Nursing Home/ALF Litigation

Crisis management by NFL Referee Ed Hochuli

Control the media frenzy surrounding high profile litigation

Shield facilities from liability with comprehensive risk management programs

Navigate assisted suicide laws under threats of wrongful death claims

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Navigating a challenging media landscape—making your case in the court of public opinion and the court of law.

Death with dignity? Explore the impact and implementation of assisted suicide legislation.

Ethically and expertly tackle the issues surrounding the aging LGBT population of residents.

Craft and implement practical and effective risk management strategies to shield your client from unnecessary and costly litigation.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 a.m.  Golf Tournament  |  See page 3 for details.
6:00 p.m.  Registration
6:00 p.m.  Networking Reception  
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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7:00 a.m.  Registration
7:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast  
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7:00 a.m.  First-Time Attendees Breakfast  
Alex J. Hagan, Ellis & Winters LLP, Raleigh, North Carolina

8:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction  
Mary Re Knack, Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC, Seattle, Washington
Angeline N. Ioannou, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Hartford, Connecticut

8:10 a.m.  Managing a Crisis in Real Time  
(AKA, The Story of My Life!)  
In this presentation, Ed Hochuli, a prominent NFL referee, shares with us his keys to crisis management. Between his law practice and the NFL, nothing ever goes as expected. And the football field is perhaps the biggest continual crisis of all. His presentation includes anecdotes and video clips—all from actual NFL games. It includes his tips and beliefs on how to prepare for crisis and how to deal with it when it hits, because one thing we all know—crisis will occur.
Edward G. Hochuli, Jones Skelton & Hochuli PLC, Phoenix, Arizona

9:40 a.m.  The Three Most Important Things You Need to Know About the New SNF Conditions of Participation  
Filling over 100 pages, the new SNF Conditions of Participation from the CMS are its most sweeping nursing home changes since introducing the 1987 reforms. Experts provide a historical context for the current changes by examining the public policy behind the original reforms, and the persistent issues the new rules are designed to correct, including an in-depth analysis of the three most important changes affecting nursing home quality of care litigation.
Drew Graham, Hall Booth Smith PC, Atlanta, Georgia

10:45 a.m.  Taking the “Risky” out of the Aging Services Business: Building Blocks for a Comprehensive Risk Management Program  
This interactive session will explore common and emerging risks for long term care providers, developing policies to reduce liabilities, and the positive impact a well-managed risk program has on premiums, claims, patient safety, and the bottom line. The panel will also address how to use risk management in the litigation process to your benefit.
MODERATOR  |  Caroline J. Berdzik, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Princeton, New Jersey
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12:00 p.m.  Lunch Around  |  Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for lunch (on your own). More details on-site.

1:30 p.m.  Navigating a Challenging Media Landscape: Making Your Case in the Court of Public Opinion and the Court of Law
A seasoned trial lawyer teams up with an expert consultant from a leading global communications firm to discuss the intersection of legal defense and reputation management, and how to work together to counsel clients facing serious allegations even before key facts are known.

**Laura J. Ginett**, Hall Prangle and Schoonveld LLC, Chicago, Illinois

**David M. Saltz**, Fleishman Hillard, Chicago, Illinois

2:25 p.m.  Innovation and Involvement of the Defense Bar in State Legislative Efforts
Medicine and the law join forces to provide an overview of state laws favorable to the skilled nursing and assisted living sectors. They will also include a discussion of the importance of the defense bar and the insurance industry involvement with long term care associations in developing and passing legislation. Case studies of involvement with positive outcome will be presented.

**Howard B. Hayden**, Wiseman Ashworth Law Group PLC, Memphis, Tennessee

**Stuart H. Shapiro, MD**, Pennsylvania Health Care Association, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

3:15 p.m.  Refreshment Break

3:30 p.m.  After Kevorkian: Assisted Suicide Is Alive and Growing
With California becoming the fifth state to allow assisted suicide, how should this be managed as against the threat of wrongful death litigation? Defense attorneys pair with in-house counsel to help the practitioner and client navigate the challenges to your clients.

**J. Richard Moore**, Dillon Bleeke Crandall, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Kathleen M. Reilly, Ensign Services**, Mission Viejo, California

**Gabriela Sanchez**, Lane Powell PC, Portland, Oregon

4:20 p.m.  Adjourn

4:30 p.m.  Long Term Care Subcommittee Meeting (open to all)

5:30 p.m.  In–House Reception (in–house counsel and claims executives only)
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6:00 p.m.  Networking Reception (open to all)

7:00 p.m.  Private Cooking Demonstration and Food Tasting at Sur La Table. See below for details.

