



2020 Fall Seminar
September 28 - October 2, 2020
Schedule & Agenda

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020	
<p>3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Workers' Comp Group Breakout Session (60 min)</p>	<p>WebEx Hearings During the Pandemic: Requirements and Tips for a Successful Hearing Hear directly from the NC Industrial Commission's Deputy Commissioners on requirements and practice tips for handling WebEx hearings, and what strategies the Deputies have found to be most effective to put on the best case possible under the current circumstances. <i>Panelists:</i> Deputy Commissioner Kevin Howell; TBA</p>
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020	
<p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Medical Malpractice Group Breakout (45 min)</p>	<p>Virtual vs. In Person Depositions in the Age of COVID Join in what promises to be a lively discussion on varied experiences in managing online or in person depositions during a pandemic. Panelists will share best practices, rules, processes and more. <i>Panelists:</i> Erin Young, Hall Booth & Smith; Ryan Shuirman, Yates McLamb & Weyher; Samuel "Bo" Thompson, Jr., Yates McLamb & Weyher <i>Moderators:</i> Gloria Becker, Batten Lee and Chip Holmes, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein</p>
<p>10:35 a.m.</p> <p>Commercial Group Breakout Session (45 min)</p>	<p>Recent Developments in Unfair Trade Claims—What's In and What's Out This session will provide an interpretation of the statute has been both expanded in some ways and narrowed in others recently by the courts. <i>Speakers:</i> Mark Stafford, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, and Josh Durham, Bell Davis & Pitt</p>
<p>1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Construction Group Breakout Session (45 min)</p>	<p>Managing Remote Depositions in Construction Cases This panel will be a nuts and bolts discussion concerning best practices for handling remote depositions, hearings, and mediation involving construction cases with multiple parties and voluminous and often large non-traditional exhibits. <i>Panelists:</i> Kevin Day, Everyword, Inc.; William S. Durr, Ward and Smith, P.A.; Robert A. Meynardie, Meynardie & Nanney, PLLC; Jay P. Tobin, Young Moore & Henderson, PA <i>Moderators:</i> Nicole Slaughter, Hamlet & Associates, PLLC; Lee B. Johnson, Jr., Anderson Johnson, Lawrence & Butler, LLP</p>
<p>2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Employment Group Breakout Session (45 min)</p>	<p>Guide to Managing Human Resources during COVID-19 A discussion of counseling clients on the management of operations in the time of COVID-19. Attendees will receive a review of legal guidance as well as practical advice about keeping employees safe and clients compliant while navigating the re-opening process and COVID-19 exposure in the workplace. Specifically, this session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining Healthy Operations • Responding to Positive Tests and Employee Exposure • Employee Leave Requirements and Strategies <p><i>Speaker:</i> Tory Summey, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein</p>

4:05 p.m. General Liability Breakout Session (45 min)	Legends of the Fall - Premises Liability S-E-A critically analyzes premises and other fall cases from an accident reconstruction and biomechanical standpoint to understand the event(s) that transpired. By taking effective depositions of the Plaintiff and witnesses, critical information can be gathered to facilitate such an investigation. The mechanics of the fall and subsequent injury patterns provide valuable insight into the initiating event(s) (e.g. trip, slip, or stumble) to the fall which may directly affect potential liability. The speakers will present key areas of questioning to elicit the data warranted in the subsequent analysis. He will then present case examples demonstrating various analysis and presentation tools such as photogrammetry, perspective matching, motion capture, and others to support the scientific study and ultimate supportive demonstratives to teach the jury. Speakers: Brian M. Boggess, P.E., and Brandon Wiggins, P.E., S-E-A Limited
5:00 p.m.	Tentative: Social Networking / Happy Hour

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020	
9:00 a.m. Paralegals Breakout Session (45 min)	All About Service This discussion will cover the many aspects of service – service of civil summons & complaints, what deems as proper service (especially if defense can raise service issues near or after SOL), misconceptions of proper service of summons and complaints, serving federal and state subpoenas, service of expert disclosures, and more. <i>Speakers:</i> Bobbie Kullman, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough
10:35 a.m. Product Liability Group Breakout Session (60 min)	Product Liability - Investigations, Tools, Analyses, and Case Studies This presentation will teach attorneys, insurance producers and claims adjusters what the professional product liability investigation process entails, including specific standards that are applied in assessing the cause of an event. Product liability investigations are very complicated and complex endeavors that require specific protocols and scientific analyses. The presentation will delve into the analyses and tools for gathering evidence during an investigation, knowing when those analyses are to be performed, and learning the objective of each analysis. Case studies are presented to provide real-world examples of the application of this knowledge in several product liability cases. <i>Speaker:</i> Amy E. Gray, Ph.D., P.E., Senior Managing Consultant, ESI
1:00 p.m. Government Group Breakout Session (60 min)	“We Didn’t Start the Fire...” A guided open discussion on the civil unrest and mass demonstrations we’ve seen across the country which has thrust cities and towns into the national spotlight, including a warning about potential equal protection claims. Join fellow government practitioners, both private and public, for this timely discussion on events impacting local governments today. <i>Speaker/Discussion leader:</i> Daniel E. Peterson, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein
3:45 p.m. 3:55 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting Informal Networking Sponsor Recognition: MDD
4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Social / Happy Hour

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

General Sessions

9:00 a.m. (60 min)	Recent Decisions Case Law This fast-paced presentation provides an overview of opinions of general interest to trial lawyers decided by the North Carolina appellate courts since the annual meeting in June 2020. <i>Speaker:</i> Dixie Wells, Ellis & Winters, LLP
10:30 a.m. (60 min)	Negotiating Better Outcomes in Mediation: How to Become A Better Advocate in Mediation <i>Speaker:</i> Robert A. Meynardie, Meynardie & Nanney, PLLC
12:30 p.m. (75 min) (end @ 1:45 p.m.)	Today's Pre-Trial Practice and the Future Look at Tomorrow's Trial This session will highlight pitfalls or traps to pay attention to in your online pre-trial practice and then discuss the future of trials in NC including mask requirements, virtual voir dire, jury size and location in courtroom as well as how might the court respond to increased hesitancy of juror participation, and more. Speakers will include a trial court administrator, defense and plaintiff counsels, and others. <i>Panelists:</i> Kellie Meyers, Wake County Trial Court Administrator; John McCabe, McCabe Law Offices; J.D. Keister, McAngus Goudelock & Courie <i>Moderator:</i> Chris Skinner, Yates McLamb & Weyher
2:15 p.m. (60 min)	Leadership and Practice Management During Disruption This session will build upon the April panel discussion of how members and firms were adapting to pandemic restrictions. Our panel of law firm managing partners will expand upon that discussion to include tips for managing and working with a remote team; the ethics of supervising remote workers; and skills for the new supervisor / team leader. <i>Panelists:</i> Leslie Packer, Ellis & Winters; Barry Cobb, Yates, McLamb & Weyher; Paul Lawrence, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo; Marshall Wall, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog <i>Moderator:</i> Austin Walsh, Hedrick Gardner Kinchelo & Garofalo
3:15 p.m. 15 min	Closing Keynote: Leadership During Disruption Andrew Chamberlin, Ellis & Winters, LLP President, International Association of Defense Counsel
12.25 CLE credit hours including 1 hour Technology Credit; 6 ICEC hours requested	