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; Blicl

Questions from floor

9.50 - 11.15 Damages Claims in Parallels Spheres: What can we learn for Products Litigation?

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- "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

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- "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 Diamond**, 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.