



Continuing Legal Education

2019

Claims Roundtables

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Dear AEGIS Members and Brokers,

The AEGIS Claims Roundtable program, now in its 30th year, reflects our commitment to providing members with superior claims-related services. Today, we are pleased to report that with your support and involvement, more than 1,400 representatives of more than 100 member companies have participated in the roundtables.

The AEGIS Claims Roundtables are a one-of-a-kind program focusing exclusively on the education and preparedness of attorneys, claims and loss control professionals, and risk managers in the energy industry. The roundtable faculty members are highly experienced in the management and direction of complex claims and litigation issues. They are chosen from a select pool of recognized industry claims managers, expert attorneys and consultants. The roundtable content embraces a variety of issues of concern to AEGIS member companies, and the format encourages creativity and participation while enhancing the understanding of the fundamentals of claims and litigation management.

The AEGIS Claims Roundtable program is one of the many Claims Division contributions to the AEGIS mission to provide members with consistently superior insurance and risk management products and services, enabling them to achieve the lowest overall long-term cost of risk. By sharing this type of information, and building upon our collective energy industry expertise, we are better able to manage risk together, which is one of the hallmarks of our mutual relationship.

For those unable to travel to East Rutherford, we hope you can join us via webinar. Details are below. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits will continue to be offered. AEGIS requests CLE accreditation from all states with mandatory continuing legal education requirements.

Participating via Webinar

If you would like to participate via webinar, please indicate your preference for the webinar when you register. One week prior to the roundtable, registered participants will receive sign-on instructions. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Cindy Gagliardi at 201.508.2865 or e-mail her at CindyGagliardi@aegislimited.com.

Registration

Please take a moment to review the 2019 schedule as well as the registration information.

You may register at any time via mail, e-mail or fax using the registration form on the back of this brochure. If you wish to register by phone or have any questions, please contact Cindy Gagliardi at 201.508.2865. Online registration information will be posted on the AEGIS website approximately six to eight weeks prior to each seminar.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 AEGIS Claims Roundtables, and hope you will take advantage of the webinar option if you are unable to join us in person.

Jeffrey J. Schupack

Senior Vice President and Chief Claims Officer

Topics & Dates

The Governance of Risk: Loss Control as the First Line of Defense in Claims Litigation

Thursday, March 21, 2019

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A loss control program governs the internal means, methods and daily safety operations followed by utility company employees. Consequently, a sound loss control program frequently stands as the first line of defense in preventing claims and litigation.

This Roundtable will focus on building and following sound loss control practices and procedures for utility companies. AEGIS' Loss Control Division studies and analyzes the internal procedures of utilities and will discuss the mitigation assessment process, as well as comprehensive recommendations for best daily practices on topics such as call center operations, protocols for technical personnel and general field safety training. We will also discuss the role of loss control in public safety and consumer awareness. Finally, we will engage in a case study comparison of litigation results with differing qualities of loss control programs.

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Litigation Involving Catastrophic Injuries

Thursday, June 6, 2019

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Utility companies are frequently faced with litigation arising from catastrophic injuries. These injuries result from events such as electrical contacts and gas explosions. Resultant injuries, including severe burns, brain damage, paraplegia, quadriplegia and loss of limbs, can serve as a difficult backdrop for the defense. In catastrophic injury cases, there is often an overwhelming empathy factor. Yet such injury cases are defensible, and damages can be mitigated, if properly investigated, defended and negotiated to a reasonable settlement. Our panel will address the issues surrounding the successful defense of such cases. Attendees will gain a better understanding of major injury claim management and defense tactics.

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Effectively Telling Your Story Through Your Witnesses

Thursday, October 17, 2019

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In all litigation, you have a story to tell, and that one story will be told through the many voices of your witnesses. Preparing your witnesses, both lay and expert, is critical to effectively communicating that story to the decision makers. In this Roundtable, outside and in-house counsel will look at tactics for turning witnesses into effective communicators, and present examples of when things go right and when things go wrong. You will also learn about properly preparing utility employees who are called upon to be deposed and testify at trial.

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Meals & Hotels

Meals

Lunch and light refreshments will be provided at all roundtables.

Hotels

These hotels are convenient to the AEGIS office and Newark Liberty International Airport.

Hilton Meadowlands

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About AEGIS

AEGIS (Associated Electric & Gas Insurance Services Limited) was created in 1975 as a mutual insurer by and for the utility industry. Today, AEGIS has 300 members representing gas, electric and water utilities, as well as other related energy companies. Part of the AEGIS mission is to assure members consistently superior insurance and risk management products and services, enabling them to achieve the lowest overall long-term cost of risk. The AEGIS Claims Roundtable program is part of our commitment to providing superior claims-related services.

Seminars will be held in the AEGIS Boardroom, 1 Meadowlands Plaza, Fifth Floor, East Rutherford, NJ

You may register online or you may return this registration form to Cindy Gagliardi.

- **Online registration will open six to eight weeks prior to each roundtable at aegislink.com.**
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Registration Form

Please check the appropriate boxes below for the roundtables you wish to attend. If you would like to attend via webinar, please check the webinar box.

1 The Governance of Risk: Loss Control as the First Line of Defense in Claims Litigation Thursday, March 21, 2019

- I will attend the roundtable in East Rutherford, NJ
- I will attend via webinar

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