



Working with Experts: Best Practices

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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 or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

THE PRESENTATION:

Working with Experts: Best Practices

This panel will discuss the latest best practices for:

- Retaining Experts
- Protecting Privilege
- Surviving a Daubert/Frye motion
- Striking Opponents' Experts

THE PRESENTERS:

Sherry Knutson (Sherry.Knutson@tuckerellis.com)

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Sherry Knutson is a trial lawyer with 20 years of experience in product liability and toxic tort cases, with an emphasis on defending pharmaceutical and medical device companies. She has served as national coordinating counsel in one of the largest pharmaceutical mass torts and as lead counsel in multiple coordinated proceedings involving pharmaceuticals in Chicago. Sherry has tried cases to verdict in Illinois, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and West Virginia. She is ranked in *Chambers USA* in Product Liability & Mass Torts (Nationwide), where she is described as an “exceptional attorney” with “a knack for understanding very complex scientific and medical issues and making them easy to understand to both clients and a layperson on the jury.” Sherry is a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, and she was named *Law360's* 2014 Product Liability MVP. She is also listed in *Who's Who Legal*, *The Legal 500*, and *LMG Life Sciences*.

Tonya Newman (tnewman@ngelaw.com)

Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP, Chicago, IL

Tonya G. Newman is a partner in Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg's General Litigation and Insurance Policyholder practice groups, where she also serves as the co-chair of the firm's Women's Network Leadership Team. Tonya represents manufacturers in all phases of pre-litigation and litigation, including counseling, investigating potential claims, and defending products liability litigation. Tonya also counsels manufacturers and others on an array of best practices with respect to risk management issues, including drafting or revising warnings language, warranty provisions, and limitations of liability. She has significant experience in handling complex products liability litigation, other commercial litigation, and mediations with an emphasis on representing manufacturers involved in disputes nationwide.

Tonya is very active in the legal community. She is managing editor of *Coverage*, a publication of the American Bar Association, and is a member of the ABA's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee. She also serves as co-chair of the Women in Products Liability Subcommittee of the ABA's Products Liability Committee. Tonya is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, and previously served as chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Insurance Law Committee and as board member of the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law.

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Rudy Perrino is a litigator and trial attorney with significant experience defending and prosecuting claims in a broad range of areas, including environmental, mass tort, toxic tort, product liability, commercial, oil and gas, and food law. Rudy has significant experience litigating and trying cases involving cross-border and transnational disputes, including the defense of judgment enforcement actions in the U.S. and on foreign soil. He further has extensive experience managing, litigating, and trying large-scale, high exposure cases in courts across the country and around the world. He also has substantial experience counseling large public and private companies on issues relating to best practices, environmental compliance, and chemical safety issues.

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