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- How to combine the craft of storytelling with modern audiovisual techniques
- How to use constitutional law as a sword to challenge state and local environmental regulation
- Settlement strategies for mass torts and their ethical boundaries
- Climate change litigation 2019: A primer on this fast-evolving mass tort
- How European companies view U.S. environmental lawyers and what they need from their counsel

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 p.m. Registration

5:00 p.m. Speed Networking

Come ready with your pithy elevator speech and your business cards. This fast-paced exercise will start new relationships in a fun setting.

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6:00 p.m. Networking Reception SPONSORED BY King & Spalding LLP

7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More information coming soon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

On-Site Community Service Project: *Help Our Troops!* During breaks throughout the seminar, attendees will have the opportunity to work with **Operation Gratitude**. Participants will assemble stuffed bears for families of deployed troops. DRI thanks our member firms which raised money to sponsor this worthwhile project. For more information, please contact Josh Shaw at **JShaw@ hedrickgardner.com. #DRICares**

- 7:00 a.m. **Registration** 7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
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- 7:00 a.m. First-Time Attendees Breakfast Carmen R. Toledo, King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, GA
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction Melanie C. Lockett, Lowe Stein Hoffman Allweiss Hauver LLP, New Orleans, LA

William J. (Bill) Hubbard, Thompson Hine LLP, Cleveland, OH

8:10 a.m. **The Trump EPA: A Former Insider's Guide** The EPA has been changing priorities, rolling back regulations, and focusing on compliance assistance in lieu of enforcement actions. A senior White House and EPA official in prior Republican administrations will explain what to expect over the next two years.

Jeffrey R. Holmstead, *Bracewell LLP*, Washington, DC

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9:00 a.m. Climate Change: A Hot Topic Catches Fire

Climate change is affecting property, infrastructure, and business, triggering litigation, regulation, and contract law questions. Learn how climate change is affecting clients and the law.

Adam H. Love, PhD, *Roux Associates Inc.*, Oakland, CA

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- 9:50 a.m. Refreshment Break SPONSORED BY Burr & Forman LLP
- 10:10 a.m. Tracks (see page 3)
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for lunch (*on your own*). More information coming soon.
- 1:40 p.m. Suing State and Local Governments over Laws and Permits

Local and state environmental regulation often conflicts with federal and state law. This presentation will survey litigation strategies regarding the intersection of constitutional and environmental law.

William W. Buzbee, *Georgetown University Law Center*, Washington, DC

Alana E. Fortna, Babst Calland Clements and Zomnir PC, Pittsburgh, PA

Christopher L. Rimkus, MarkWest Energy Partners, Denver, CO

2:50 p.m. A View from Across the Pond

Nearly every chemical company has a global footprint, many having a presence in Europe. Develop an understanding and appreciation of Europeans' views of U.S. environmental regulatory law and toxic tort litigation.

MODERATOR | **Timothy J. Coughlin**, *Thompson Hine LLP*, Cleveland, OH

Peter A. Drucker, AkzoNobel NV, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Stefan John, BASF Corporation, Florham Park, NJ

3:40 p.m. Refreshment Break SPONSORED BY Barnes & Thornburg LLP

3:55 p.m. **PFAS Litigation—A Case Study: Managing** Your Liability and Defending Future Claims

PFASs are ubiquitous in products and persistent in the environment, yet regulations are still evolving. This panel will engage the audience in an interactive PFASs case study.

Kimberly Leue Bick, *Bick Law LLP*, Newport Beach, CA

- Kandi Brown, NewFields Governmental Services LLC, Knoxville, TN
- Mary P. Morningstar, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, MD

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

4:50 p.m. Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee Meeting (open to all)

6:00 p.m. Networking Reception SPONSORED BY Gradient

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7:30 p.m. New Orleans School of Cooking

Join old friends and make new ones at a cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking, located in the French Quarter. For \$40, participants will receive food, beer, an apron, and recipes. Your spot must be reserved before the seminar. To do so, please contact Kimberly L. Bick at **kbick@bicklawllp.com**.

