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PRODUCT LIABILITY & COMPLEX TORTS PRACTICE GROUP
REGIONAL SEMINAR



Atlanta, GA | April 16, 2026

PROGAM SCHEDULE | APRIL 16, 2026

PROGRAM AT THE OFFICES OF HAWKINS PARNELL & YOUNG, LLP

303 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 4000 | Atlanta, GA

1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION

2:00 P.M. – 2:10 P.M.

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Speaker:

Megan Sterchi Lammert, *Regional Seminar Program Chair*,
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE LLC, Kansas City, MO

2:10 P.M. – 3:10 P.M.

**PFAS – NAVIGATING THE RAPIDLY EVOLVING LEGAL LANDSCAPE OVER
“FOREVER CHEMICALS”**

Speaker:

Allison Lange Garrison, NILAN JOHNSON LEWIS P.A.,
Minneapolis, MN

Andrew Dorn, *Senior Manager, Environmental, Health, Safety &
Sustainability*, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS, Glenview, IL

PFAS are everywhere—and so are the risks of PFAS regulatory compliance and litigation. Companies are facing intensifying scrutiny from regulators and courts over PFAS in products and manufacturing lifecycles. This presentation surveys key federal and state regulatory developments, flags upcoming compliance deadlines, analyzes evolving litigation trends, and delivers practical guidance for corporate and outside counsel on risk mitigation and compliance strategy.

3:10 P.M.– 3:20 P.M.

BREAK

3:20 P.M. – 4:05 P.M.

CAUTION! HOT TOPICS IN WARNINGS!

Speaker:

Ray Moore, MURPHY & GRANTLAND, P.A., Columbia, SC

Warnings issues are increasingly asserted in product liability litigation. This session will examine several issues that repeatedly arise and strategies to address them.

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4:05 P.M. – 4:50 P.M.

TAMING THE JURY: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE NUCLEAR VERDICT RISKS

Speaker:

Matt Barr, HAWKINS PARNELL & YOUNG, LLP, Atlanta, GA

Nuclear verdicts most commonly involve jury anger toward the defendant or the defense attorney. This session will examine several ways to minimize jury anger in cases with bad facts.

4:50 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

CLOSING REMARKS

Speaker:

Megan Sterchi Lammert, *Regional Seminar Program Chair*,
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE LLC, Kansas City, MO

SOCIAL EVENT | APRIL 16, 2026



Cocktails, Dinner & Games | 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

SKYLINE PARK AT PONCE CITY MARKET

675 Ponce De Leon Ave NE | Atlanta, GA 30308



SPEAKERS



MATT BARR is a partner with Hawkins Parnell & Young, LLP, ALFA International's member firm in Atlanta, Georgia. He has 30 years of experience defending companies and individuals in cases involving significant and catastrophic injuries. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, is a Senior Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, and has been recognized as a Georgia "Super Lawyer." Matt obtained his BS from Georgia Tech, where he was a member of the 1994 National Championship Runner-Up baseball team. He earned his JD from Florida State in 1997 and has been with Hawkins Parnell ever since. In his personal life, Matt enjoys playing golf and watching sports.



ANDREW DORN is Senior Manager, Environmental, Health, Safety & Sustainability, at Illinois Tool Works. He has a degree in environmental engineering from Northwestern University and spent several years as a consultant for industry and government. Tiring of working outside in the summer and feeling limited by 40-hour work weeks, Andrew graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2010 with a focus on environment and real estate. While there, his most notable achievement was getting his brief kicked in the Seventh Circuit. After a few legal odd jobs, Andrew worked to support the redevelopment of contaminated real estate in Chicago. During this time, President Obama personally selected Andrew (as the low bidder in an open bidding process) to lead the environmental diligence for the Obama Library. And, to finally wrap this up, since joining ITW in 2019, ITW's stock price has almost doubled, which Andrew attributes to his excellence in environmental stewardship.



ALLISON LANGE GARRISON, an attorney with Nilan Johnson Lewis PA, ALFA International's member firm in Minnesota, is a product liability and commercial litigator who frequently advises organizations on PFAS legal matters and speaks on the rapidly evolving PFAS legal landscape. She offers a primer on the science of PFAS, summarizing regulatory and litigation activity over the past year and previewing upcoming regulatory deadlines and litigation trends; and guiding corporate counsel on helping their organization mitigate risk, protect its brands and ensure long-term sustainability.



MEGAN (MEG) STERCHI LAMMERT is a member of Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice L.L.C., ALFA International's member firm in Kansas City, Missouri. Meg's practice is concentrated in defending personal injury, premises liability and product liability matters. Meg has focused on advocating for and obtaining successful outcomes for numerous clients, including those within the pharmaceutical and medical device, manufacturing, trucking, and insurance industries. She has been selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Kansas City Metropolitan Area for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants and recognized as a Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers: Rising Star in the practice area of Personal Injury General: Defense. Meg is a member and regional chair of ALFA's Product Liability & Complex Torts Steering Committee. At her firm, Meg is a co-chair of Baker Sterchi's Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee, co-editor of the firm's Drug/Device Law Blog and active with the firm's Retention and Website Committees.

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RAY MOORE is a shareholder of Murphy & Grantland, P.A., the ALFA International member in Columbia, South Carolina. He is a litigator with 30 years of experience defending product manufacturers, retailers, sellers, and other parties in cases involving significant and catastrophic injuries allegedly caused by defective products, ranging from appliances, batteries, candles, to zip lines. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized annually on the “Super Lawyers” list in South Carolina since 2016. Ray obtained his BA from The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, in 1993, where he served as the Corps’ Regimental Commander and Honor Court Chair. He earned his JD from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1996. Ray is also a certified mediator and arbitrator. In his personal life, Ray loves his family and sports, preferably together, with a son recently finishing his college football career and three daughters who have been involved in high school sports. Ray recently began playing pickleball, seeking a new way to stay fit.