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Burning Down the House

A Can't Miss Seminar!

- Evaluate scientific evidence from live burns conducted by fire investigators!
- Experience real-world fire science!
- Key applications to fire cases: fire scene protocols, fire investigations, burn injury evidence, fact and expert depositions, jury selection, case studies, and much more!



September 13-14, 2018
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, D.C.

With four controlled burns the week before the seminar and a flashover burn demonstration the day before, we are literally burning down the house to make this an exciting and relevant seminar. It will take fire science and litigation techniques into the real world, using photographs, video, and data from controlled burns, incorporating them into presentations about fire behavior, fires involving products found in home and office environments, and trial tactics to manage technical and graphic evidence. This seminar is for new and experienced attorneys and will help with every fire case on your docket.



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What You Will Learn

- Fire behavior and the clues that it leaves behind
- The science of burn injuries and jury selection strategies
- Best practices for preserving fire scenes and evidence
- Trial strategies for products that are supposed to be flammable and those that aren't

Exclusive Opportunity

Experience firsthand the science of origin and cause determination up close and personal!

On September 12, 2018, from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., participate in a tour of four burn cells. Experts will conduct controlled burns for various presentations during the seminar. After your tour, watch a live demonstration of a burn transition to flashover, while experts describe what is happening in real time. You will gain critical knowledge essential for attorneys who are new to the fire science field and as a great refresher for experienced attorneys. Space is limited; registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. See registration form to sign up.

DRI will provide transportation to the **Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute** for this unique event.

Note: This is an additional charge event.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 a.m. **Live Burn at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute** | See page 1 for **information**.

6:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:00 a.m. **First-Time Attendee Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
Mark D. Katz, *Coronado Katz LLC*,
Kansas City, MO
Kathryn A. (Katy) Regier, *Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC*, Kansas City, MO

8:15 a.m. **Burning Down the House: Real World Fire Science—Four Quick-Hits**
During the week before the seminar, our pre-senters will stage four controlled burns at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute at the University of Maryland. Using video, photos, and data from the burns, our presenters will discuss the trips and traps of fire science.
Scott E. Dillon, PE, *Crane Engineering*,
Plymouth, MN

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Adam Goodman, *S-E-A Limited*, Glen Burnie, MD
Delmar R. (Trey) Morrison III, PhD, PE, CFEI,
Exponent, Warrenville, IL
Stephen M. Hill, *Jensen Hughes*, Baltimore, MD

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
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10:15 a.m. **Investigating Burn Injuries**
Burn injuries are a common occurrence in industrial settings and everyday life, yet they pose unique challenges in risk assessment and investigation. This presentation will review and explain the science of burn injuries, the application of consensus standards, and the proper analysis of burns from different types of sources.
Lynne O. Ingram, *Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy*, Berwyn, PA
Harri K. Kytomaa, PhD, PE, CFEI, *Exponent*,
Natick, MA

11:00 a.m. **Jury Selection and Burn Injuries**
One of the more challenging aspects of fire litigation is addressing burn injury evidence. It all starts in voir dire—asking the right questions and identifying jurors who are not as likely to be prejudiced by graphic evidence. This panel will discuss ways to present a burn injury case during jury selection, mitigate difficult evidence, and select dispassionate jurors.

MODERATOR | **Perry W. Miles IV**, *McGuire Woods LLP*, Richmond, VA

PANEL
Daniel James Cooper, *LitStrat Inc*, New York, NY
Christina Marinakis, JD, PsyD,
Litigation Insights, Baltimore, MD

12:00 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

1:15 p.m. **Regulations and Enforcement on Flame-Retardant Clothing**
The Consumer Product Safety Commission has promulgated flammability performance standards for such products as clothing, furniture, and mattresses, with a resulting widespread use of various flame retardants. Questions have been raised about the health effects of such

extensive use of flame retardants. This session will examine how regulators balance the competing priorities presented by fire hazards and chemical exposure and the regulatory and compliance issues associated with flammability standards.

Nancy A. Nord, *Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz PC*, Washington, DC

1:15 p.m. **New Attorney Breakout: Getting What You Need in Key Fire Depositions**

Litigating fire cases presents unique challenges during the pretrial phase. Depositions especially are fraught with both minefields and opportunities. Join our discussion highlighting key strategies for obtaining key testimony and navigating through the crucial depositions of the major players in both property and personal injury suits.

Allison A. Waase, *Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP*, Valhalla, NY

Bradley D. (Brad) Remick, *Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin PC*, Philadelphia, PA

2:00 p.m. **Litigation on Lithium Ion Batteries**

From e-cigs to cell phones, laptops to lawn mowers, lithium ion batteries are everywhere. This presentation will take a deep dive into the unique issues to consider when investigating and litigating allegations against these ubiquitous power sources.

