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Mass Torts: Tips, Tricks, and Pitfalls



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1.0 Hour of General CLE
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PROGRAM

This presentation will provide practitioners with a primer on Mass Torts, Class Actions, and MDLs. The presentation will be broken into two sections. The first section will focus on defining Mass Torts, Class Actions, and MDLs, comparing factors relevant to MDL consolidation and class certification, and the life cycle of Mass Torts. The second section will focus on ways practitioners can identify potential mass torts, manage their mass tort cases, and avoid common pitfalls.

PRESENTERS

Melanie S. Bailey, Esq., is a shareholder with Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, P.C., where she focuses her practice on mass torts, class actions, and multidistrict litigation. Bailey has worked on a number of mass torts cases involving prescription drugs and medical device. In 2021, Bailey was appointed to serve on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Elmiron (Pentosan Polysulfate Sodium) Products Liability Litigation (MDL 2973)*, pending in the District of New Jersey. Bailey has also worked on numerous class actions, including being appointed class counsel in a case against Wal-Mart Stores in Kentucky, which resulted in a settlement of \$19 million in monetary relief for class members who claimed missed rest and meal breaks and time spent working off the clock.

David C. Harman, Esq., is a shareholder with Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, P.C., where he focuses his practice on mass torts, class actions, and multidistrict litigation. Harman's work in mass torts includes his recent appointment to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and Chair of Law and Briefing in *In re Exactech Polyethylene Orthopedic Products Liability Litigation (MDL 3044)*, where Harman represents clients who suffered as a result of defective orthopedic devices. Harman has represented hundreds of clients that suffered injuries as a result of defective pharmaceutical products. Likewise, in *Davis v. World Wide Consulting Services, Inc.*, Harman was appointed class counsel in a recently resolved wage and hour class action. Harman has experience at all stages of mass tort litigation, including discovery, motion practice, expert witnesses, trial, appeal, and settlement administration for over 1,000 clients.

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