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## Issues in Modern Cross-Border Mass Torts Litigation

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**Dear IADC Member:**

Please join us for a complimentary Webinar (Web-based seminar produced through Adobe Connect) sponsored by the IADC Product Liability Committee and Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 for (1) hour beginning at:

10:00 AM PST / 11:00 AM MST / 12:00 PM Noon CST / 1:00 PM EST

### **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, Director of Professional Development**, at [mmaisel@iadclaw.org](mailto:mmaisel@iadclaw.org) or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

### **THE PRESENTATION:**

#### **Issues in Modern Cross-Border Mass Torts Litigation**

In an increasingly global mass tort litigation environment, this panel of counsel will explore current issues in cross-border litigation with a focus on issues related to discovery, production, and cross-border coordination.

Topics will include understanding jurisdictional differences and managing procedural, tactical, and ethical issues surrounding inter jurisdictional discovery. The panel will draw on lessons learned from recent case law and provide practical tips for practitioners.

### **THE MODERATOR:**

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Cheryl Woodin is an experienced and skilled litigator who specializes in the defence of class actions and complex, multi-party litigation. Cheryl works with clients to manage cross-border litigation as well as litigation occurring in regulated environments. She has both jury and non-jury trial experience and has appeared at all levels of court in Canada. She has defended clients across a broad variety of industries in claims involving consumer products; automotive parts; drug and medical devices; securities; labelling and billing practices; and environmental contamination. She has also acted for and against public authorities in the context of litigation related to limits of statutory powers and the development of novel tort claims. Cheryl is co-head of the firm's Class Actions practice group.

### **THE PRESENTERS:**

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After 10 years practicing in a major international law firm, Sylvie became one of the founding partners of the Paris office of Signature Litigation and heads its product liability and toxic tort practice. She is specialised in all cutting-edge complex disputes linked to products, namely product liability, product safety, toxic tort, mass litigation/class action, regulatory compliance, and environment for a variety of globally recognised manufacturers from industries such as automotive, electronic products, cosmetics, new technologies, steel, energy, food, toys, etc. Sylvie is further known in the French market as a leading toxic tort/mass litigation lawyer. She has been involved in most pro-company case law rendered in asbestos-related cases. Sylvie is both an Avocat à la Cour in France and a Solicitor in England and Wales. She is described by *Who's Who Legal* as a "dynamic and determined litigator," who is "a firm favourite among clients" as "she always goes the extra mile to support her clients, and is proactive in seeking commercial solutions to disputes" and is "analytical, intelligent and responsive." Sylvie is ranked in *Who's Who Legal France: Product Liability Defence 2019* which notes she "stands out in the market for her highly respected product liability, toxic tort, and mass litigation expertise." She has also been awarded the "Best in Product Liability" award at the 2019 LMG Euromoney Europe Women in Business Law Awards.

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