# 36th Environmental & Emerging Claim Manager Association Annual Conference

*Virtual Conference*

April 21-22, 2022

# Conference Agenda

## Thursday, April 21:
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| 10:00 – 10:15am | **Welcome from the EECMA Board**<br>• Gregory Kelder, Division SVP Claims, Environmental Division, Great American Insurance Group, Exton, PA<br>• Michael Diggin, Esq., CPCU, VP Claims, Swiss Re, Westport, CT |
| 10:15 – 11:00am | **Coverage Update for 2022: Recent Rulings for Environmental, Emerging Risk, and Longtail Insurance Coverage**<br>• Laura Foggan, Esq., Partner, Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC |
| 11:00 – 11:50am | **The Biden Administration's Effect on Environmental Underwriting and Claims**<br>• Melissa Anderson, Head of Design Professional & Environmental Claims, Axis, Shrewsbury, NJ<br>• Brian Margolies, Esq., Partner, Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP, Valhalla, NY<br>• John O'Brien, Head of Environmental Insurance, Ascot Group, New York, NY<br>• Catherine Pierce, EVP, The Vertex Companies Inc., Apex, NC |
| 11:50 – 12:40pm | **Reckoning with Microplastics: The Looming Challenges, Pitfalls, and Uncertainties**<br>• George Buermann, Esq., Goldberg Segalla LLP, New York, NY<br>• Rachel Henke, Senior Scientist, Roux, New York, NY<br>• Kathleen Olear, Esq., AVP Claims Counsel, Sompo International, Missoula, MT<br>• Andrew Scholtz, Esq., Goldberg Segalla LLP, White Plains, NY |
| 12:40 – 1:00pm | **20 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK** |
| 1:00 – 2:00pm | **This is the Way: Understanding the Ethics of Defending Environmental Contamination Cases * ETHICS PRESENTATION**<br>• Lisa Armon, Litigation Counsel, CHUBB/Brandywine Group of Insurance and Reinsurance Companies, Philadelphia, PA<br>• Farheena A. Habib, Esq., Equity Partner, Edlin Gallagher Huie + Blum, San Francisco, CA<br>• Erin Poppler, Esq., Equity Partner, Edlin Gallagher Huie + Blum, San Francisco, CA<br>• Dr. Robert Scofield, Principal, GSI Environmental Inc., Oakland, CA |

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# Thursday, April 21 cont'd:

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2:00 – 2:50pm **The Environmental Justice Movement: Turning Concepts into Action**

- John Gardella, Esq., $CMBG_3$ Law, Boston, MA
- Scott Recker, Senior Consultant, Antea Group USA, Charlotte, NC
- Ryan Smith, Senior Loss Control Consultant, Environmental Division, Great American Insurance Group, Boston, MA

2:50 – 3:05pm **15 MINUTE BREAK**

3:05 – 3:55pm **Arsenal of Techniques for Age Dating Environmental Releases**

- Jodi McDougall, Esq., Office Managing Partner, Cozen O'Conner, Seattle, WA
- Philip Watters, P.E., Principal Consultant, Rimkus Consulting Group Inc., Houston, TX
- Monique White, Senior Claims Resolution Specialist II, Liberty Mutual Insurance/ Safeco Insurance, Boston, MA

3:55 – 4:55pm **PFAS 2022 Who's Going to Pay? The Path Going Forward**

- Jeff Andrilenas, RG, RHG, LEG, EVP, Environmental Lead, The TBLS Group LLC, Bloomingdale, NJ
- Robin Kelliher Esq., SVP, Willis Towers Watson, Short Hills, NJ
- Peter Mintzer Esq, Managing Partner, Selman Breitman Pacific Northwest Group, Seattle, WA
- Bill Silverstein, Senior Consultant, GEI Consultants Inc., Paulsboro, NJ

4:55 – 5:00pm **DAY ONE WRAP UP**

- Jeannette David, Esq., AVP Claims Counsel, Sompo International, New York, NY
- Kathleen Olear, Esq., AVP Claims Counsel, Sompo International, Missoula, MT

5:00 – 5:30pm **PLEASE JOIN US AT THE EECMA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR NETWORKING ROOM**

## Friday, April 22 - Earth Day:
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| 10:00 – 10:10am | **Day Two Welcome and Kick Off**<br>• Jeannette David, Esq., AVP Claims Counsel, Sompo International, New York, NY<br>• Michael Diggin, Esq., CPCU, VP Claims, Swiss Re, Westport, CT |
| 10:10 – 11:00am | **Coal Ash Litigation: Digging Deep into the New Wave of Coal Ash Litigation**<br>• Dena Economou, Esq., Karbal, Cohen, Economou, Silk & Dunne LLC, Chicago, IL<br>• Shane Heskin, Esq., White and Williams, Philadelphia, PA<br>• Guy Vaillancourt, PE, VP Strategic Advisor, VHB, Portland, ME |
| 11:00 – 11:50am | **Ethylene Oxide: Legal, Scientific, and Regulatory Aspects**<br>• Sara Brothers, Divisional VP, Director of Technical Support, Environmental Division, Great American Insurance Group, New York, NY<br>• G. Scott Dotson, Principal Health Scientist, Cardno ChemRisk, Cincinnati, OH<br>• David A. Goldman, Esq., Shareholder/Partner, CMBG$_3$ Law, Boston, MA<br>• Heather Lynch, Managing Health Scientist, Cardno ChemRisk, Boston, MA |
| 11:50 – 12:10pm | **20 MINUTE BREAK** |
| 12:10 – 1:00pm | **Developing Trial and Litigation Themes in Environmental Coverage Litigation for Depositions, Motion Practice, Mediation, and Trial**<br>• Todd Betanzos, Esq., Trial Consultant, Dallas, TX<br>• Alex Potente, Esq., Senior Equity Partner, Clyde & Co, San Francisco, CA<br>• Thomas F. Vandenburg, Esq., Partner, WSHB, Glendale, CA |
| 1:00 – 1:50pm | **Why all the Noise about Environmental Social Governance? Understanding ESG's Impact on the Insurance Industry**<br>• Matthew Anderson, Esq., Equity Partner, Mendes, New York, NY<br>• Peter Kelso, Principal, Roux, Arlington, VA<br>• Eric Paglieri, VP, Ascot Environmental, New York, NY<br>• Majda Rabah, Technical Director, Roux, Somerset, NJ |
| 1:50 – 2:00pm | **Thank you and Farewell**<br>We look forward to seeing everyone **in person** next year!<br>• Kathleen Olear, Esq., AVP Claims Counsel, Sompo International, Missoula, MT<br>• Gregory Kelder, Esq., Division SVP Claims, Environmental Division, Great American Insurance Group, Exton, PA |
| 2:00 – 2:30pm | **PLEASE JOIN US AT THE EECMA VIRTUAL NETWORKING ROOM** |

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