

# The Explosion: Responding to a Client's Crisis Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CDT

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Please join us for a complimentary Webinar (Web-based seminar produced through Adobe Connect) sponsored by the IADC Business Litigation Committee, Product Liability Committee, Toxic and Hazardous Substances Litigation Committee, and Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee on Wednesday, April 12, 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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>mmaisel@iadclaw.org</u> or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

#### THE PRESENTATION:

#### The Explosion: Responding to a Client's Crisis

The panel will discuss the steps to take when a client is in crisis – from an explosion, chemical release, or other emergency. Topics will include preservation of evidence, handling a government investigation, and preparing for likely litigation.

#### THE PRESENTERS:

# Bobby Hood, Jr. (bobbyjr.hood@hoodlaw.com)

Hood Law Firm, LLC, Charleston, SC

Bobby is the managing partner of Hood Law Firm, LLC where he and his firm focus exclusively on litigation. Mr. Hood's practice focuses on products and professional liability, class action, mass torts, and commercial litigation on a local, regional, and national basis. He has tried dozens of cases in state and federal courts throughout the country. Mr. Hood is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, is listed and has been

listed in *Best Lawyers in America,* and selected as one of *South Carolina's Top 25 Super Lawyers.* Mr. Hood is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), DRI, Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC), Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA), and the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association.

# Joseph Ortego (jortego@nixonpeabody.com)

Nixon Peabody LLP, New York, NY

Joseph is the practice group co-leader of Nixon Peabody's Commercial Litigation practice, chair of NP Trial®, an international team of the firm's most successful and experienced trial lawyers, and chair of the firm's Aviation practice. He represents major private and publicly traded companies and their executives, having tried more than 100 cases to verdict in both federal and state courts throughout the country and has successfully represented clients before arbitration tribunals around the world.

## Jessie Zeigler (jzeigler@bassberry.com)

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Jessie is Chair of the Products and Mass Torts Group at Bass, Berry & Sims in Nashville, TN. She handles catastrophic event investigations and litigation matters, and defends product manufacturers across industries in single and mass tort cases. She also has 23 years of experience in handling toxic tort litigation and environmental, health, and safety matters. She is named to *Best Lawyers* and *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, and is Vice Chair of Programs for the IADC's Products Liability Committee.

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