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- Learn how to utilize public data to refute plaintiff's theories of liability effectively
- Hear from insiders on the state of the industry and emerging trends and concerns for assisted living providers
- Learn how to defend Legionnaires cases in long-term care facilities



## **LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP**

**The Art of the  
30(B)(6) Deposition**

## **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH WORKSHOP**

**Defining Your  
Career: A Workshop  
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September 19–20, 2019

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**J**oin us in the Windy City for unparalleled programming and networking for defense practitioners, in-house counsel, claims specialists, and other professionals involved in the defense of claims against nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other long-term care providers across the country. This year, we will hear first-hand the current regulatory challenges facing post-acute operators, including an in-depth analysis of the state of affairs with the assisted living industry. With our panel counsel meetings, Women in the Law lunch, and other networking opportunities, there will be ample time for individuals to connect and collaborate. Register now to ensure your spot at the preeminent program in the field. **New this year** are two workshops designed to help you build your practice: **The Art of the 30(B)(6) Deposition Litigation Skills Workshop**, and **Defining Your Career Professional Growth Workshop**, both on Wednesday (see page 2).



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## What You Will Learn



- Cutting-edge medical and legal strategies in defending the wound care case
- Recent nationwide decisions and outcomes and how to leverage these decisions in your practice
- Defending the amputation case from a medical and legal perspective
- Managing ethical dilemmas related to maintaining privilege of internal investigations of sentinel events

***Attendance is restricted to defense attorneys.*** DRI reserves the right to cancel any seminar registration (with full refund) or refuse entry to any person who in their sole discretion does not meet the above criteria, or to revoke permission for any person who is determined in their sole discretion to be inappropriately admitted.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

11:30 a.m. **Registration for Workshops**

#### LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 18, 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

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

**With plaintiffs’ attorneys attempting to circumvent written discovery limitations** through 30(B)(6) deposition, 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 DRI’s first 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.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to practice techniques with highly skilled trial attorneys. One-on-one and small group exercises will ensure that you are prepared to mount an impactful defense. Act now to reserve a spot as space is limited to 30 attendees. See registration form for pricing.

**Daniel J. (Dan) Arnett**, *Arnett Law Group LLC*, Chicago, IL

**Peter L. (Pete) Gregory**, *Bassford Remele PA*, Minneapolis, MN

**Alphonsie (Alphie) Nelson**, *Bassett Discoe McMains & Kargozar*, Santa Ana, CA

**Additional faculty to be announced.**

#### NEW PROFESSIONAL GROWTH WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 18  
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

Confidence, branding, and value: building the foundation for sustainable growth. Those who aspire to partnership must balance a variety of skill sets in addition to doing good work for clients; they must become adept at delegation, management, business development, marketing, and executive skills, as well. This workshop is designed to provide participants with proven strategies to develop the confidence and competency needed to steward their firms into the future. **Unlike traditional, more prescriptive programs, this workshop will be interactive and tailored to the specific challenges/needs of the attendees.** Participants

will engage in creative exercises and group dialogues as a means of encouraging each attorney to take more ownership in his or her own professional growth and the future success of his or her firm.

Participants will leave the session having learned how to:

- Develop executive presence and personal branding
- Position yourself as an invaluable trusted advisor
- Think strategically about growing one’s practice in an efficient and profitable manner

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5:30 p.m. **Industry-Only Reception**SPONSORED BY **Excelas LLC**  
**Pendulum**6:00 p.m. **Registration**6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**SPONSORED BY **McDonald Veon PA**  
**Sedgwick****THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**6:00 a.m. **DRI For Life: Fun Run/Walk** | Join Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee Chair J. Richard Moore and fellow attendees for a fun run/walk. Email [richard@bleekedilloncrandall.com](mailto:richard@bleekedilloncrandall.com) for further information. More details will be available onsite.7:00 a.m. **Registration**7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**SPONSORED BY **Fudge Broadwater PA**  
**Horne Rota Moos LLP**8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions****Ted J. McDonald III**, *McDonald Veon PA*,  
Overland Park, KS**Caroline J. Berdzik**, *Goldberg Segalla LLP*,  
Princeton, NJ8:10 a.m. **Into the Crystal Ball: Current State of the Long-Term Care Industry and the Challenges that Lie Ahead**

As defense attorneys, we need to be cognizant of regulatory and political developments in the industry that affect the defense of long-term care claims. Mr. Wylie will provide an insider's perspective in this not-to-be-missed keynote session on the current state of the evolving long-term care industry, covering topics such as reimbursement, regulatory initiatives, and other challenges facing providers and stakeholders.

