



JUNE 21, 2023

1:30 PM **Conference Registration.....Location: Central A&B**

3:30 PM **Introduction by Peter Hecht, Partner & Executive VP Sales, Magna Legal Services**
Special Guest Remarks, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

4:00 PM **Micro Panel Workshop – FAMILY FEUD: Nuclear Verdicts & Settlements**

Description of Micro Panel Exercise and Topic by **Peter Hecht** and **Ross Suter, Sr.** Vice President-Litigation Solutions, Magna Legal Services

4:15PM **Micro Panels and Moderators are Dismissed to Break-Out Rooms**

4:15PM **Traditional Panel Discussion in Meeting Room: Avoiding Nuclear Verdicts**

Avoiding nuclear verdicts remains a top priority for corporate counsel. The panel will discuss plaintiffs’ tactics and juror attitudes that are driving the increase in these verdicts. They will also provide strategies for use in discovery, jury research, jury selection, and at trial to minimize the possibility that your company is next.

MODERATED BY: Ted Mathias, Esq., Partner, Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP
PANELISTS INCLUDE:

- Jeff Davis**, AVP & Senior Counsel, Lincoln Financial Group
- David Barnard, Ph.D.**, Senior Litigation Consultant, Magna Legal Services
- Ron Lowell**, General Counsel, Western Express
- Michael Cortese**, SVP, Head of Casualty Claims, Westfield Specialty

5:15 PM **FAMILY FEUD: First Round**

FEATURING: Tera Edwards, Esq., Partner, Lewis Brisbois
MICRO PANELIST LEGAL FAMILY:

- Brian Bornstein**, Claims Executive - Programs & Captives, AIG
- Patrick Carroll**, Director, US Casualty Claims Consulting, Aon
- Ian Rapaport**, Head of Complex Casualty, Axis
- Thomas Harris**, VP Claims, County Hall Insurance Company RRG
- Amanda Wickstrom**, Senior Legal Counsel, Labor and Employment, Ikea
- Rosalind Herschthal**, Senior Attorney Examiner, Inservco Insurance Services, Inc.
- Danielle Childs**, Casualty Claims Representative, Wawa

Vs.

FEATURING: Juan A. Ruiz, Esq., Senior Partner, Luks, Santaniello, et al.
MICRO PANELIST LEGAL FAMILY:

- Julie Beaumont**, General Manager-Central Claims, Acuity Insurance
- JoEllen Riehl**, Claims & Litigation Specialist, Cassatt RRG Holding Company
- Sonia Valdes**, Vice President, Claims, MedMarc/ProAssurance
- Gabor Antal**, Chief of Staff, Global Legal, Teva
- Stephanie Morris**, Paralegal - Insured Litigation, The Kroger Co.
- Carolyn Trush**, Manager-Claims, Universal Health Services, Inc.



5:35 PM

FAMILY FEUD: Second Round

FEATURING: **Patrick J. Sodoro, Esq., Partner, Sodoro Law Group**

MICRO PANELIST LEGAL FAMILY:

Melanie Copic, Technical Claims Specialist, Brinker International Risk Management

James Siessel, Divisional Senior Vice-President, Great American Insurance Group

Justin Gourley, Legal Counsel, MGM Resorts International

Desiree Acevedo, Legal Claims Team, Sprouts Farmers Market

Morgan Carrin, Supervisor – Claims, Universal Health Services, Inc.

Amanda Locklear, Sr. Claims Litigation Specialist, Wawa

Vs.

FEATURING: **Juan C. Gonzalez, Esq., Partner, Rubin Paterniti Gonzalez Rizzo Kaufman**

MICRO PANELIST LEGAL FAMILY:

Michael Szymanski, Claims Manager, Risk Management, Asplundh Tree Expert

Nidya Gonzales, Sr. Casualty Claims Manager, Brinker International Risk Management

James Everett, Vice-President, Claims, ECM Insurance Group

Yara Mouded, Divisional Assistant Vice President, Great American Custom Insurance Services

Susan LaBar, SVP Large Casualty Practice - Risk Services Leader, Lockton Companies

