

# **Seminar Overview**

This program is designed to provide practitioners and insurance professionals with an update on new developments affecting the insurance industry in the Pacific Northwest. The program will be beneficial to anyone associated with the insurance industry, particularly those involved in insurance claims. The program will feature attorneys from Washington, Idaho, and Oregon with a range of experience in representing insurers and policyholders and also features a Judicial Panel discussion about insurance cases that should not be missed.

#### **Who Should Attend:**

Attorneys
Insurance Professionals
In-House Counsel

### Insurance Law Thursday, October 29, 2020

9:00 Introduction and Overview of Day One PDT Emily S. Miller, Program Co-Ch.

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Miller Insurance Law LLC

Frie I. Neal Program Co Chair

Eric J. Neal, <u>Program Co-Chair</u> Lether Law Group

# 9:10 Emerging Issues in First Party Property Insurance

Dale L. Kingman

Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell LLP

Halev K. Krug

Andersen Schwartzman Woodard Dempsey PLLC

10:15 Break

# 10:30 Five Minutes on - "What's so wrong with a Prior Completed Work Exclusion in a contractor's policy?"

**Emily S. Miller** 

Miller Insurance Law LLC

# 10:35 Emerging Issues in Third-Party Liability Insurance

Ronald J. Clark

Bullivant Houser Bailey PC

**Gregory L. Harper** *Harper | Hayes PLLC* 

## 11:30 Five Minutes on Tracking Down Contractor Clients AND Getting them to Talk

Told from the perspective of a female insurance defense counsel

**Megan Ferris** 

Macmillan Scholz & Marks PC

#### 11:35 Construction Defect Claims

Megan Ferris

Macmillan Scholz & Marks PC

**Tristan Swanson** 

Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP

#### 12:30 Midday Break

# 1:45 Five Minutes on a Judge with a Sense of Humor

Judge Mossman's prank on my client & his clerk during trial

**Kyle Sturm** 

Foreman Sturm & Thede LLP

#### 1:50 Additional Insured Issues

Jacquelyn A. Beatty, CPCU, ARM, CLMP

Karr Tuttle Campbell

Guy J. Thompson

Stoel Rives LLP

# 2:45 15 Minute Wrap-up on Litigating and Resolving Multi-Party Construction Defect Case and Coverage Disputes

CD and AI speakers will conduct 15-minute panel discussion wrapping up this issue

Jacquelyn A. Beatty, CPCU, ARM, CLMP

Karr Tuttle Campbell

Megan Ferris

Macmillan Scholz & Marks PC

**Tristan Swanson** 

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3:00 Break

#### 3:15 Typical Issues in Auto Insurance Claims

Auto physical damage claims; auto liability claims; MCS-90 issues; PIP/UIM claims

Travis Eiva

Zemper Eiva Law LLC

Kimberly A. Reppart

Forsberg & Umlauf PS

# 4:00 Insurance Issues in the Age of Pandemics

First party property claims; direct physical damage to property by presence of COVID-19; business income loss claims; civil authority claims; property coverage exclusions; third-party liability claims; general liability insuring agreement; potentially applicable exclusions

Eric J. Neal

Lether Law Group

Kyle Sturm

Foreman Sturm & Thede LLP

5:00 Adjourn

### Insurance Law Friday, October 30, 2020

# 9:00 Introduction and Overview of Day Two

PDT

Emily S. Miller, Program Co-Chair

Miller Insurance Law LLC

Eric J. Neal, Program Co-Chair

Lether Law Group

9:05 Five Minutes on Xia v. Probuilders Insurance Co.

