

YOUNG LAWYERS SEMINAR—

*Maximizing Litigation Success:
Developing, Evaluating and Preparing
Your Case from Beginning to End*

JUNE 4–5, 2009

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



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Committee*

Who Should Attend

- Defense attorneys wanting to refine their litigation skills
- Defense attorneys seeking to improve their pretrial and appellate practices
- In-house counsel looking to enhance their legal departments
- Litigation managers desiring to increase their efficiency in case resolution

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DRI's Young Lawyers Committee proudly presents its annual trial advocacy seminar for defense trial lawyers and corporate counsel who have been practicing for 10 years or less. This program is designed to maximize the critical skills that defense lawyers and in-house counsel need in order to manage the defense of their corporate clients. This seminar boasts distinguished faculty from around the country, including in-house lawyers from some of the most recognized companies in America, experienced and successful trial lawyers, a state supreme court justice, and some of the best speakers from DRI's Young Lawyers Committee. In addition, there is a corporate counsel breakout session, open only to in-house counsel, which will provide its attendees with unique presentations on developing their legal departments and managing litigation matters. Attendees also will have an opportunity for a truly rewarding experience through participation in a special community service project on Wednesday. Please join the Young Lawyers Committee to hone your trial skills and participate in numerous networking and social events. We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

R. CRAIG MAYFIELD

Program Chair

MELISSA R. TANNERY

Committee Chair

MARK A. SOLHEIM

Law Institute

What You Will Learn

- Opportunities for creating a more diverse law practice
- Strategies for second chairing a trial
- Developing an effective factual investigation
- Preparing the corporate witness for deposition
- Protecting the attorney-client privilege in the electronic age
- Preserving the trial record for appeal
- Disposing of a case through summary judgment

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

12:30 p.m. **YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

The DRI Young Lawyers Committee continues its tradition of community service by partnering with the Greater Las Vegas After-School All-Stars to mentor at-risk children in their after-school program. Seminar attendees will volunteer their time to tutor children and help with homework, followed by a recreational program designed to build confidence and self-esteem. Participation is open to all seminar attendees and their families (age limits may apply). Transportation and refreshments will be provided.



4:30 p.m. **RETURN TO HOTEL**

6:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION**

6:00 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

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7:30 p.m. **DINE-AROUNDS**

Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). *More details onsite.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009

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7:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**

7:30 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

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8:15 a.m. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

MARK A. SOLHEIM, *Larson ♦ King LLP*, St. Paul, Minnesota

MELISSA R. TANNERY, *Troutman Sanders LLP*, Richmond, Virginia

R. CRAIG MAYFIELD, *Hill Ward Henderson PA*, Tampa, Florida

8:30 a.m. **THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY AND HOW TO MAKE IT A TRUE POINT OF EMPHASIS**

Chair of the DuPont Minority Counsel Network, Mr. Tuckett will speak on growing diversity initiatives throughout the country and ways to open doors for minority opportunities in your firm's practice.

ERNEST A. TUCKETT III, *DuPont Legal*, Wilmington, Delaware

9:15 a.m. **FIVE WAYS TO AVOID A LEGAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM**

Ms. Everson will discuss ways in which attorneys can minimize their exposure to a legal malpractice action. Every attorney can expect to be sued at least once during his or her career. None of us are immune from this type of litigation, but each of us can do something to prevent it.

JANET L. EVERSON, *Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney PC*, San Francisco, California

