health care organizations and providers to consider.

June Leigh, *CNA HealthPro*, Chicago, Illinois

10:55 a.m. **Ramifications of Diabetes as a Nascent or Underlying Condition**

Diabetes, now an epidemic, leads to diverse complications and adversely affects organ and bodily function. Dr. Dagogo-Jack will discuss the natural history and complications of diabetes and identify areas of risk regarding general causation, as well as the specific impact of diabetic complications as underlying conditions that modify health outcomes.

Samuel Dagogo-Jack, M.D., DM, MSC, FRCP, FACE, *University of Tennessee Health Science Center*, Memphis, Tennessee

11:45 a.m. **HIPAA, HITECH and the Pitfalls of the Privacy and Security Rules: An Update**

HIPAA & HITECH: acronyms that keep litigators awake at night. Just when you thought you had your arms around HIPAA, HITECH adds another layer of complexity to the privacy and security issues facing attorneys representing health care entities in civil matters and in third-party discovery requests. This increased complexity comes as electronic health records are coming to the fore. Ms. DeBarge, an expert in these areas, will guide litigators through the privacy and security pitfalls in this evolving landscape.

Michelle Wilcox DeBarge, *Wiggin and Dana LLP*, Hartford, Connecticut

12:35 p.m. **End of Life and Other Ethical Challenges in Health Care**

Ms. Garrett will discuss the ethical issues surrounding end of life decisions, including advance directives, POLST legislation and organ donation initiatives. She will also discuss ethical issues related to mandatory flu vaccination for health care workers and balancing patient safety with employee autonomy.

Meg Garrett, BSN, MED, J.D., CPHRM, *Johns Hopkins Health System*, Baltimore, Maryland

1:35 p.m. **Adjourn**



FACULTY

James Aiken, M.D., MHA, board certified in emergency medicine, supervised emergency planning and operations at Charity Hospital in New Orleans as the medical director for emergency planning before and during Hurricane Katrina. He serves on various committees involving emergency planning in the New Orleans area. During Hurricane Katrina, he remained in Charity Hospital and dealt with the crisis and its aftermath. Dr. Aiken is now the director of emergency preparedness at the Louisiana State University Health Services Center.

Lauree Barreca, R.N., J.D., has over 25 years' experience managing health care litigation. As a partner at a major Chicago law firm, she represented health care systems and physicians. As the assistant vice president at MMI Companies, an international health care risk management firm, she was responsible for the oversight of claims and risk management. Ms. Barreca is currently the managing attorney for claims and litigation at the Johns Hopkins Health System in Baltimore. She also oversees the health system's captive insurance company.

H. Lanier Brown II is a partner in Huie Fernambucq & Stewart LLP in Birmingham, Alabama. His trial practice consists of insurance defense, nursing home and medical liability matters throughout the Southeast. He has received national recognition as a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel and fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Mr. Lanier has also been included in *Best Lawyers in America* and recognized as an "Alabama Super Lawyer." He has lectured at local and national product liability seminars and spoken on medical liability issues.

Ann Contrucci, M.D., has been a board certified pediatrician since 1996. Previously in private practice, she has been an associate of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Associates—a group staffing the emergency room at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta—for the last 11 years. Dr. Contrucci completed a pediatric internship and residency at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Her malpractice lawsuit, which resulted in a unanimous defense verdict, changed her life forever.

Bruce A. Cranner is a partner in the New Orleans firm of Frilot LLC. He practices in the firm's commercial litigation, medical malpractice and health care and product liability sections. He has extensive experience in the trial of complex medical liability involving birth trauma, gynecological surgery, cardiology, neurosurgery and oral surgery. He also represents health care facilities in peer review matters. Mr. Cranner is a former DRI board member and is a past chair of DRI's Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee.

Samuel Dagogo-Jack, MD, DM, MSC, FRCP, FACE, is a professor of medicine and director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. He is board certified in internal medicine and endocrinology, and his research focuses on diabetes prediction and prevention. Dr. Dagogo-Jack is a principal investigator of the landmark NIH Diabetes Control and Complications Trial. He has published 17 book chapters and more than 200 scientific papers and abstracts in the field of diabetes and related metabolic disorders.

Michelle Wilcox DeBarge is a partner in Wiggin and Dana LLP's Health Care Department, residing in its Hartford, Connecticut, office. She chairs the firm's HIPAA practice group, clinical research regulation and compliance practice group and the health information technology practice group. Ms. DeBarge is a co-author of the *HIPAA Handbook: Implementing the Federal Privacy Rule in a Long-Term Care Setting*, published by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. She is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in the category of best health care lawyers.

Meg Garrett, BSN, MED, J.D., CPHRM, is a nurse and an attorney who has served as counsel for Johns Hopkins Health System Legal Department in Baltimore for over 25 years. She is the director of risk management for the health system and consults on all of its ethics issues. Ms. Garrett has provided more than 500 presentations, both nationally and internally, in the areas of legal and ethical issues and has been involved in many legislative efforts.

Jay P. Goldsmith, M.D., is the chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Ochsner Medical Institutions in New Orleans. He was co-chairman of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Steering Committee, helping to write the 4th and 5th editions of the *NRP Textbook*. He is a representative to the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation. Dr. Goldsmith's publications include over 80 scientific articles, 25 book chapters and five editions of the textbook *Assisted Ventilation of the Neonate*. He is a member of the Committee on Medical Liability and Risk Management for the American Academy of Pediatrics.



Alex J. Hagan, a partner with Ellis & Winters LLP in Raleigh, North Carolina, concentrates his practice on medical, hospital and commercial laboratory defense, as well as business and product liability litigation. He also represents software manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, and manufacturers of medical devices and other products. Mr. Hagan has been recognized as a “North Carolina Super Lawyer” (2006–2010) and selected by *Best Lawyers in America* in medical malpractice and personal injury defense. He is the program chair of this seminar.

