

Section on Environmental, Toxic and Pharmaceutical Torts (STEP)

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Program Theme: Leveraging Our Cross-Practice Expertise to Overcome Practice Challenges

2:00 pm **Opening Remarks** (5 minutes)

2:05 pm **Confidentiality and Proportionality** (35 minutes)
Kelly McNabb
Leiff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, San Francisco, CA

Keith Altman
The Law Office of Keith Altman, Lathrup Village, MI

Jennifer Bennett
Public Justice, Oakland, CA

2:40 pm **The State of *Daubert* Law and Strategies for Overcoming Expert Challenges**
(35 minutes)
Leslie O’Leary
Johnson Johnson Lucas & Middleton, Eugene, OR

James Gotz
Hausfeld, Boston, MA

Corrie Yackulic
Corrie Yackulic Law Firm, Seattle, WA

3:15 pm **Break** (10 minutes)

3:25 pm **Effectively Employing Rule 23** (35 minutes)
Mark Chalos
Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, Nashville, TN

Ariana Tadler
Tadler Law, New York, NY

Kevin Hannon
The Hannon Law Firm, Denver, CO

4:00 pm **Settlements—Issues, Mechanics, and Ethics** (35 minutes)
David Friend
Hissey Mulderig & Friend, Austin, TX

Gale Pearson
Fears Nachawati Law Firm, Minneapolis, MN

Sindhu Daniel
Baron & Budd, Dallas, TX

4:35 pm

Current Trends in Mass Torts (35 minutes)

- Growing use of censuses
- Bankrupt or soon-to-be-bankrupt defendants
- Snap removal
- Preemption

Ellen Relkin
Weitz & Luxenberg, New York, NY

Drew LaFramboise
Ashcraft & Gerel, Silver Spring, MD

Michael Daly
Pogust Millrood, Conshohocken, PA

5:10 pm

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