



## **Legionella Litigation on the Rise - The Science, Industry Response, Law, and Defense Strategies**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

**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, June 20, 2018 for (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, Assistant Director of Meetings and Professional Development**, at [mmaisel@iadclaw.org](mailto:mmaisel@iadclaw.org) or by telephone at 312.368.1494.

### **THE PRESENTATION:**

#### **Legionella Litigation on the Rise - The Science, Industry Response, Law, and Defense Strategies**

In the United States, reported cases of Legionnaires' disease have grown by nearly four and a half times since 2000. Whether due to a true increase in incidence or improved diagnostics, the flurry of legal and industry response in recent years has been substantial. This Webinar will address significant developments in recent years regarding scientific advances and industry response to issues of Legionella prevention, control, remediation, and the corresponding impact on liability.

**THE MODERATOR:**

**Amy Champagne ([achampagne@bakerdonelson.com](mailto:achampagne@bakerdonelson.com))**

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Jackson, MS

Amy Champagne has a diverse litigation and appellate practice, concentrating in the areas of products liability, premises/personal injury, environmental litigation, and class actions on behalf of clients in the energy, chemical, petrochemical, and pharmaceutical industries. Ms. Champagne is a member of Baker Donelson's Water Technology and Water Treatment Group and has successfully defended water treatment companies against claims involving Legionella outbreaks at both the trial and appellate levels.

Ms. Champagne holds a degree in chemical engineering and practiced in that field for a number of years before entering law school. As a project/process engineer for a major energy corporation, she oversaw capital projects and the optimizing of existing natural gas processing operations in Louisiana. She also worked as a consulting engineer for URS Corporation, where she focused primarily on providing environmental services to the chemical and petrochemical industries.

**THE PRESENTERS:**

**Adam Green ([agreen@bakerdonelson.com](mailto:agreen@bakerdonelson.com))**

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Adam Green is a shareholder with Baker Donelson and serves as the Chairman of the firm's Water Technology and Water Treatment Group. Over the past 17 years, he has defended and advised clients on a wide range of matters relating to water borne pathogens, water handling systems, and water treatment throughout the United States and in international venues. In 2017, he served as counsel with IADC member Amy Champagne in the successful defense of one of the first reported Legionella wrongful death actions targeting a chemical water treater resulting in complete dismissal in both the federal trial court and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has published numerous technical papers on the subject and is a regular speaker with the Association of Water Technologies, American Society of Plumbing Engineers, and the Cooling Technology Institute where he serves on various technical committees.

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Bill resides in Wilmington, NC and is President/Owner of BPEARSON Consulting LLC. He is a Certified Water Technologist (CWT) and has more than 40 years of experience in the water treatment industry – specializing in Legionella risk management. Bill founded BPEARSON Consulting LLC and provides independent and associate consulting services to the water treatment and Legionella risk management industry. He is also a Principal Consultant with Arthur Freedman Associates, Inc.

Bill serves as Liaison for the Association of Water Technologies (AWT) to ASHRAE and the Cooling Technology Institute (CTI). He is Vice Chair of the ASHRAE (188) Legionellosis committee and Chair of the CTI (159) Legionellosis committee. He is also chair of the AWT Legionella Task Force and serves as the organizational representative member for AWT on the NSF Standard 444 (Legionella) joint committee. Bill is a Past President of AWT and received the prestigious Ray Baum Memorial Water Technologist of the Year Award in 2005.

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