10:00 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

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- 10:15 a.m. **YIKES! MY FIRST SECOND CHAIR TRIAL EXPERIENCE IS APPROACHING: WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AND WHAT DOES THE FIRST CHAIR TRIAL ATTORNEY EXPECT FROM ME?**
Ms. Ezell will use her extensive trial background to assist young lawyers in preparing to second chair a trial, including discussions on what it means to be a second chair trial attorney, from both the perspective of the second chair trial attorney and the first chair trial attorney.
SANDRA GIANNONE EZELL, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, Virginia
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- 11:00 a.m. **DEALING WITH A STACKED DECK: A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO EFFICIENT FACT INVESTIGATION IN PERSONAL INJURY CASES**
Mr. Gordon will provide a step-by-step approach to conducting an efficient fact investigation from the point of receipt of the notice of a claim, including tips on obtaining critical information quickly from various sources, conducting informal discovery, product or scene inspection, and analyzing whether a particular fact witness should be deposed.
PAUL F. GORDON, *Sherman Taff Bangert Thomas & Coronado PC*, Kansas City, Missouri
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- 11:30 a.m. **CORPORATE COUNSEL PANEL**
This panel, featuring in-house counsel from the world's most recognized corporations, will focus on their unique legal departments, protection of attorney client communications and work product concerns in an electronic age, and discuss how firms can provide substantive training for young trial lawyers to handle their company's litigation.
SOPHIA LEE, *Sunoco Inc.*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
ERNEST A. TUCKETT III, *DuPont Legal*, Wilmington, Delaware
LISA MARTINEZ WOLMART, *Schering-Plough Corporation*, Kenilworth, New Jersey
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- 12:15 p.m. **CORPORATE COUNSEL LUNCHEON** (*open to all—\$40 fee, check box on registration page*)
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- 1:30 p.m. **HACKING INTO YOUR OPPONENT'S HARD DRIVE: WHAT EVERY LAWYER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT TAKING AND DEFENDING A 30(B)(6) TECHNOLOGY DEPOSITION**
An experienced trial attorney, Ms. Turner will discuss 30(b)(6) depositions of the opponent's technology person. This ever-growing niche of expertise allows a young lawyer to become increasingly valuable in today's litigation world. Given the new e-discovery rules, pitfalls abound when you go up against your opponent's computer wizard.
SARA M. TURNER, *Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC*, Birmingham, Alabama
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- 2:00 p.m. **STACKING THE DECK: SKILLS FOR ENSURING THAT THE DEPOSITION OF YOUR CORPORATE WITNESS INCREASES YOUR CHANCES FOR ULTIMATE SUCCESS**
Ms. Wolmart and Ms. Geist will combine in-house perspective and private practice experience to instruct on preparing the corporate witness for deposition.
MELISSA A. GEIST, *Reed Smith LLP*, Princeton, New Jersey
LISA MARTINEZ WOLMART, *Schering-Plough Corporation*, Kenilworth, New Jersey

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- 2:00 p.m. **CORPORATE COUNSEL BREAKOUT** (see page 8, open to in-house counsel only)
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- 2:45 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
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- 3:00 p.m. **THE THREE RULES OF CROSS-EXAMINATION**
A veteran military trial lawyer who currently represents 9/11 suspect Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi at the military commissions at Guantanamo Bay will draw from his experiences to talk about the art of effective cross-examination.
MAJOR JON S. JACKSON, *Office of Military Commissions*, Washington, D.C.
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- 3:45 p.m. **THE BATTLE FOR BILLABLES: UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO YOUR CLIENT’S FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS**
Drawing from her experience as product claims manager, Ms. Sullwold will provide insight on how best to find and retain experts who are tailored to the needs of your case, and talk about what to do with them once you have them onboard.
REBECCA J. SULLWOLD, *Polaris Industries Inc.*, Medina, Minnesota
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- 4:30 p.m. **YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE MEETING** (open to all)
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- 4:45 p.m. **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**
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- 6:00 p.m. **NETWORKING RECEPTION**
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- 7:30 p.m. **DINE-AROUNDS**
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009

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- 7:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
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- 7:30 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
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- 8:20 a.m. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
CYNTHIA P. ARENDS, *Halleland Lewis Nilan & Johnson PA*, Minneapolis, Minnesota
ROBERT A. SHIELDS, *Wilson Petty Kosmo & Turner LLP*, San Diego, California

- 8:30 a.m. **IMPROVING YOUR ODDS FOR SUCCESS: PRACTICE TIPS FOR APPROACHING DISCOVERY FROM A CLIENT'S PERSPECTIVE**
The discovery phase of a lawsuit should be more than merely exchanging documents and checking off an item on your client's "to do" list. The litigation director for U.S. Xpress Inc. will give you the seven best practice tips for approaching discovery from a client's perspective.
PAMELA BRASS BRACHER, *U.S. Xpress Inc.*, Chattanooga, Tennessee
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- 9:15 a.m. **HIDING YOUR CARDS: PROTECTING CRITICAL INFORMATION FROM THOSE WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO SEE IT**
The chief litigation officer for the world's largest provider of branded casino entertainment will discuss the world of gaming litigation, with an eye towards critical privilege and discovery issues.
MICHAEL E. KOSTRINSKY, *Harrah's Entertainment Inc.*, Las Vegas, Nevada
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- 10:00 a.m. **PLAYING THE ODDS: HOW TO AVOID ROLLING THE DICE WHEN MOVING FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**
Experienced in all areas of employment law at both the state and federal levels, Ms. Staten will offer points on how to draft and argue that perfect summary judgment motion.
TUNISIA L. STATEN, *Littler Mendelson PC*, Atlanta, Georgia
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- 10:30 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
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- 10:45 a.m. **MAKING AN APPEALING CASE**
Having handled multiple punitive damage appeals for major automotive manufacturers before the California Supreme Court and United States Supreme Court, Mr. Thomson will use that experience to discuss the importance of keeping an eye on the appellate court before and during the trial, and offer practical advice for avoiding common and potentially costly mistakes regarding case strategy and record preservation.
WILLIAM E. THOMSON, *Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP*, Los Angeles, California
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- 11:30 a.m. **CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG? TIPS FOR DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH IN-HOUSE COUNSEL**
Ms. Lee, an experienced litigation manager, will share useful strategies for working with your in-house contact from case development to completion.
SOPHIA LEE, *Sunoco Inc.*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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- 12:15 p.m. **WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON: WOMEN AS FIRST CHAIR TRIAL LAWYERS, LAW FIRM LEADERS AND IN-HOUSE COUNSEL (\$40 fee, check box on registration form)**
SANDRA GIANNONE EZELL, *Bowman and Brooke LLP*, Richmond, Virginia
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- 1:30 p.m. **ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FROM THE BENCH**
As a former trial attorney, Judge Hardesty has a unique perspective on current issues with attorney professionalism. He will offer his thoughts on how today's young lawyer can work to foster a change in the public's perception of attorneys.
THE HONORABLE JAMES W. HARDESTY, *Supreme Court of Nevada*, Carson City, Nevada

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- 2:30 p.m. **CONTROLLING RISK IN A HIGH STAKES GAME: EFFECTIVE USE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**
In light of the ever-increasing use of arbitration and mediation as alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, Mr. Pattillo will provide insight on preparing for mediation/arbitration, and how those preparations may vary significantly from preparations for a jury trial.
JAMES L. PATTILLO, *Norman Wood Kendrick & Turner*, Birmingham, Alabama
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- 3:00 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
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- 3:15 p.m. **TIME TO CASH IN: OBTAINING, COLLECTING AND PROTECTING YOUR HARD EARNED JUDGMENT**
With a wealth of experience in all facets of bankruptcy and creditors' rights litigation, Mr. Martinez-Monfort will instruct on how to protect and collect on the judgments you and your client have fought so hard to obtain.
LUIS MARTINEZ-MONFORT, *Brewer Perotti Martinez-Monfort PA*, Tampa, Florida
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- 4:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**

Corporate Counsel Breakout
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009 | 2:00 – 4:30 P.M.
(open to in-house counsel only)

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- 2:00 p.m. **DEVELOPING A PLAN WHEN WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS DOESN'T STAY IN VEGAS**
When a corporation is faced with allegations of wrongdoing, image often becomes, as they say, *everything*. In this roundtable discussion, in-house speakers will focus on how counsel can go about managing their company's corporate image in the midst of litigation and the often public investigation of the underlying facts supporting a plaintiff's claims.
MICHAEL E. KOSTRINSKY, *Harrah's Entertainment Inc.*, Las Vegas, Nevada
SOPHIA LEE, *Sunoco Inc.*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
REBECCA J. SULLWOLD, *Polaris Industries Inc.*, Medina, Minnesota
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- 3:15 p.m. **HOW TO STAY IN THE GAME WHEN THE BANK ROLL DECREASES**
In an environment where allocated resources are not necessarily what they used to be, in-house counsel struggle with the tension between proper defense of cases and budgetary constraints. The speakers in this roundtable discussion will address the development and implementation of creative and cost-effective case management techniques in challenging economic times.
PAMELA BRASS BRACHER, *U.S. Xpress Inc.*, Chattanooga, Tennessee
ERNEST A. TUCKETT III, *DuPont Legal*, Wilmington, Delaware
LISA MARTINEZ WOLMART, *Schering-Plough Corporation*, Kenilworth, New Jersey
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- 4:30 p.m. **ADJOURN**

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Registration

The registration fee is \$595. The registration fee includes CD-ROM course materials, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks and networking receptions. If you wish to have your name appear on the registration list distributed at the conference and receive the CD-ROM course materials in advance, DRI must receive your registration by **May 15, 2009** (*please allow 10 days for processing*). Registrations received after **May 15, 2009**, will be processed on-site.

