

## MASS TORTS IN THE FEDERAL COURTS

### SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 8:45 a.m. **INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**  
Andrew L. Abrams, *Dean, Charleston School of Law*  
Jean Marie Jennings & Lindsay Funderburk, *Symposium Editors, Federal Courts Law Review*
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- 9:00 a.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Kenneth R. Feinberg, *Administrator, Gulf Coast Claims Facility*
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- 10:00 a. m. **Mid-Morning Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **PANEL I: PREEMPTION**  
James M. Beck, *Counsel, Dechert, LLP, Philadelphia, PA*  
Deepak Gupta, *Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown Law*  
Catherine M. Sharkey, *Crystal Eastman Professor of Law, New York University School of Law*  
Moderator: William M. Janssen, *Associate Professor of Law, Charleston School of Law*
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- 11:15 a.m. **A VIEW FROM THE BENCH**  
Judge Marina Corodemus (Ret.), *Director of ADR Practice Area, Corodemus & Corodemus, LLC, Iselin, New Jersey*
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- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:15 p.m. **PANEL II: AGGREGATION AND MASS TORTS**  
Sheila L. Birnbaum, *Head, Complex Mass Torts & Insurance Group, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, New York, NY*  
Timothy E. Eble, *Attorney, Timothy E. Eble, P.A. Mount Pleasant, SC*  
Alexandra Lahav, *Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law*  
Linda S. Mullenix, *Morris & Rita Atlas Chair in Advocacy, University of Texas School of Law*  
Moderator: Shelia B. Scheuerman, *Associate Professor of Law, Charleston School of Law*
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- 2:30 p.m. **Afternoon Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **PANEL III: ETHICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING FEES & SETTLEMENTS IN MASS TORTS**  
John H. Beisner, *Head, Complex Mass Torts & Insurance Group, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, Washington DC*  
Elizabeth Middleton Burke, *Member, Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman, LLC, Mount Pleasant, SC*  
Morris Ratner, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Harvard Law School*  
Lynn A. Baker, *Frederick M. Baron Chair in Law, University of Texas School of Law*  
Moderator: Nathan Crystal, *Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Charleston School of Law*
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- 4:30 p.m. **Adjournment**