**Eric J. Neal** *Lether Law Group* 

#### 9:10 Extra-Contractual Issues and Exposures

Daniel R. Bentson
Bullivant Houser Bailey PC
Jocelyn Whiteley
Corr Cronin LLP

10:10 *Break* 

#### 10:25 Five Minute Case Study

Entertaining review of a particularly interesting case

**Travis Eiva**Zemper Eiva Law LLC

# 10:30 Special Presentation – Update from the Insurance Commissioner

Mike Kreidler, Commissioner Office of the Insurance Commissioner State of Washington

# 11:10 Attorney's Fees

Is an insured's obligation to pay the other side's fees covered by liability insurance? The insured's right to recover its attorney fees when suing its insurer for coverage

> Margaret Schroeder Miller Insurance Law LLC Gary Sparling Soha & Lang PS

### 12:00 15 Minute Wrap-up on Extra-Contractual Claims in the NW

EC speakers will conduct 15-minute panel discussion wrapping up this issue

Daniel R. Bentson
Bullivant Houser Bailey PC
Margaret Schroeder
Miller Insurance Law LLC
Gary Sparling
Soha & Lang PS
Jocelyn Whiteley
Corr Cronin LLP

#### 12:15 Midday Break

### 1:30 Five Minutes on Keeping Your Cool in Open Court Amid an Embarrassing Situation

M. Colleen Barrett
Barrett Mediation PLLC

# 1:35 Mediating Insurance Issues – Panel Discussion

- · How Insurance Impacts Underlying Lawsuits
- Mediating Extra-Contractual Exposures
- Mediating Fee-Driven Litigation
- What Should Coverage Counsel be Doing in Mediation of Underlying Case?

M. Colleen Barrett, Moderator
Barrett Mediation PLLC
John A. Bennett
Bullivant Houser Bailey PC
Hon. Paris K. Kallas, (ret.)
Judicial Dispute Resolution LLC
William C. Smart
Ruiz & Smart Plaintiff Litigation

2:45 *Break* 

## 3:00 Ethical Issues Arising from Insurance Claims & Representation

Westin McLean
Lether Law Group
Paul A. Mockford
Parsons Farnell & Grein LLP

#### 4:00 Judicial Perspective on Insurance Cases

**Hon. Karsten H. Rasmussen,** (Retired) *KHR Mediation* 

5:00 Adjourn

# **Faculty - Insurance Law**



**Emily S. Miller**, <u>Program Co-Chair</u>, is a member of Miller Insurance Law LLC, a boutique law firm specializing in the recovery of liability insurance for policyholders. She also serves on the Editorial Review Board for the new edition of the OSB's Bar Book on Insurance Law.



**Travis Eiva** is a partner at the Zemper Eiva personal injury law firm. His practice focuses on representing people financially or physically harmed by the wrongful conduct of others. He frequently presents CLE trainings on personal injury law.



Eric J. Neal, <u>Program Co-Chair</u>, is a shareholder with Lether Law Group. His practice primarily involves complex coverage and bad faith litigation involving multiple coverage lines, including commercial, personal, professional, municipal, and reinsurance.



Megan Ferris is a shareholder at Macmillan Scholz & Marks PC. She focuses her civil litigation practice in construction defense, insurance defense, and commercial litigation. She handles both third-party and first-party disputes for her insurer clients.



M. Colleen Barrett is a Mediator with Barrett Mediation PLLC, and member of the Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. Since November 2013, she has worked exclusively as a neutral, mediating a wide variety of cases to a resolution.



**Gregory L. Harper** is the founding member of Harper | Hayes PLLC, a Seattle law firm representing policyholders in insurance and bad faith litigation. His clients include builders, developers, and other national and local businesses.



Jacquelyn A. Beatty, CPCU, ARM, CLMP, is a shareholder with Karr Tuttle Campbell. She focuses almost exclusively on commercial civil litigation including construction, commercial contracts, insurance coverage and bad faith.



**Hon. Paris K. Kallas** is a panelist at Judicial Dispute Resolution LLC, where she is a full-time mediator, arbitrator and special master. She handles personal injury, employment, insurance coverage, real property, business & commercial disputes.



**John A. Bennett** is a shareholder with Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, and a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. His practice involves first-party insurance coverage and defense of claims for extra-contractual damages ("bad faith").



**Dale L. Kingman**, a partner with Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell LLP, focuses on the resolution of complex insurance coverage disputes on behalf of policyholders. He is known for his experience with property insurance throughout the United States.



