

DANGER: FAILURE TO WARN CLAIMS, WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN AND WHERE THEY MAY BE HEADING

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About this Webinar:

This webinar will address the failure to warn claim as it has become known in today's litigation environment. Panelists will talk about the development of law surrounding failure to warn claims and anticipated issues moving forward in light of relatively recent developments, such as claims related to COVID-19 and the potential impact of products being displayed on social media in ways that were clearly beyond those contemplated by manufacturers.

Presenters:

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