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Women's Initiative Practice Group Regional Dinner

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Newark, New Jersey 07102



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EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Arrival

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction

2:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Galit Kierkut, Sills Cummis & Gross P.C., Newark, NJ

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Social Media and More

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Speakers: Megan Coulter (Hall & Evans, LLC, Denver, CO), Claudia Heyman (Halloran Sage LLP, Westport, CT), Beth Rose (Sills Cummis & Gross P.C.)

Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and the newly emerging world of deep fakes. The constantly evolving world of social media presents unique challenges to litigants and the Court as well as ethical issues for counsel. We invite you to come participate in this interactive discussion regarding social media, its uses and limitations, in litigation.

CLE Credit: This program will be worth 1.5 hours of New York CLE Skills credit and is appropriate for both experienced and newly admitted attorneys. In addition, this program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 1.8 hours of total general CLE credit. Of these, none qualify as hours of credit for Ethics/Professionalism and none qualify as hours of credit towards certification in criminal trial law, workers compensation law, municipal court law and/or matrimonial law.

Cocktail Reception and Dinner at Mompou Tapas Restaurant

77 Ferry Street,
Newark, New Jersey
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



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SPEAKERS



Megan Coulter is a Member at Hall & Evans, LLC, the ALFA International firm in Denver and specializes in workers' compensation. Prior to joining Hall & Evans, LLC, she practiced workers' compensation insurance defense in Omaha, Nebraska. Ms. Coulter represents clients in the administrative courts and at the appellate level. She is an active member of the ALFA International Workers' Compensation Practice Group, including a member of the ALFA steering committee. She is also board member of the Colorado Bar Association Workers' Compensation Committee, a Stakeholder Board Member with the Director of Workers' Compensation regarding Colorado's Division Independent Medical Examinations, a member of Professionals in Workers' Compensation, RIMS and a number of other professional organizations. Ms. Coulter focuses her practice on Colorado workers' compensation claims and issues related to the Medicare Secondary Payor Act. Megan regularly presents at seminars concerning the Colorado Workers' Compensation Act, Medicare Compliance and other Workers' Compensation issues providing guidance to both insurers and self-insured clients.



Claudia Heyman is a partner in the Workers' Compensation Practice Group at ALFA International's Hartford, CT member firm, Halloran & Sage LLP. For over 25 years she has represented self-insured employers, insurance companies, and third party administrators in all aspects of the workers' compensation process, including informal, pre-formal and formal hearings, and has successfully handled appeals before the Workers' Compensation Review Board and the Connecticut Supreme Court. Claudia has experience in handling cases involving a variety of injuries, from a simple strain to a traumatic brain injury, and has obtained positive results for clients in highexposure claims, such as those involving an employee who is permanently and totally disabled, or where survivorship benefits are at issue. Her practice also includes representing clients in wrongful discharge cases (C.G.S. § 31-290a), asbestos claims, and third party subrogation, as well as issues regarding an employer's civil liability in the workers' compensation forum. She also provides successful claims management strategies to her clients. Claudia received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania, cum laude and her JD from Villanova University School of Law.



Galit Kierkut is Chair of the Sills Cummis & Gross Restrictive Covenant, Trade Secret and Unfair Competition Practice Group and is a member of the Employment & Labor Practice Group. She represents national and international employers in their U.S. operations in the pharmaceutical, manufacturing, financial, food service, retail and health care industries. Ms. Kierkut is a strong advocate for women's advancement in the law, and has been honored for her leadership in this area by the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association with its Women's Initiative and Leaders in Law (WILL) Platinum Award – Private Sector, the Executive Women of New Jersey at their Salute to the Policy Makers Gala and NJBIZ at its 50 Best Women in Business Award Ceremony. Ms. Kierkut is a past President of the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association and is an active member of the National Association for Women Lawyers. Ms. Kierkut is also a Board Member of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Club of Metro New Jersey and is a Steering Committee Member of ALFA International's Labor & Employment Practice Group and Women's Initiative Practice Group. Ms. Kierkut has been repeatedly recognized by New Jersey Super Lawyers as one of the "The Top 100 Super Lawyers" in New Jersey, and one of the "Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in New Jersey". Ms. Kierkut has also been selected for inclusion in Chambers USA under New Jersey Labor & Employment and The Best Lawyers in America under Litigation – Labor & Employment.



Beth Rose is a Member of Sills Cummis & Gross, where she chairs the Product Liability Practice Group and is a Co-Chair of the Litigation Practice Group. She has tried complex product liability cases to verdict in state and federal courts throughout the country. Ms. Rose has over 25 years of experience successfully defending complex product liability matters for a variety of regulated products including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, consumer products, foods, chemicals and construction/industrial machines. She also has experience defending product liability cases which arise from clinical trials and catastrophic workplace accidents. During her career, Ms. Rose has served as national counsel to several companies, including those in the pharmaceutical, medical device and contract research organization spaces, defending mass tort litigation. She has also served as New Jersey counsel to entities defending complex product liability claims in New Jersey's Multi-County Litigation system. Since 2008, she has been recognized in the Chambers USA® Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business. Since 2014, she has been named in Benchmark's Top 250 Women in Litigation: the Definitive Guide to the Leading Female Attorneys in the U.S.® Ms. Rose received her B.A. with honors from Wesleyan University and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.