

MEALEY'S

Propulsid Litigation Conference

Sudden cardiac arrhythmia death. Heart arrhythmia. Cardiac arrest. Heart attack. These are just some of the serious health risks the 30 million users of the heartburn drug Propulsid have experienced since it hit the market in 1993.

Mealey's Propulsid Litigation Conference will walk you through the alleged injuries and liability issues associated with the withdrawn drug. A high-level panel of medical experts and plaintiff and defense attorneys will share their insights on the latest hot topic in product liability litigation.

Highlights include:

- **How To Spot A Good Propulsid Case:** Learn the nuts and bolts of evaluating the facts of a good case, what to look for in medical records, how to read an EKG and what are favorable vs. unfavorable findings, the significance of prior EKG tests and more.
- **Alleged Injuries Caused by the Use of Propulsid:** Two cardiologists debate cardiac arrhythmia issues such as does the drug continue to cause problems after the patient stops taking it? Why does the prolonged QT wave matter? What does it do to users? Does it reverse itself? Plus, find out what other non-cardiac injuries are possible and how to determine their relationship to Propulsid.
- **Liability Issues:** Experienced product liability attorneys discuss what should have been known from reading the medical literature, what specific information was contained in the literature, the chronology of significant events with respect to internal documents, pre-market clinical studies, the P450 enzyme and EKG studies.
- **Mock Opening Statement in a Propulsid Trial:** Conference chair Kip Petroff demonstrates how to present the entire case in your opening statement – including liability, causation and damages – in 45 minutes or less.

The Chairman

Kip A. Petroff is a partner in the law firm of Petroff & Kisselburgh in Dallas where he represents plaintiffs in personal injury litigation. In August 1999, he won the first-ever plaintiff verdict in a fen-phen trial.

The Sponsor

The program is sponsored by Mealey Publications, publisher of over 25 litigation reports and newsletters including **Mealey's Litigation Report: Propulsid**.

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Propulsid Litigation Conference

Monday, January 22

7:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Alleged Injuries Caused by the Use of Propulsid

CARDIAC ISSUES

- Does the drug continue to cause problems after the patient stops taking it?
- The prolonged QT wave – why does it matter? What will it do to you? Does it reverse itself?

NON-CARDIAC ISSUES

- What other possible injuries are there, and how do you determine their relationship to Propulsid

Cardiologist to be announced

10:00 Morning Break

10:15 Who Knew What When?

- FDA Involvement – how Janssen dealt with FDA regulations, continued approval process for new indications, reporting of ADEs.
- Knowledge of other similar problems with other similar drugs
- Knowledge of drug interactions with Propulsid

Robert Kisselburgh, Petroff & Kisselburgh

11:00 Liability Issues Part 1: The Medical Literature

- What should have been known from reading the medical literature?
- What specific information was contained in the literature?

Michael Williams, Williams Dailey & O'Leary

11:45 Liability Issues Part 2: The Internal Documents

- Chronology of Significant Events
- Pre-market clinical studies
- The P450 enzyme
- EKG studies

Paul Pennock, Weitz & Luxenberg

12:30 Luncheon

1:30 Ethical Issues in Mass Tort Litigation

Speaker to be announced

2:00 Causes of Action and Initial Discovery

- Theories of liability
- Who to sue
- Where to sue

Zoe Littlepage, Littlepage & Associates

Rainey Booth, Levin Middlebrooks Thomas Mitchell

Echsner Proctor & Papantonio

3:00 Update on the MDL and Class Actions

- Discovery

Dianne Nast, Roda & Nast

Vance Andrus, Andrus Boudreaux Lemoine & Tonore, P.C.

3:30 Afternoon Break

3:45 Defenses in Propulsid Litigation

- What are the defenses?
- Medical malpractice or drug manufacturer cases

David Bernick, Kirkland & Ellis

4:30 Mock Opening Statement in a Propulsid Trial

- This mock opening statement will be a comprehensive teaching tool to demonstrate how to present the entire case, including liability, causation and damages, in 45 minutes or less.

Kip Petroff, Petroff & Kisselburgh

5:30 Cocktail Reception

Tuesday, January 23, 2001

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 How to Spot a Good Propulsid Case, Part 1

- The nuts and bolts of evaluating the facts of a good case
- How to evaluate the medical records and what to look for
- What makes it a bad case?
- How to read an EKG – what are good findings v. bad findings
- Length of time using the drug
- Age of patient

J. Burton LeBlanc, LeBlanc Maples & Waddell

J. Scott Bertram, Law Offices of J. Scott Bertram

10:00 Morning Break

10:15 How to Spot a Good Propulsid Case, Part 2

- Interaction with other drugs
- How soon after taking the drug would problems arise?
- The significance of prior EKG tests

Pharmacist to be announced

11:15 The Adult Case v. the Pediatric Case

- Challenges to proving causation
- Challenges to proving liability

John Restaino, Lopez Hodes Restaino Milman Skikos & Polos

12:00 Adjourn