Gregg A. Tatarka, *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP*, White Plains, NY

Jonathan G. Jordan, PE, CFEl, *Engineering Systems Inc.*, Dallas, TX

3:00 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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3:15 p.m. **IoT Mapping Panel**

Smart devices pervade our workplaces and households, but are they smart enough to help investigators map and determine the origin and spread of fires? Our panel will address the potentials, limitations, and challenges of this new area of fire science inquiry.

Kathryn A. (Katy) Regier, *Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC*, Kansas City, MO

Kevin Hecksher, EIT, CFEl, CVFI, *Jensen Hughes*, Fort Wayne, IN

Matthew J. Jeske, CBE, ACE, *Crane Engineering*, Plymouth, MN

4:00 p.m. **Ethically Presenting Experts: Accepted Truths Versus the Flat Earth Society**

An attorney and trial judge will discuss ethical considerations when identifying and presenting expert testimony, ranging from conflicts of interest to an attorney's ethical obligations of full disclosure, fairness, and integrity to the fact-finding process. The presentation will conclude by inviting comments on when it is appropriate to argue that the Earth is flat to best represent your client.

The Honorable John M. Tran, *Circuit Court of Fairfax County*, Virginia, Fairfax, VA

Stacey Rose Harris, *DiMuroGinsberg PC*, Alexandria, VA

5:00 p.m. **Fire Science and Litigation SLG Meeting (open to all)**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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7:00 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (on your own). More details onsite.

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7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:00 a.m. **DRI Women in the Law Breakfast**

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8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Mark D. Katz, *Coronado Katz LLC*, Kansas City, MO

Kathryn A. (Katy) Regier, *Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard PC*, Kansas City, MO

8:15 a.m. **LP-Gas Equipment: Trying a Standards-Based Case**

This presentation will explore the defense of a serious burn injury action involving LP-gas equipment, where the plaintiff's case was based on alleged violation by the manufacturer of decades-old standards. It will include strat-

- egies for educating jurors regarding the prominence and importance of standards both to manufacturers and to industrial users of equipment, and the correct interpretation of those standards, while dealing with dramatic burn injuries caused by fire and explosion of gases and chemical byproducts. There will be further discussion of the design, function, and properties of LP-gas components and fittings.
- John P. (Jack) Freedenberg, CFEI,**
Goldberg Segalla LLP, Buffalo, NY
- 9:00 a.m. **Protocols in Fire Science Investigation—Quick Hits**
- It is one thing to go to a fire scene, find and preserve physical evidence, or test a product for litigation, but it is something else to do it so that your client is protected. Sometimes issues come up, and counsel and consultants are challenged to make quick decisions that can have long-term consequences. Be ready to answer the tough questions on the fly with step-by-step guidelines from these quick hits.
- Fire Scene Protocols**
Stuart J. (Stu) Goldberg, *Eastman & Smith Ltd., Toledo, OH*
- Evidence Preservation Protocols**
Samuel G. Sudler III, *S-E-A Limited, Glen Burnie, MD*
- Destructive Testing Protocols**
Andrew E. Stead, *McMillan LLP, Calgary, AB*
- 10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Prepping Your Expert and Demonstration of Direct Exam**
- This presentation will give you the tips you need to prepare your expert for direct examination at trial, followed by a demonstration.
- Ian T. Ramsey,** *Stites & Harbison PLLC, Louisville, KY*
- K. Scott Barnhill,** *Investigative Forensic Specialists, Raleigh, NC*
- 11:00 a.m. **NFPA: It's Not Just 921—Quick Hits**
- NFPA 921 is critical in determining the origin and cause of fires and explosions, but it is not the only standard. In this segment, attorneys and consultants will address other standards that come into play in fire and explosion cases—from dust explosions to LP gas and electrical.
- NFPA and Dust Explosion Standards**
Zuhair M. Ibrahim, PhD, *LPI Inc, Encino, CA*
- NFPA and LP Gas**
Sean D. Magenlis, *McCoy Leavitt Laskey LLC, Falmouth, ME*
- NFPA and Electrical Issues**
John P. Reagan, PE, *Schaefer Engineering, Wentzville, MO*
- 12:00 p.m. **Fire Spread: How Building Products Can Affect a Fire's Growth**
- Fire-resistant does not mean fireproof, and yet, when a fire spreads, plaintiffs look to materials manufacturers for compensation. Moreover, a builder's choice of building products can impede or accelerate a fire's growth, making the investigation into these choices crucial to an analysis of liability. This presentation will address effective ways of introducing the technical aspects of fire-resistant materials to the jury and how to manage the jury's expectations about the materials used to build the homes in which they live or the buildings in which they work.
- Thomas J. (TJ) Jarzyniecki, Jr.,**
Kightlinger Gray LLP, Indianapolis, IN
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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