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The registration fee is fully refundable for cancellations received on or before **May 15, 2009**. Cancellations received after **May 15** and on or before **May 22**, will receive a refund, less a \$50 processing fee. Cancellations made after **May 22** will not receive a refund, but the course materials on CD-ROM and a \$100 certificate good for any DRI seminar within the next 12 months will be issued. All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing. Fax to DRI's Accounting Department at 312.795.0747. All refunds will be mailed within four weeks after the date of the conference. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge and must be submitted in writing.

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Hotel Accommodations

A limited number of discounted hotel rooms have been made available at **Caesars Palace, 3570 Las Vegas Boulevard, South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109**. For reservations, **contact the hotel directly at 866.227.5938**. Please mention **DRI's Young Lawyers Seminar** to take advantage of the group rate of **\$189 Single/Double**. The hotel block is limited and rooms and rates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must make reservations by **May 5, 2009**, to be eligible for the group rate. Requests for reservations made after **May 5** are subject to room and rate availability.

Travel Discounts

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DRI policy provides there will be no group functions sponsored by others in connection with its seminars.

FACULTY

CYNTHIA P. ARENDS is a shareholder of the Minneapolis law firm of Hallelund Lewis Nilan & Johnson PA. Ms. Arends practices in the areas of commercial litigation and product liability. She serves on the steering committee for DRI's Commercial Litigation, Product Liability and Young Lawyers Committees.

PAMELA BRASS BRACHER is the director of litigation for the Risk Management Department of U.S. Xpress Inc. in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She serves as in-house counsel and has primary responsibility for litigation management. Ms. Bracher previously practiced with a private firm in Tennessee, focusing her practice on railway transportation law, business litigation and product liability defense.

JANET L. EVERSON is a civil litigation attorney defending lawyers and accountants sued for malpractice. She is a director with Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney PC in San Francisco. In addition to her full-time litigation practice, Ms. Everson is pursuing her LL.M. in taxation at Golden Gate University. Following law school graduation, Ms. Everson was employed as an adjunct professor for Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego.

SANDRA GIANNONE EZELL is the managing partner of Bowman and Brooke LLP's Richmond, Virginia office, where she is also a first chair trial lawyer with a national trial practice representing corporations, including defending manufacturers in high stakes litigation and handling commercial matters of all sizes. Ms. Ezell also consults with companies on matters of diversity and inclusion. She has obtained national recognition in cases involving injuries to children, and she has spearheaded the formation of the firm's children and product liability litigation practice.

PAUL F. GORDON is an associate with Sherman Taff Bangert Thomas & Coronado PC in Kansas City, Missouri. He focuses on general litigation, with an emphasis in product liability, construction litigation, governmental entity liability and general personal injury. Mr. Gordon is active in DRI, serving as the vice-chair of the Law School Initiative Subcommittee for the Young Lawyers Committee and is the Young Lawyer State and Local Defense Organization Liaison for Missouri.

THE HONORABLE JAMES W. HARDESTY is currently serving as the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. Prior to his election as supreme court justice in 2004, Justice Hardesty served as district court judge for the Second Judicial Circuit of Washoe County, Nevada, and was ultimately elected by his peers to serve as chief judge of the Second Judicial District Court. He has also served as president of the Nevada District Judges Association. Justice Hardesty currently co-chairs the Nevada Supreme Court Bench-Bar Committee, the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Committee, and is chairperson of the Nevada Legislature's Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice.

MAJOR JON S. JACKSON is currently assigned to the Office of Military Commissions, Office of the Chief Defense Counsel, where he serves as lead military defense counsel before a military commission at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for Mr. Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi, who is charged with the attacks of 9/11. Major Jackson has also served as an associate professor of criminal law at the Army's ABA accredited Judge Advocate School and as defense counsel in Europe, where he earned 11 full acquittals for his soldier clients and tried more than 50 cases.

