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## Monday, October 23, 2000

## 7:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

## 8:00 Introduction to Liver Anatomy and Liver Disease

- Liver anatomy and physiology
- What is liver disease?
  - Hepatitis A, B, & C; Autoimmune hepatitis
  - Alcoholic and primary biliary cirrhosis
  - NASH
  - Drug-induced liver disease

Martin Black, M.D., Chief - Liver Unit, Dir. - Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Temple University Hospital

## 9:00 Clinical Implications of Liver Disease

- Acute/fulminant hepatitis
- Drug-induced liver disease
- Rezulin-induced liver disease
- Chronic hepatitis
  - Alcoholic cirrhosis
- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Liver cancer
  - Relationship to chronic inflammation secondary to hepatitis and Rezulin
- Liver transplantation surgery
  - Indications; procedure; complications; prognosis

Andrew Klein, M.D., Johns Hopkins University

## 10:00 Biochemical Liver Tests: Reviewing Medical Records

- Markers of liver damage/death
  - Aminotransferases
  - Asymptomatic aminotransferase elevations
- Markers of cholestasis
- Markers of liver synthetic capacity
- Screening for drug-induced hepatotoxicity

John Restaino, Lopez Hodes Restaino Milman Skikos & Polos

## 10:30 Morning Break

## 10:45 The Learned Intermediary Defense

- Applicability to a Rezulin case
- Challenging the learned intermediary defense

Ramon Lopez, Lopez Hodes Restaino Milman Skikos & Polos

## 11:15 Reading and Reviewing Medical Literature

- What to look for in medical records
- How to read a medical study on Rezulin

John Baker, Bragg & Baker

## 12:00 Networking Luncheon

## 1:00 Jurisdictional Issues in Rezulin Litigation

- Can plaintiffs from one state sue in another?
- Jurisdiction, venue and choice of law issues for out-of-state plaintiffs

Michael Williams, Williams Dailey & O'Leary

## 1:45 FDA Regulatory Issues

- Factual research and development of the drug

Zoe Littlepage, Littlepage & Associates

John Gueriguian, M.D., PharmaGenesis, Inc.

## 3:00 Afternoon Break

## 3:15 Preparing for Trial

- Building a mass tort team in a plaintiff's office
- Document review
- Corporate depositions
- Plaintiff and defense experts

Mark Robinson, Robinson Calcagnie & Robinson  
Michelle Parfitt, Ashcraft & Gerel

## 4:15 Medical Malpractice Issues

- What is the liability case against physicians?
- What are the defenses?

Ronald Herbert, LeClair Ryan

## 5:15 Cocktail Reception

## Tuesday, October 24, 2000

## 7:30 Continental Breakfast

Or attend optional plaintiff or defense buffet breakfast roundtable (for an additional fee).

## 8:30 Opening Statement in a Rezulin Trial: Mock Demonstration

Mike Papantonio, Levin Middlebrooks Thomas Mitchell  
Green Echsner Proctor & Papantonio

## 9:15 Historical Perspective on Warner-Lambert

Barry Fisher, Fleishman Fisher & Moest

## 10:00 Update on the Rezulin MDL

- Organization
- Status of discovery
- Motion practice

Arnold Levin, Levin Fishbein Sedran & Berman

## 10:30 Morning Break

## 10:45 Discovery: National (MDL) and State Litigation

- National litigation: Depository status
  - Documents received
  - Status of review to date
- National litigation: Discovery status
  - List of corporate players
  - Status of depositions
- State litigation: Responses to request to produce
  - Are documents being shared?
  - Where are documents located?
  - Status of review to date
- State litigation: Discovery status
  - Who has been deposed; where, when and by whom?
  - Are state attorneys sharing work product?
  - Who is reviewing clinical studies?

Thomas Smith, Fen-Phen Litigation Plaintiffs' Management Committee

Roger Brosnahan, Brosnahan Joseph & Suggs

George Fleming, Fleming & Associates

David Matthews, Abraham Watkins Nichols Sorrels et al.

Benjamin Smith, Brobeck Phleger & Harrison

## 12:00 Cardiac Arrhythmias Associated with Rezulin

- Is there a relationship? Early clinical studies
- Cardio-toxicity
- Heart conditions that could be triggered or exacerbated by Rezulin?
- Can Rezulin, Avandia or Actos trigger pulmonary hypertension?

Jeb Wait, J.D., M.D., Abraham Watkins Nichols Sorrels  
Matthews & Friend

## 12:45 Adjourn