



Product Liability and Mass Torts in a Global Market Place

Venue: Lovells, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2FG

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Welcome: In the Chair, **Jeremy Stuart-Smith QC**, 4 New Square, Chair.

9.00 – 9.50

Keynote Speeches: Regulation & Product Liability

- “Preemption before the US Supreme Court” : **Jeffrey Bucholtz, United States Department of Justice**;
- “Comparing the US and European approaches” : **Tripp Haston, Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP; Stefan Lenze, Lovells ; Duncan Fairgrieve, 1 Crown Office Row; Biicl**

Questions from floor

9.50 - 11.15

Damages Claims in Parallels Spheres : What can we learn for Products Litigation?

In the Chair, **John Meltzer, Lovells**

- “Group actions in the sphere of financial services and antitrust” **Alan Owens, Irwin Mitchell**
- “Tort Law in America: Regulate or Litigate?” : **David A. Levy, SimmonsCooper LLC**
- “Damages Claims under the Environmental Liability Directive” : **Charles Pirotte, European Commission**
- Comments from **Neil Fagan, Lovells.**

Questions from floor.

11.15 - 11.40

Morning Coffee

11.40 - 13.15

Future Challenges in Global Damages litigation

In the Chair, **Jeremy Stuart-Smith QC**, 4 New Square.

- “Selecting and Managing a Virtual law firm to handle Global mass tort litigation” **Beverly G Baughman, Pfizer Inc**
- “Future Claims in an Uncertain World”? **Steve Mathews, EMB LLP**
- “Emerging Global Risks : the Trends” **Christian Lahnstein, Munich Re** and “Trends in Personal Injury Litigation in Europe” **Dr Ina Ebert, Munich Re.**
- “Collective Redress in Europe : the Commission’s Plans” : **Dr Alexandra McConnell, Clifford Chance**

Questions from floor.

13.15 - 14.15

Lunch

14.15 – 15.45

Panel Session 1

US techniques : a solution to Access to Justice in Europe ?

Collective actions; US Claimants firms in Europe; innovative funding techniques

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Rob Murray, London Office, Cohen Milstein Hausfeld & Toll PLLC

Mark Harvey, Hugh James

Nicholas Diamand, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP

Arundel McDougall, Ashurst

Panel Session 2

The Challenges of Managing Global litigation

In-house counsel selecting, budgeting and managing virtual law firms; development of U.S.-style discovery around the world (including e-Discovery); co-ordinating parallel litigation across different continents

In the Chair, **John Meltzer**, Lovells

Beverly G Baughman, Pfizer Inc

Ina Brock, Lovells

David A. Levy, SimmonsCooper LLC

Craig Proctor, Shook Hardy Bacon

15.45 - 16.15 **Afternoon Coffee**

16.15 -17.30 **Panel Session 3**

Comparing Solutions : Liability and Regulatory Standards in the US and Europe ;

In the Chair, **Professor Geraint Howells**, Lancaster University

Jeffrey Bucholtz, United States Department of Justice

Dr Peter Feldschreiber, MHRA & 4 New Square

Tripp Haston, Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP

Stefan Lenze, Lovells

Professor Mark Mildred, Nottingham Trent University

Rebecca Wood, Sidley Austin LLP

19.00 for 19.30 Dinner – The Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall.