



## **Recent Decisions Relating to Front-Loading Plaintiff Discovery in Mass Tort Litigation**

**Wednesday, September 13, 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 Drug, Device and Biotechnology Committee on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 for one (1) hour beginning at:

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### **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:**

#### **Recent Decisions Relating to Front-Loading Plaintiff Discovery in Mass Tort Litigation**

This Webinar will focus on discovery mechanisms that are being employed in various mass tort contexts and their success (or not) in helping to narrow the issues in front of the court and reduce less than legitimate plaintiff cases. The presentation will discuss the successes and failures in seeking these mechanisms in various jurisdictions.

### **THE PRESENTERS:**

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James Hemmings is counsel in the Chicago office of Tucker Ellis LLP. James has litigated a variety of matters at all levels of state and federal courts and has extensive experience counseling clients on methods of preventing, avoiding, and cabining risk. He appreciates the need for tailored solutions that

effectively and efficiently manage issues, whether in litigation or otherwise, and focuses on practical advice responsive to each client's specific situation and the particularity of each matter. James has represented clients from a variety of sectors, including pharmaceutical and medical device companies, consumer and industrial product manufacturers, industrial chemical suppliers, and national universities. He has managed or participated on litigation teams in mass tort proceedings, multi-district litigation, class actions, multi-plaintiff actions, and single plaintiff actions relating to product liability and other tort, consumer fraud, insurance, antitrust, RICO, and breach of contract. As the chief litigation counsel for a global consumer goods conglomerate, James served as principal litigator for the company and its divisions, working hand-in-hand with stakeholders throughout the company to manage claims and litigation globally, across legal subject matter.

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John Lewis is a partner in the Cleveland office of Tucker Ellis LLP. He is trial lawyer with more than 20 years of experience delivering successful results for clients in high-stakes, complex disputes throughout the world. He has secured courtroom wins for public and private company clients against America's top trial lawyers in diverse jurisdictions across the country. John leads trial teams in sophisticated commercial disputes, including transaction-related shareholder derivative and class actions, consumer class actions including claims under state consumer protection statutes and the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), employment litigation related to non-compete and trade secret matters, professional liability and ethics-related claims, and supply and distribution agreement disputes. John also heads up trial teams and national coordinating counsel representations in product liability lawsuits, particularly those involving FDA-regulated pharmaceuticals and medical devices. His record includes dozens of pretrial wins in federal and state trial courts and numerous victories in appellate courts throughout the country, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

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