



## **Defending Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma Claims Alleging That Talc Contains Asbestos: A Primer**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT**

**Dear IADC Member:**

Please join us for a complimentary Webinar (Web-based seminar produced through Adobe Connect) sponsored by the IADC Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 for one (1) hour beginning at:

10:00 AM PDT / 11:00 AM MDT / 12:00 PM Noon CDT / 1:00 PM EDT

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION!** Although there is no fee to attend, you must register so that the IADC can plan accordingly for the number of interested participants. [Click here](#) to register online. You must be logged in with your IADC username and password in order to register. If you are registering multiple participants from the same firm, please register each participant individually.

We hope that you will join us for this exciting and informative program. If you have any questions, please contact **Melisa Maisel Vanis, Professional Development Manager**, at [mmaisel@iadclaw.org](mailto:mmaisel@iadclaw.org) or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

### **THE PRESENTATION:**

#### **Defending Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma Claims Alleging That Talc Contains Asbestos: A Primer**

In asbestos litigation, Plaintiffs are claiming that talc used in industrial products is “contaminated” with asbestos and causes lung cancer and mesothelioma. These claims are typically based on a misreading of high intensity microscopy. Applying generally accepted standards of mineral identification makes it clear that the “asbestos” identified by Plaintiff’s experts is really cleavage fragments of talc. This Webinar is intended to acquaint members with claims that talc causes lung cancer and mesothelioma. The presenters recently were in trial in a lung cancer/ talc case.

### **THE PRESENTERS:**

**Robert Redmond ([rredmond@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:rredmond@mcguirewoods.com))**

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Bob focuses his practice on mass tort, product liability, and complex commercial litigation. He frequently tries jury cases to verdict in state and federal courts around the country. He recently tried a product liability wrongful death case to a defense verdict for a major automobile manufacturer. He was trial counsel in a multi-million dollar Lanham Act and defamation jury trial in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Less than a year earlier, he tried a multi-million dollar tort case to a defense verdict also in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He was trial counsel in a case selected by the *National Law Journal* as one of the "Top Ten Defense Verdicts of 2002," and has served as counsel in numerous other jury trials around the nation.

Bob defends mass and class action defendants and has served as part of the national defense team for a consumer products retailer involved in formaldehyde-related class action litigation and a defendant in mass litigation involving tainted steroid injections. In addition, Bob maintains an active appellate practice. He has appeared as lead appellate counsel six times in the Supreme Court of Virginia and has argued in the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He has filed amicus curiae briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court on matters related to patent interpretation. Prior to entering private practice, Bob was a prosecutor for the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

**Brent Kerger, Ph.D. ([bkerger@exponent.com](mailto:bkerger@exponent.com))**

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A board-certified toxicologist since 1994, Dr. Kerger specializes in the study of environmental chemical fate and transport, exposure assessment, pharmacokinetics, and adverse human health effects. He has more than 32 years of experience conducting and managing laboratory, field, and clinical studies of exposure, toxicology, epidemiology, and disease causation analysis. He provides scientific and strategic consultation regarding regulatory and litigation matters including 23 years of environmental chemistry and toxicology expert witness experience. He has in-depth expertise regarding asbestos, talc, dioxins and furans, PCBs, PAHs, chlorinated solvents, benzene and petroleum products, irritant gases, flavoring chemicals, and heavy metals.

Dr. Kerger has extensive experience in evaluating scientific issues involving claims of chemical causation or increased risk of diseases in humans in regulatory and litigation settings. He has thoroughly researched key toxicological issues surrounding human exposures to a broad range of chemicals and mineral dusts. Dr. Kerger guides the optimized research capabilities and access to resources (expertise and information) that promote an integrated, multi-disciplinary perspective to addressing scientific issues. He has designed and implemented a variety of field studies, laboratory studies, and clinical studies aimed at characterizing chemical exposure and toxicity. He has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals on chemical toxicity, physiologically-based pharmacokinetic modeling, Monte Carlo uncertainty analysis, evidence-based analysis, and innovative exposure and risk assessment techniques.

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