MICHAEL E. KOSTRINSKY is the chief litigation officer for Harrah's Entertainment Inc. in Las Vegas, where he is responsible for the oversight and management of all litigation for Harrah's Entertainment Inc.'s collection of casino resorts throughout the world. His subject responsibilities include construction defect, insurance coverage, environmental, contractual/commercial, intellectual property and premises liability. Prior to joining Harrah's, Mr. Kostrinsky served as vice president for corporate counsel for the Santa Fe Gaming Corporation.

SOPHIA LEE is senior counsel in litigation at Sunoco Inc. in Philadelphia. She is responsible for the oversight and management of Sunoco's major litigation nationwide, including commercial, environmental, insurance, toxic tort, personal injury and product liability matters. Ms. Lee is the assistant secretary for the Philadelphia Bar Association and co-chair of the Litigation Committee for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

LUIS MARTINEZ-MONFORT is a founding partner of Brewer Perotti Martinez-Monfort PA in Tampa, Florida. His state and federal commercial litigation practice consists of general business, construction, surety and real estate matters. Mr. Martinez-Monfort also represents the interests of secured and unsecured creditors and court-appointed trustees in Chapter 7, Chapter 11 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases. This past year, he was recognized as being among the best lawyers in the state in *Florida Trend* magazine's "Florida Legal Elite."

R. CRAIG MAYFIELD is a shareholder with Hill Ward Henderson in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Mayfield focuses primarily on the defense of product liability and complex mass tort claims. His work currently ranges from the defense of standard personal injury claims to constitutional appellate work in defense of pro-industry legislation. Mr. Mayfield is the program chair for this seminar.

JAMES L. PATTILLO is a partner in the Birmingham, Alabama firm of Norman Wood Kendrick & Turner. An experienced litigator, Mr. Pattillo has tried more than 25 cases as a young lawyer. He also has mediated numerous cases on behalf of his clients. Mr. Pattillo concentrates his practice in the areas of medical malpractice, insurance litigation, commercial litigation and transportation liability.

ROBERT A. SHIELDS is a partner at the San Diego firm of Wilson Petty Kosmo & Turner LLP. His practice focuses on product liability defense. Mr. Shields represents automobile, motorcycle and heavy equipment manufacturers in state and federal courts. An active member of DRI's Young Lawyers Committee, he previously served as chair of the Corporate Counsel Subcommittee. Mr. Shields is a member of the Illinois and California state bar associations, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Southern District of California.

MARK A. SOLHEIM is a partner in Larson ♦ King LLP's St. Paul, Minnesota office. Mr. Solheim has significant trial experience. He represents clients in complex litigation matters, including product liability, transportation, class actions, medical negligence, professional liability, insurance and commercial disputes. Mr. Solheim has been chosen by his peers as a "Super Lawyer" in *Minnesota Law & Politics*. He is a member of DRI's Law Institute, the IADC, the Douglas K. Amdahl Inn of Court and the board of directors for the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association.

TUNISIA L. STATEN is an associate in the Atlanta office of Littler Mendelson PC. Ms. Staten represents and counsels management in all areas of employment law arising under state and federal law. She has handled matters pertaining to Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. Ms. Staten serves on DRI's Young Lawyers, Employment Law and Diversity Committees.

REBECCA J. SULLWOLD is the product claims manager with Polaris Industries Inc. in Medina, Minnesota. Ms. Sullwold is responsible for product liability and warranty claim litigation. She manages all aspects of each case with the assistance of in-house and outside counsel. Prior to joining Polaris, Ms. Sullwold was a senior paralegal with Target Corporation and she currently serves as sectional chair of the Minnesota Paralegal Association.

MELISSA R. TANNERY is of counsel in the Richmond, Virginia office of Troutman Sanders LLP, where she practices in the areas of product liability and tort defense litigation, with an emphasis in pharmaceutical and medical device litigation cases. Ms. Tannery has experience litigating cases in Virginia federal and state courts. She is a co-author of the only authoritative treatise on Virginia product liability law. Ms. Tannery is the chair of DRI's Young Lawyers Committee.