7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More information coming soon.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast SPONSORED BY Exponent

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TRACKS Thursday, March 14, 10:10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (choose one)

	LITIGATION TRACK	REGULATORY TRACK	
10:10 a.m.	Storytelling for Trial Attorneys: Adding the Visual Element To keep a jury or judge engaged and persuaded, you must tell a story. A top consultant will demonstrate: 1) why stories are critical to win- ning trials; 2) how to tell them; and 3) the art of coupling images and words. Kenneth J. Lopez, A2L Consulting, Alexandria, VA	Regulatory Headwinds Facing IndustryPresenters will provide a summary of new and impending regulatory developments and how those developments have the potential to affect industry.Robert F. Helminiak, Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates, Arlington, VAPhilip R. Watters, PE, Rimkus Consulting Group Inc., Houston, TXRobert J. Wolcik, Strem Chemicals Inc., Boston, MA	
11:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break		
11:10 a.m.	 Convincing the Millennial Juror Learn how to reach millennial jurors in voir dire and trial. A jury consultant and a millennial trial lawyer will explain this demographic and how to persuade jurors who expect advocacy to come through visuals, technology, and new oratory. Eric L. Klein, <i>Beveridge & Diamond PC</i>, Wellesley, MA Jill M. Leibold, PhD, Litigation Insights, Overland Park, KS 	The Clean Water Act Reaches Groundwater: The Newest Frontier for Citizen Suit Litigation Federal courts have ruled that small discharges of pol- lutants that reach waterbodies through groundwater can trigger Clean Water Act liability. These "hydraulically connected discharges" threaten to increase citizen suit liability significantly. MODERATOR William S. (Buddy) Cox III, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, Birmingham, AL Andrew B. Bittner, MEng, PE, Gradient, Cambridge, MA Lindsay S. See, West Virginia Solicitor General, Charleston, WV Michelle S. Spak, Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, NC	

7:00 a.m. Women's Networking Breakfast SPONSORED BY Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver LLC

8:00 a.m. Announcements Kimberly Leue Bick, Bick Law LLP, Newport Beach, CA

8:10 a.m. The EPA: Advice from the General Counsel

The general counsel of the EPA may be the most important job in environmental law, overseeing federal environmental law and regulation. Learn how to advocate before the agency.

Matthew Z. Leopold, U.S. Environmental *Protection Agency*, Washington, DC

9:00 a.m. Tech Talks: Fast-Paced Presentations on Technology and Emerging Issues

1. The Winning (Electronic) Brief

Learn from a former law clerk how advances in technology affect modern litigation and how to obtain better results in the digital age.

Chloé M. Chetta, *Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver LLC*, New Orleans, LA

2. Putting Jurors on Site: The Virtual Tour as Courtroom Presentation Tool

Discover how technology available in many courtrooms can provide context for a toxic tort case.

Daniel (Dan) Martin, The Focal Point LLC, Oakland, CA

3. Advocacy in the World of Social Media: The State of the Science and Art

In an age when individual citizens have a worldwide platform, explore best practices for social media strategy.

Rick Looser, The Cirlot Agency, Jackson, MS

4. Health and Safety of 3D Printing

3D printing applications have proliferated, although the emissions and exposures created are still relatively undefined. Explore the legal standards that apply to worker and consumer chemical exposure.

Alison Gauthier, MSPH, CIH, *Exponent*, Oakland, CA

10:40 a.m. Refreshment Break SPONSORED BY Bowman and Brook LLP

11:00 a.m. Gender Diversity and Inclusion in the Age of #MeToo

Claims of sexual harassment and discrimination have soared, and law firms are not immune. Our panel will discuss problems that women continue to face in our male-dominated industry, the importance of gender diversity, and best practices in addressing such claims.

John C. Childs, Georgia-Pacific LLC, Atlanta, GA

Megan S. Glowacki, *Thompson Hine LLP*, Cincinnati, OH

Angela A. Meyer PhD, PE, *Product Liability Advisory Council*, Los Altos, CA

11:50 a.m. Ethical Implications in Settlement Strategies for Your Mass Toxic Tort Case

The panel will discuss aggressive and innovative methods to foster early resolution of mass toxic tort cases, including the range of responses, factors that drive the settlement structure and sensitivity analysis, and the effect of ethics rules.

John L. Carroll, Samford University Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, AL

Christina M. (Christy) McLean, Alvarez & Marsal Holdings LLC, Birmingham, AL

Lucian T. Pera, Adams and Reese LLP, Memphis, TN

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

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Titans of Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Luncheon 1:00–2:30 p.m.

This event provides young lawyers with the opportunity to dine with the pioneers of the field. The luncheon will take place at a nearby restaurant and is limited to the first 30 attendees. To register, please contact Kim Connick at **KConnick@HarrisBeach.com**.

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