

Benzene Litigation Audiocast

November 18, 2009, 1:00 PM ET-5:30 PM ET

1:00 The Next Generation: New Products and Looming Liability

- What is hydroquinone and why is it important?
- Cosmetics, film developer, and other products containing hydroquinone
- Why hydroquinone is banned in Europe but not domestically
- Other end-user consumer products that may pose risks to users
- Does benzene in the air we breathe cause leukemia in the general population?

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1:55 Questions and Answers

2:05 Causation Evidence and the Different Types of Diseases

- New studies regarding benzene and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- The relationship between benzene and multiple myeloma
- Manufacturing doubt: industry's suppression of studies showing a relationship between benzene and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and multiple myeloma
- Satisfying Daubert, Frye, and other admissibility standards with the studies

James Dahlgren, M.D., Envirototoxicology, Santa Monica, CA
Howard Sandler, M.D., President, Sandler Occupational Medicine Associates, Inc., Melville, NY

2:50 Questions and Answers

3:00 Afternoon Break

3:15 Working With the Jury: Strategy and Procedures

- Strategies for working with jury consultants
- Methods and models for presenting complicated evidence and when to use them
- How to demystify the science
- Tips and strategies for opening and closing statements

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4:15 Questions and Answers

4:20 Mock Session: Preliminary Hearing of Expert Testimony at Trial
This mock session will address various issues, including but not limited to:

- Expert qualifications
- Types of data on which experts rely
- Expert data evaluation and conclusions
- Daubert, Frye and science

Hon. Ken Kawaichi (Ret.), JAMS, Walnut Creek, CA
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5:20 Questions and Answers

5:30 Adjourn

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