

Ramboll Seminar: Updates on Health Science Topics
101 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey
Einstein Room – Lower Level
May 4, 2023

8:15 am Breakfast and registration

8:45 am Welcome and opening remarks

9:00 am Low Level Exposure to Benzene: What is the Risk?

Panelists:

Debra Kaden, PhD, Principal Consultant, Ramboll
Michael Holton, MS, CIH, CSP, Principal, Ramboll
Jeffrey S. Kluger, McGivney Kluger Clark & Intoccia, P.C.
Thomas Patania, Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford P.C.

- This session will discuss the health-relevance of low dose benzene exposures, health-relevance of cell division to diseases traditionally linked to benzene exposure, and discussion of associations (or lack of) of different hematopoietic cancers to benzene exposures
- There will be discussion on the methods to evaluate exposures and the strengths and limitations of those methods. There will be specific presentation of the different exposure models available and the purpose and assumptions of each of those models.
- There will be discussion from the attorney perspective on current trends in benzene litigation and practical thoughts on utilizing experts and presenting the case to a jury. Topic areas addressed will include getting experts involved early, general and specific causation, expert depositions, and keeping it simple for the jury.

10:00 am Cosmetic Talc and Asbestos: Current State of the Science

Moderator:

Andrew Kornblau, Landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford P.C.

Panelists:

Evan Anderson, MPH, CIH, Managing Consultant, Ramboll
Benjamin Ellis, MS, Manager of Special Projects, EMSL
Sarah Schaeffer-Roth, McCarter and English
Thomas McNulty, McGivney Kluger Clark & Intoccia, P.C.

- This session will provide an overview of the analytical methods and techniques that have been utilized for talc and asbestos
- This session will discuss the risks associated with consumer use of talc-based products
- There will be a discussion from the attorney perspective on talc-based litigation including the use of health science experts.

11:00 am Break

11:30 am Legionella - Overview and Personal Injury and Premises Liability Risk

Panelists:

Robert Rottersman, MS, CIH, Principal, Ramboll
Andrew Scholz, Goldberg Segalla
Frank Ferruggia, McCarter & English

- This session will provide an overview of the history and risks of Legionnaire's disease including the potential sources of contamination, individual risk factors, and targets of litigation.
- This session will discuss public health investigations, the various triggers for an investigation, and potential consequences of an investigation.
- The session will provide an overview of personal injury litigation including a discussion of standard of care which will include industry guidelines and regulations.
- The session will provide a discussion of the impact of commercial real estate related to Legionella and the Landlord-Tenant Relationship.

12:30 pm Lunch Provided by Ramboll

Lunchtime Learning with Patrick Murray of Ramboll discussing Noise

- There will be discussion from the expert perspective related to litigation involving acoustics/noise, including plumbing, HVAC and wind/building noise.

1:45 pm Reconstructing Historical Exposures

Panelists:

Jennifer Ellis, MPH, CIH, CSP, Principal, Ramboll
Shannon Meyler, CIH, Senior Managing Consultant, Ramboll
Bernard Levinthal, Goldfein & Joseph, P.C.
Suzanne Halbardier, Barry McTiernan & Moore LLC

- This session will discuss the process of reconstructing historical environmental exposures via the use of historical literature, investigative methods, and simulation studies.
- The panelists will walkthrough examples of exposure reconstructions with discussion from both the expert and attorney perspective.
- The panelists will evaluate and critique examples of past exposure reconstructions for both strengths and limitations.

2:45 pm Ethics for Experts and Attorneys

Panelists:

Robert Adams, MS, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Principal, Ramboll
Marc Gaffrey, Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP
David Katzenstein, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC

- This session will provide an overview of the ethical considerations between attorneys and experts and cover some of the aspects of model rules in place.

3:50 pm Networking Cocktail Hour