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WILLIAM E. THOMSON is of counsel in the Los Angeles office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP and a member of the firm's appellate and constitutional law practice group. He has represented clients in federal and state appellate courts throughout the country in a variety of cases, including product liability, mass tort, and securities and consumer class actions. Mr. Thomson has extensive experience developing and litigating constitutional challenges to punitive damage awards.

ERNEST A. TUCKETT III is corporate counsel for labor and employment in DuPont's Legal Department in Wilmington, Delaware, where he serves as the labor and employment lawyer for DuPont's plant sites and business platforms in the United States. Mr. Tuckett is a 2008-09 chair of the DuPont Minority Counsel Network and is project coordinator of DuPont Legal's Sreet Law Pipeline Diversity Project. Prior to joining DuPont, he was in private practice in Washington, D.C., where he spent 11 years as part of his firm's employment and litigation practice groups.

SARA M. TURNER is an attorney in the Birmingham, Alabama office of Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC. She has extensive experience representing corporations in the Alabama and Minnesota courts. Her trial work focuses on product liability, class action, commercial and transportation claims litigation. Ms. Turner is the vice chair of DRI's Technology Committee. She also serves on the steering committees of the Young Lawyer and Product Liability committees.

LISA MARTINEZ WOLMART is a legal director of Schering-Plough Corporation in Kenilworth, New Jersey, with responsibility for managing product liability litigation and complex commercial litigation. Ms. Wolmart is also the chair of HiSPANOS, Schering-Plough's Hispanic Colleague Network, and a member of the Global Law Department's Diversity Committee. Prior to becoming in-house counsel, Ms. Wolmart worked in private practice for firms in New York, New Jersey and Georgia.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN DRI: A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE



DRI is the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation. Diversity is a core value at DRI. Indeed, diversity is fundamental to the success of the organization, and we seek out and embrace the innumerable benefits and contributions that the perspectives, backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences a diverse membership provides. Inclusiveness is the chief means to increase the diversity of DRI's membership and leadership positions. DRI's members and potential leaders are often also members and leaders of other defense organizations. Accordingly, DRI encourages all national, state, and local defense organizations to promote diversity and inclusion in their membership and leadership.

2009 DRI SEMINAR SCHEDULE

March 5–6	SHARING SUCCESS—A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN LAWYERS <i>Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Santa Monica, CA</i>
March 11–13	MEDICAL LIABILITY AND HEALTH CARE LAW <i>Walt Disney World Dolphin, Lake Buena Vista, FL</i>
March 18–20	DAMAGES <i>Bellagio, Las Vegas, NV</i>
March 19–20	TOXIC TORTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW <i>Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ</i>
April 1–3	INSURANCE COVERAGE AND CLAIMS INSTITUTE <i>The Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago, Chicago, IL</i>
April 15–17	PRODUCT LIABILITY CONFERENCE <i>Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA</i>
April 22–24	COMMERCIAL LITIGATION <i>Wyndham Chicago, Chicago, IL</i>
April 22–24	LIFE, HEALTH, DISABILITY AND ERISA CLAIMS <i>Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York, NY</i>
April 30–May 1	EMPLOYMENT LAW <i>JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando, FL</i>
May 7–8	ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY <i>Hilton New York, New York, NY</i>
May 13–14	CULTURE CLASH! DATA PROTECTION, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND DISCOVERY—HOW TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS IN TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTES <i>Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski, Munich, Germany</i>
May 14–15	DRUG AND MEDICAL DEVICE LITIGATION <i>Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York, NY</i>
June 4–5	YOUNG LAWYERS <i>Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV</i>
June 11–12	DIVERSITY FOR SUCCESS <i>Swissôtel, Chicago, IL</i>
June 18–19	BAD FAITH <i>Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA</i>
August 17–18	DRI'S NATIONAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW <i>Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL</i>
September 10–11	CONSTRUCTION LAW <i>The Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA</i>
September 10–11	NURSING HOME/ALF LITIGATION <i>The Westin Kierland, Scottsdale, AZ</i>
September 24–25	STRICTLY AUTOMOTIVE <i>Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, La Jolla, CA</i>
October 7–11	DRI ANNUAL MEETING <i>Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Chicago, IL</i>
November 5–6	APPELLATE ADVOCACY <i>Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, La Jolla, CA</i>
November 12–13	ASBESTOS MEDICINE <i>Fontainebleau Miami Beach, Miami, FL</i>
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