2020 Winter Workshop Schedule & Agenda

8:00—8:50 a.m. | Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:50 a.m. | Welcome & Announcements
9:00—10:00 a.m. | CASE LAW UPDATE: TOP DECISIONS OF 2019
   A recap and in-depth discussion of the decisions of 2019 most important to your practice.
   Leslie Packer, Ellis & Winters LLP

10:00—11:00 a.m. | THE BUSINESS AND THE PRACTICAL CASE FOR DIVERSITY
   What are the benefits when emphasizing diversity in your firm’s hiring and retention practices as well as the practical benefit of diversity in your law practice when representing clients before a judge and jury? We’ll hear experiences and perspectives from both private practitioners and corporate counsel on the business value of a diverse legal team, and from members of the bench in recognizing diverse voices and diverse thought while trying cases or preparing cases for trial.
   Panelists: Judge Ashleigh Dunston, Wake County District Court Judge; Judge Keith Gregory, Resident Wake County Superior Court Judge; Judge Vince Rizzi, Resident Wake County Superior Court Judge; Timika Shoaf-Jackson, Duke Energy; Patricia P. Shields, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP; Donna C. Cahill, Payner Spruill, LLP
   Moderator: Deanna J. Griffen, Yates McBain & Weyher, LLP

11:00—11:15 a.m. | Networking Break
11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. | RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN COLLEAGUES & STAFF
   The statistics are alarming. We hear about the prevalence of mental health and substance abuse issues impacting us daily. Learn how to recognize the signs in those around you—fellow attorneys and your staff—and get tips and resources on how to stop enabling and provide help. Melanie DuPan, Director of Customer Solutions, BHS

12:15—12:55 p.m. | PRACTICE GROUP ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS #1 (SEE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS BELOW)
   Networking Lunch & Visit Exhibitors

1:00—2:00 p.m. | Break and Transition
2:00—2:15 p.m. | PRACTICE GROUP ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS #2 (SEE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS BELOW)
   OPTIONAL VIDEO: MEDIATION RULES AND RUMINATIONS—3 PERSPECTIVES
   This video replay panel presentation will include perspectives from the mediator, defense attorney, and claims manager during the mediation process. Each panelist will share tips and pointers to best prepare for the mediation conference, and also when working with the pro se claimant.
   Kate Deiter-Marodele, Deiter Mediation; David Hood, Patrick Harper & Dixon, LLP; Jeremy Vaughan, NC Farm Bureau; Phillip Collins Bailey & Dixon, LLP, Moderator

10:00—10:30 a.m. | Jennifer Jerzak Blackman, Law Office of Jennifer Jerzak Blackman
   This session will be an open discussion of litigation trends and defenses in employment and commercial:

   • Product Liability: Legionnaires’ Disease: Legal Risks & Claims Management Strategies
   Approximately 20 outbreaks of Legionnaires’ Disease are reported annually according to the CDC. Learn about the history, diagnosis, the cause and effect of Legionnaires’ Disease, and resulting personal injury litigation and litigation targets. This session will discuss pre-suit investigations, claims management and defense strategy, provide an overview of verdicts and settlements, and share perspectives as to future litigation.
   Thomas P. Bernier, Goldberg Segalla

   • Commercial: The Clean Slate in NC’s E-Discovery Protocols
   A recent Court of Appeals decision takes the opportunity to address when a forensic examination is warranted, proper, and necessary while also noting that ediscovery stands on equal footing with the discovery of paper documents. This session will discuss the use of protective orders to address privilege concerns when a forensic examination has been ordered, and use of The Sedona Principles as reference. (1 hour technology credit pending approval)
   Speakers TBA

   • Construction: Construction Vibration Claims
   An expert in construction vibration claims will provide an overview of vibration claim basics, discuss direct and indirect vibration damage, share examples of typical failure modes of structures versus cosmetic damage, and review various methods of investigating vibration claims.
   William Bracken, P.E., EVP Forensic A&E Practice Lead, JS Held

   • Workers Compensation: Litigation Trends in Workers’ Compensation
   This session will be an open discussion of litigation trends and defenses in North Carolina.
   Jennifer Jerzak Blackman, Law Office of Jennifer Jerzak Blackman

10:45—11:15 a.m. | General Liability: The Intersection of Torts and Technology
   Accidents happen—so what are the current trends when use of technology plays a part in establishing punitive damages, applying liability, and admissibility? This panel will discuss advances in technology and video evidence and their effect on motor vehicle accident and premises liability cases, including the increasing duty to preserve and maintain electronic evidence and materials. (1 hour technology credit pending approval)
   Moderator: J.D. McAllister, McAngus Goudelock & Courie, PLLC
   Panelists: Jessica Tyndall, Nationwide Insurance, others TBA

11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. | Medical Malpractice: The Future is Here: Telemedicine and Artificial Intelligence
   Overview of Liability and Regulatory Issues associated with the expansion and implementation of telemedicine and the application of artificial intelligence in medical decision making. (1 hour technology credit pending approval)
   Michael Allen and Matthew Mariani, Batten Lee, PLLC

12:15—12:45 p.m. | Employment: OSHA Response Strategies for Employment Lawyers
   What do you do when OSHA arrives at your client’s door?
   This course will provide an introduction to OSHA inspection procedures and strategies for response.
   Thomas M. Buckley, Goldberg Segalla

1:00—1:30 p.m. | Government: Firing the First Shot: Plaintiff Discovery Tactic Spreads to North Carolina
   A developing trend of plaintiff’s discovery request for the entire insurance adjusters file is happening now in North Carolina. Join fellow local, county and state government practitioners to discuss what is happening in South Carolina; early developments of this tactic in NC, and, share ideas how in-house government attorneys, outside counsel and insurance carriers in NC can work together to limit the applicability of this tactic.
   Andrew J. Santaniello, Clawson & Staubes

2020 Winter Workshop Registration Form

$285 NCADA Attorney
$185 NCADA Government Attorney
$75 NCADA Paralegal
JUDGES, COMPLIMENTARY: $35

Please select one (1) breakout from each session:

Session 1:
- Product Liability
- Commercial
- General Liability
- Employment

Session 2:
- Construction
- Workers Compensation
- Medical Malpractice
- Government

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PROGRAM DATE: Friday, January 31, 2020
REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m.
Early Registration Deadline: January 21, 2020
No Refunds: after January 21, 2020

CLE CREDIT: 6 Hours CLE Credit, including 2.0 hrs Ethics/Professionalism*, 1 hr substance abuse/mental health (pending approval) 1 hr technology credit (pending approval) *video accounts for either 1 hour Certified Mediator Ethics Credit or Ethics/Professionalism

LOCATION: The Sheraton Imperial, 4700 Emperor Blvd, Durham, NC 27703 (directions below)
Special room rates of $139 for Thursday night are available. Please contact the hotel at (919) 941-5050 to make your reservation.

PROGRAM MATERIALS: Seminar materials will be emailed to registrants in advance of the seminar
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