Gina Harris has over 18 years of medical malpractice claims experience. Ms. Harris worked as a litigation paralegal before transitioning to a claims management position with ProNational Insurance Company n/k/a ProAssurance in 2000. She oversees ProAssurance’s claims management and medical professional liability litigation for the company’s operations in Wisconsin, Nevada, South Dakota and Minnesota. Ms. Harris is a member of the Professional Liability Defense Federation and a past president of the Florida Medical Malpractice Claims Council Inc.

Anthony M. Heller is a partner at Heidell Pittoni Murphy & Bach LLP in New York City, where he specializes in the defense of medical, podiatric, chiropractic and allied health care claims. He is also experienced in the defense of general liability claims. Mr. Heller has been a trial attorney for 39 years. He is a member of DRI, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel and the New York State Bar Association—Trial Lawyers Section. He teaches annually at Hofstra University Law School’s NIDA Trial Advocacy Program.

Randy Lee, M.D., J.D., is a partner with Batten Lee PLLC in Cary, North Carolina. His practice is focused on defending health care providers and he is licensed and practices law in several states. His experience includes his medical practice in the area of family practice for the National Health Service Corp, as well as his private practice as a board certified anesthesiologist. After receiving a B.A. in Biology and his M.D., Mr. Lee completed an internship in internal medicine and a residency in anesthesiology before receiving his J.D.

June Leigh is responsible for the provision and leadership of nationwide risk control services. She is the assistant vice president of risk control at CNA HealthPro in Chicago. She provides consulting services for all types of health care organizations. Ms. Leigh has been a member of the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management since 1986, has served on its board of directors and has served as past president for its Chicago chapter. She is a published author and presents nationally on health care risk management topics.

Ted J. McDonald III is a founding partner of Adam & McDonald PA in Overland Park, Kansas. Mr. McDonald specializes in defending long-term care and assisted living facility claims for major providers of health care services throughout the country. He is the chair of DRI’s Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee, and a former member of DRI’s Governance Committee. He is also a member of the Kansas Defense Lawyers Association.

Stephen O. Plunkett, a shareholder with Bassford Remele PA in Minneapolis, represents nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the Midwest. He has chaired national seminars dealing with long-term care litigation issues. Mr. Plunkett is a member of DRI’s Law Institute and a former chair of DRI’s Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee. He is admitted to practice in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Mr. Plunkett has been recognized by his peers as a “Top 100 Lawyer” and “Super Lawyer” in *Minnesota Law & Politics*.

Juliette M. Saussy, M.D., is a board certified emergency medicine specialist and nationally certified paramedic who served as the director of New Orleans EMS Services before, during and after Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Saussy participated in the planning for such disasters with municipal, state and federal government officials and with area hospitals, nursing homes and EMS providers. During Hurricane Katrina, she remained in New Orleans, directing New Orleans EMS services, search and rescue operations and the evacuation of area hospitals and facilities.

Ethen R. Shapiro is a shareholder at Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa, Florida, in the firm’s litigation group. His focus is on medical malpractice, hospital liability, defense of nursing home and long-term care facilities, pharmaceutical liability and professional liability. Mr. Shapiro is currently serving as the young lawyer liaison to the DRI Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee.



Kathleen Shostek, R.N., ARM, BBA, FASHRM, CPHRM, has worked in health care risk management for over 20 years, and currently focuses on patient safety and error prevention for the ECRI Institute in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, an independent nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the safety, quality and cost effectiveness of health care. Ms. Shostek is the program manager for the Partnership for Patient Care CT Radiation Dose Safety, designed to reduce radiation and improve safety in computed tomography patients in the greater Philadelphia area.

Stacy C. Smith, M.D., FACC, FSCAI, is an interventional cardiologist in private practice in Memphis, Tennessee, specializing in the treatment of patients with a broad spectrum of heart diseases. She has extensive experience with peer review in cardiology, and has served as the chair of interventional peer review committees. Dr. Smith is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the Society of Cardiac Angiography and Interventions.

W. Stancil Starnes is the chair and CEO of ProAssurance Corporation in Birmingham, Alabama, the nation's only publicly traded insurance company that specializes in medical professional liability coverage. Previously, Mr. Starnes practiced law for 35 years in Birmingham. He is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and was noted by a national publication as "the kind of lawyer you turn to when the chips are down and you need the best."

Karen L. Still is the claims manager of MAG Mutual Insurance Company's Raleigh, North Carolina, office. Ms. Still's entire 28-year professional career has been dedicated to defending health care providers, while managing claims in 13 states throughout the Southeast. She joined MAG Mutual in 2001 to establish its North Carolina operation, where she presently manages a staff of litigation specialists and support staff who service the 3,600 MAG Mutual insureds practicing in North Carolina.

Jackie H. Trimm is a partner at Starnes Davis Florie LLP in Birmingham, Alabama. Her practice is primarily focused on medical liability and general litigation defense. She has been recognized as "Alabama's Most Prolific Attorney" by the *Alabama Jury Verdict Reporter* based on her trial experience and was named by her peers as one of "Birmingham's Top Attorneys." She serves on multiple committees for state and local bars. Ms. Trimm is the program vice chair of this seminar.

Tracy L. Zuckett, a principal at Moser & Marsalek PC in St. Louis, Missouri, focuses her practice on the defense of medical and long-term care professionals and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers and distributors. She has been repeatedly recognized as a "Missouri Rising Star" in medical malpractice personal injury defense. Ms. Zuckett is the publications chair for DRI's Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee and is a member of DRI's Drug and Medical Device Committee.

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Bally's Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
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The Westin Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL
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The Venetian, Las Vegas, NV
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