➤ **Michael (Mike) Wylie**, *Genesis Health Care*, Kennett Square, PA9:00 a.m. **What Goes Up Must Come Down? Analyzing Increasing Severity and Frequency Trends in Nursing Home and ALF Cases**

Authors of and contributors to the 2018 AON and CNA studies regarding nursing home and assisted living claims will provide a deep dive and analysis into the uptick of frequency and severity of aging services cases. Discussions will focus on what the data is showing, including variation in losses by state, comparisons between profit versus not-for-profit facilities and the effect on loss ratios and indemnity costs, the differences between assisted living and skilled nursing cases from an underwriting and claims perspective, and other drivers of frequency and severity.

➤ **Bruce W. Dmytrow**, *CNA Insurance Company*, Chicago, IL➤ **Kanika Vats**, *AON Consulting Inc.*,  
Jersey City, NJ9:50 a.m. **Refreshment Break**SPONSORED BY **Bassford Remele**  
**Hall Booth Smith PC**10:10 a.m. **Demystifying the Public Data and Debunking Plaintiffs' Theories of Liability**

Professor Bowlblis will address the proliferation of data in the post-acute space from sources such as Nursing Home Compare, survey data, QMS, PBJ, and cost reports; and discuss how this data does not represent the totality of a facility's performance and can be very misleading in the context of litigation. He will demonstrate how this data can be used effectively to combat plaintiffs' theories of liability and bolster the defense of nursing home cases. A seasoned defense counsel will provide further perspective on how best to utilize the data in the litigation of these cases.

**John R. Bowlblis, PhD**, *Miami University Farmer School of Business*, Oxford, OH**Ted J. McDonald III**, *McDonald Veon PA*,  
Overland Park, KS

11:00 a.m. **The Next Frontier—Emerging Issues Facing the Assisted Living Industry and the Push for National Standards**

Ms. Hummel will provide high-level insight into the current regulatory and litigation challenges facing the assisted living industry, including acuity creep, FHA/ADA actions, compliance concerns, and the push for national standards.

➔ **Lilly Hummel, JD**, *National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL)*, Washington, DC

11:50 a.m. **Women in the Law Luncheon** | Join us at Giordano's, 130 E. Randolph Street, Chicago, for networking and lunch with fellow WitL attendees. Please contact Anne Oldenberg via email at [anne.oldenburg@heplerbroom.com](mailto:anne.oldenburg@heplerbroom.com) for more details about securing a spot. Registration is limited to the first 50 registrants.

11:50 a.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

1:15 p.m. **Dissecting Professional Liability in Skilled Nursing Cases**

Identifying and understanding key value drivers in skilled nursing cases is vitally important to the outcome of your case. The assistant vice president of professional liability for a large multistate nursing home operator and defense counsel will lead a robust discussion about top severity claim drivers and effective defense strategies in nursing home litigation. The value of “forward thinking” and “thinking outside of the box” are emphasized in this presentation.

**Reed R. Bates**, *Starnes Davis Florie LLP*, Birmingham, AL

➔ **Robyn M. Rogers**, *National Healthcare Corporation (NHC)*, Murfreesboro, TN

2:05 p.m. **Reducing Your Wound Related Risk with Modern Wound Care**

A modern wound care program led by a physician expert in wound care can greatly reduce

wound related litigation and other risk exposures. Learn how an early and systematic approach to skin and wound care can reduce exposure from litigation, civil monetary penalties, and other negative outcomes. Also, learn what to look for in a wound expert that can make or break your case from a nurse attorney.

➔ **Shark Bird, MD**, *Vohra Wound Physicians*, Miramar, FL

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2:55 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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3:15 p.m. **Show Me the Money: Evaluation and Defense of the Assisted Living Claim**

This panel of experts will discuss cutting-edge strategies for combatting claims in the assisted living industry. They will focus on developing skills to create a defense framework in a climate where settlements and verdicts are on the rise. Specific attention will be devoted to establishing appropriate reserves, reducing exposure, and identifying techniques for early resolution when indicated. Learn more about why defense of these claims in the assisted living arena is unique because of the applicability of the FHA, ADA, and consumer fraud statutes.

➔ **Susan Burns, BSN, JD**, *Sedgwick CMS Inc*, Chicago, IL

➔ **Julie Flaherty Cheatham**, *Villa Healthcare*, Skokie, IL

**Anne M. Oldenburg**, *HeplerBroom LLC*, Chicago, IL

4:05 p.m. **Two's Company, Three's a Crowd: Managing the Expectations of Clients and Carriers**

Hear from a panel of insurance executives and defense counsel on a multitude of case resolution issues in the tripartite relationship

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involving overlapping coverage periods and co-carrier concerns; using early assessment and early resolution strategies (anchor offers, direct negotiation, and mediation); responding to settlement in the excess exposure case after receiving a demand to settle within limits by your insured; “fire sales”—settling, mediating, and packaging multiple cases for settlement with one firm; determining who the client is in complex healthcare organizations; case value vs. trial value for nursing home providers; and other challenges with managing the tripartite relationship when conflicts potentially emerge.