6:05 - 6:30 PM **Wrap Up with Moderators**

7:00 - 9:00 PM **Welcome Reception & Dinner**..... **Water Club Indoor Pool**
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9:00 AM **Breakfast**.....**American Bar & Grille**
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10:00 AM **Chopped Mock Trial Competition****The Music Box Theater**

10:00 AM **Program & Case Introduction**

Peter Hecht, Magna Legal Services, Partner, Executive Vice President Sales

THE COMPETITORS:

Michael Barfield, Esq., Managing Member, Barnwell Whaley Patterson & Helms, LLC

Jerry D. Hamilton, Esq., Partner, Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, LLP

Joelle Nelson, Esq., Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

Wade Quinn, Esq., Managing Partner, Ramey Chandler Quinn, P.C.

Presiding Judge: **Justice David Medina**, Texas State Supreme Court (Ret.)

10:30 AM **Attorney Opening Statement Presentations**

PANEL OF JUDGES:

Kristen Nowacki, Senior Staff Attorney, Canal Insurance

Matthew Spector, Vice President, Excess Complex Claims Casualty Leader, Chubb

Michael Coffey, Esq., Partner, Coffey Modica O'Meara LLP

Tera Edwards, Esq., Partner, Lewis Brisbois

Theodore Schaer, Esq., Partner, Zarwin, Baum, Devito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy, P.C.

11:15 AM **Judges' Feedback on Opening Statements**

11:30 AM **Cross Examination | Round 1: Plaintiff**

PANEL OF JUDGES:

Jennifer Wojciechowski, VP - Operations, Community Association Underwriters of America, Inc.

Jeff Davis, AVP & Senior Counsel, Lincoln Financial Group

Matt Shusterman, Senior Vice President - Claims Attorney, Prime Insurance

Derrick Mullen, Vice President, Home Office Claims, Seneca Insurance Company

Michael Daly, Insurance Professional

12:15 PM **Part One of Three: Case Study Q&A Spotlight**

HOSTED BY:

Susan V. Metcalfe, Esq., Partner, Potomac Law Group &

Richard A. Sawin, Esq., Founding Partner, Michienzie & Sawin

FEATURING:

Matthew Spector, Vice President, Excess Complex Claims Casualty Leader, Chubb

Michael Dickert, Director, Liability Claims, Comcast NBCUniversal

Jimmy Mundt, Senior Technical Claims Specialist II, Helmsman Management Services

12:30 PM **Judges' Feedback on Cross Examination of Plaintiff**

FIRST ATTORNEY GETS CHOPPED



12:45 - 1:45 PM Lunch**American Bar & Grille**

2:00 PM Cross Examination | Round 2: Defendant

PANEL OF JUDGES:

Lynn Menschenfreund, Vice President - Claims, Core Specialty Insurance
Ozie Lewis, Claims Client Manager, Old Republic Risk Management
Todd Brandenberger, Vice President - Claims, Prime Insurance
Lloyd Brown, Casualty Claims Manager, Wawa
Bert Dizon, Senior Client Services Manager, Gallagher Bassett

2:30 PM Part Two of Three: Case Study Q&A Spotlight

A cautionary tale of a case study on how to avoid a nuclear verdict

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2:45 PM Judges' Feedback on Cross Examination of Defendant
SECOND ATTORNEY GETS CHOPPED

3:00 PM AFTERNOON BREAK

3:15 PM Closing Statements

PANEL OF JUDGES:

Ian Rapaport, Head of Complex Casualty, Axis
Jacqueline Murphy, Associate General Counsel, Flynn Restaurant Group
Collin Hite, Director & Associate General Counsel - Claims, Markel
Debby Gilliam, Assistant Vice President - Claim Litigation, Union Standard Insurance Group
Kim Campbell, Claims Litigation Sr Supervisor Corporate Legal Department, Wellpath

4:00 PM Part Three of Three: Case Study Q&A Spotlight

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MOCK TRIAL CHALLENGE

- 4:15 PM** Judges' Feedback on Closing Statements
- 4:30 - 4:45 PM** **CHOPPED CHAMPION ANNOUNCED**
Closing Remarks | Celebrity Q&A with Walt "Clyde" Frazier
- 5:00 - 6:30 PM** **CLOSING RECEPTION** Premier
Celebrity Meet & Greet with Walt "Clyde" Frazier



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