ANSI Legal Issues Forum
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Panel I: The Legal Landscape

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This Panel’s Focus: Tort Liability - Legal Landscape

- **Introduction:**
  - Dan Bart, Moderator
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- **Risks of Tort Liability for SDOs involved in Standard Setting**
  - Creighton Magid, Esq.
    Dorsey & Whitney LLP

- **Risks of Tort Liability for Certification Bodies involved in Product Certification**
  - Peter Selvin, Esq.
    Loeb & Loeb

- **Avoiding Tort Liability: What Works and What Doesn’t Work?**
  - Michael L. Weiss, Esq.
    King & Spalding LLP
The Focus of Today’s ANSI Legal Issues Forum

- Past Legal Issues Forums have touched on some Tort Liability issues including:
  - Disclaimers in standards
  - Best practices
  - Reports on litigation against SDOs
  - Discovery, record retention rules
  - “Meeting reports” not “Minutes”
  - Review by counsel before distribution
  - Risk minimization
  - Verifying your insurance coverage or obtaining insurance coverage before you need it
Tort Liability - Legal Landscape

- Risks of Tort Liability for SDOs involved in Standard Setting
  - An overview of key decisions addressing liability for negligent standards development, including discussion of theories of liability against SDOs.

- Risks of Tort Liability for Certification Bodies involved in Product Certification
  - A scrutiny of cases alleging negligence by certification bodies for allowing third parties to use their logo on allegedly defective products.
Avoiding Tort Liability: What Works and What Doesn’t Work?

- A discussion of what strategies, actions and/or defenses SDOs and conformity assessment bodies should consider in seeking to avoid tort liability.

Time for some answers to YOUR Questions!