➤ **Nancy K. Caron**, *CNA Insurance Company*, Chicago, IL

➤ **Christine Kehoe**, *Hamlin & Burton Liability Management Inc.*, Orland Park, IL

**Minton P. Mayer**, *Quintairos Prieto Wood & Boyer PA*, Memphis, TN

4:55 p.m. **Long Term Care Subcommittee 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).

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

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

**T. Andrew (Drew) Graham**, *Hall Booth Smith PC*, Atlanta, GA

8:10 a.m. **The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: An Update on Nationwide SNF and ALF Decisions and Verdicts**

You will not want to miss this national survey of critical cases and outcomes in the world of aging services litigation. Ms. Schafer will provide an insightful overview of the opinions, orders, and verdicts over the past year that affect the defense of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. This will be a unique opportunity to learn useful legal arguments from other jurisdictions, new strategies by the plaintiffs' bar, and nationwide trends in long-term care litigation.

**Rebecca Schafer**, *Dzenitis Newman PLLC*, Louisville, KY

9:00 a.m. **Legionnaires' Disease: Legal Risks and Claims Management Strategies for Senior Care Providers**

Hear from a defense practitioner and an expert on the CMS regulations involving water treatment and managing suspected and confirmed Legionnaires events in nursing homes and assisted and independent living facilities from an environmental and infectious disease perspective. This cutting-edge presentation will cover what counsel for long-term care providers should do within the first day, week, month, and year of a case involving Legionella.

**Thomas Peter Bernier**, *Goldberg Segalla LLP*, Baltimore, MD

**J. David Krause, PhD, MSPH, CIH**, *Forensic Analytical Consulting Services Inc.*, Tallahassee, FL

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

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10:10 a.m. **Keep It Quiet: Ethical Dilemmas Related to Maintaining Privilege for Internal Investigations**

Long-term care facilities are faced with ever-increasing claims and lawsuits resulting from sentinel events and internal investigations. Aggressively defending against these claims and lawsuits is critical to preserving the public's trust in facilities and central to protecting the reputation of their services and staff. The majority of evidence that exists to help a facility establish compliance with the standard of care is created—or lost—within the hours following a resident injury. This presentation emphasizes the importance of taking immediate steps following a resident injury to identify, preserve, and exploit helpful evidence. These types of investigations must be conducted while considering the constantly changing landscape of regulations relating to ethical considerations and various privileges.

➔ **Jonathan Ohlsen**, *Prestige Healthcare*, Louisville, KY

**Johanna L. Tracy**, *Carden & Tracy LLC*, Chicago, IL

11:10 a.m. **Science Based Strategies to Thrive, Not Just Survive as a Leading Lawyer**

Research shows that many in the legal profession are actively suffering from substance use, depression, anxiety, or burnout; but what about the others? Are those lawyers really thriving or simply not suffering? Self-care is often equated with selfishness; and yet, leaders know that working at an optimal level requires self-care. Learn how lawyers can use concrete, science-backed strategies to manage stress effectively, the research on optimizing performance through well-being, and how to start implementing this both for yourself and for your organization. Stop merely surviving as a lawyer: learn to thrive as a leader.

**Courtney O. Wylie**, *Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP*, Chicago, IL

12:00 p.m. **Lower Extremity Injuries: Understanding the Complexities**

As the population ages, the frequency of lower extremity wound cases is increasing. No longer limited to residents of skilled nursing facilities, these claims are affecting assisted and independent living providers, as well. This session will provide an overview of the chronic lower extremity conditions associated with poor recovery from, or onset of, lower extremity wounds. The session will provide an in-depth review of comorbid conditions, assessment tools, and classification of lower extremity wounds. We will provide strategies for defending claims associated with these conditions. Finally, the session will address lower extremity amputations and damages strategies for addressing allegations of poor care.

**T. Andrew (Drew) Graham**, *Hall Booth Smith PC*, Atlanta, GA

🏥 **Ralf C. Habermann, MD**, *Vanderbilt University Medical Center*, Nashville, TN

12:50 p.m. **Adjourn**

**Community Service Project: Second Wind Dreams**



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**Second Wind Dreams** is an international nonprofit organization changing the perception of aging through the fulfillment of dreams and educational programs that help caregivers understand the physical and mental challenges facing those with dementia. The Atlanta-based organization is recognized as the first in the nation to focus on enhancing the quality of life of elders and changing society's perception of seniors by making dreams come true. Affiliated with more than 500 elder care communities across the country, Second Wind Dreams has made thousands of dreams come true for seniors living in the United States, Canada, India, Israel, and other countries around the world. Donations are accepted online for DRI at <http://www.secondwind.org/dri/>.

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