7:30 p.m.  Dinner–A-Rounds  |  Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (on your own). More details on-site.

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**NETWORKING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, September 7**

**Golf Tournament**
Registration Deadline: August 5, 2016

Note: All players must be registered to attend the seminar to participate in the golf tournament; limited to 32 players, first come, first served basis.

Experience the best of desert and resort style golf by joining your friends, colleagues and peers for an entertaining round of golf at the Westin Kierland Resort on Wednesday morning, 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Moderately priced at $200 per player and $800 per team (four-some), the registration fee includes greens fees, cart, practice balls, continental breakfast, lunch, taxes and gratuities. Both club rental (balls not included) @ $69 and shoe rental @ $15, plus applicable taxes, is available. Cancellations made after August 5, 2016 are non-refundable. For more information please contact Josh Davis at josh.davis@lewisbriscois.com. Sign up on registration form.

**Thursday, September 8**

**Lunch A-Rounds**
Join colleagues and friends on Thursday, September 8 at selected restaurants for lunch (on your own). More details on-site.

**Sur La Table**
Laugh, eat, and learn together at Sur La Table! Meet and greet new colleagues and friends for a tasty dinner and a private cooking demonstration on Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Sur La Table is located in the Kierland Commons within walking distance from the Westin Kierland Hotel. The cost is $65 per person and includes the cooking demonstration, dinner, and wine/beer. The registration fee is non-refundable and the event is limited to 30 participants, on a first come, first served basis. To register for this fun networking event or if you have questions, please contact Peter Winterburn at Lewis Thomason, pwinterburn@lewisthomason.com, or Jennifer Strange at Drewy Simmons Vornehm, jstrange@dsvlaw.com.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 a.m.  Registration

7:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.  Announcements

Minton P. Mayer, Wiseman Ashworth Law Group PLC, Memphis, Tennessee

8:10 a.m.  Out of the Closet and into the Facility: Ethically Managing the Needs of the Increasing LGBT Population

An experienced clinical risk management consultant and long term care attorney will discuss ethical and clinical issues faced by LGBT residents in nursing and assisted living facilities as well as the laws in place to protect them. Some of these issues include room assignments, clinical challenges, and abuse. The country’s first openly transgender judge will appear by video to address her personal experiences with discrimination in the health care setting and her recommendations for the long term care industry.

Mary Adams, PruittHealth Consulting Services, Atlanta, Georgia
David C. Marshall, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

9:30 a.m.  Telemedicine: Benefits and Pitfalls in the LTC Setting

This session will be a discussion of medical and legal issues that arise while using telemedicine for patient care, along with the challenges presented by documentation and charting. How to balance more immediate physician contact and early detection of complications with reimbursement and IT/HIPAA/security issues, along with credentialing consent and jurisdictional challenges, will be discussed.

Angela M. Agustin Fox, Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman PC, Indianapolis, Indiana

10:20 a.m.  Refreshment Break

10:35 a.m.  New and Revamped NPUAP Staging System and Nomenclature as of April 2016

A physician discusses and explains the April 2016 significant revamp to the NPUAP staging system for pressure ulcers. This session will examine the new nomenclature, as well as the anatomy and pathophysiology of each of the new stages of pressure ulcers, and explore the physical forces at play and how they relate to the forensic examination of pressure ulcer etiopathogenesis.

Lee C. Ruotsi, MD, ABWMS, UHM, CWS, Catholic Health Advanced Wound Healing Centers, Buffalo, New York

11:25 a.m.  Defending Litigation Related to Medications Used for Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis

A well-known product liability attorney will discuss risks to the facility and facility staff in situations where the drugs used to treat osteoporosis prevalent among the patients who are at increased risk of falling and fracturing in the skilled nursing setting are the subject of serial pharmaceutical product liability litigation. The discussion will also involve strategies to communicate these types of complex scientific issues to judges and juries when defending long term care facilities and practitioners.

Ranjit S. Dhindsa, Hollingsworth LLP, Washington, DC

12:20 p.m.  Strategic Prevention and Management of Electronic Data Breaches

Traditional methods of IT security are not keeping up with hacking efforts underway in today’s connected world. This session will review recent and landmark health care breach cases and provide insight on how to avoid similar mistakes. Learn how to protect your data and gain an understanding the legal implications and ramifications of a security breach and understand the current security landscape—both in health care and in the IT world.

Helen Oscislawski, Oscislawski LLC, Princeton, New Jersey

1:15 p.m.  Adjourn
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