**Daniel R. Bentson** is a shareholder with Bullivant Houser Bailey PC. His practice focuses on complex commercial disputes, including insurance coverage, bad faith litigation, admiralty and maritime litigation, and appeals.



Mike Kreidler serves as Washington State's 8th Insurance Commissioner. A staunch advocate for consumer protection, he earned the "Excellence in Consumer Advocacy Award" from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.



**Ronald J. Clark,** a shareholder with Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, focuses his practice on insurance coverage issues. His practice emphasizes litigation of claims involving construction-related issues, and allegations of bad-faith claims handling.



Haley K. Krug, a partner with Andersen Schwartzman Woodard Dempsey PLLC, focuses on insurance recovery for policyholders. She has litigated insurance coverage disputes under the full range of first- and third-party commercial coverages.



Westin McLean is an attorney with Lether Law Group. He provides coverage opinions, advice and litigating coverage matters for national and regional insurance carriers regarding all types of property, casualty, automobile and liability policies.



**Kyle Sturm** is a partner with Foreman Sturm & Thede LLP. His practice focuses on insurance recovery for commercial policyholders and the resolution of construction/commercial disputes. Policyholders seek his advice for complex insurance policy matters.



**Paul A. Mockford** is a partner in the insurance recovery group of Parsons Farnell & Grein LLP. He represents individuals and businesses in disputes with insurance carriers. He has been named a "Rising Star" in insurance coverage (2014-2019).



**Tristan Swanson** is a partner at Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP. He focuses on construction, real estate, insurance coverage matters, and dispute resolution services. He represents contractors, subcontractors, owners, landlords, and developers.



**Hon. Karsten H. Rasmussen,** founder of KHR Mediation, is a Senior Circuit Court Judge and now works as a full-time mediator. He served as a sitting Judge with the Lane County Circuit Court from 1999-2018, and as Presiding Judge from 2012-17.



**Guy J. Thompson** is an attorney with Stoel Rives LLP. He advises clients on insurance coverage and procurement. He exclusively represents policyholders and has obtained significant recoveries for policyholders in a wide variety of insurance claims.



Kimberly A. Reppart is a shareholder at Forsberg & Umlauf PS. She focuses on insurance coverage and bad faith, serious injury & wrongful death, UIM defense, and trucking/transportation defense for both insurance companies and corporate clients.



**Jocelyn Whiteley** is an attorney at Corr Cronin LLP. She concentrates her practice on resolving business-related disputes. Jocelyn has developed an expertise in insurance coverage and indemnity matters, primarily representing policyholders.



Margaret Schroeder, an insurance recovery attorney at Miller Insurance Law LLC, is a respected litigator and trial lawyer with an affinity for coverage. She has authored chapters in multiple Oregon State Bar Books on Insurance Law in Oregon.



William C. Smart is an attorney with Ruiz & Smart Plaintiff Litigation. He is an accomplished trial lawyer with over 40 years of experience. His practice emphasizes insurance, personal injury, products liability, and medical malpractice litigation.



Gary Sparling is a shareholder with Soha & Lang PS. His practice emphasizes insurance coverage, commercial and construction litigation, and appellate practice. He is also a part-time instructor in the paralegal program at Edmonds Community College.

# **Insurance Law**

# **Credits**

#### **OR CLE**

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# **Location**

### Live Webcast broadcasted from Portland, OR

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Phone:

Due to growing health concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, The Seminar Group has opted to hold the Northwest Insurance Law seminar **strictly webcast**.

# **Fees**

#### **Live Webcast:**

Attorney	\$799.00
Government / Tribal / Non-Profit	\$649.00
Other Professionals	\$649.00
Student / Professor	\$499.00
Day One	\$520.18
Day Two	\$478.57

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All Sessions	\$799.00
Single Session	\$99.00

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All Sessions	\$799.00
Single Session	\$99.00

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All Sessions \$899.00

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All Sessions \$229.00

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