

2014 World Standards Week

ANSI Legal Issues Forum: Best Practices for Standards Developers and Conformity Assessment Bodies to Avoid Legal Liability in Tort, Antitrust, and Other Areas of the Law

Speaker Biographies

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| <p>S. Joe Bhatia <i>Opening and Closing Remarks</i></p> | <p>Joe Bhatia is the president and CEO of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Prior to joining ANSI, he held the position of executive vice president and chief operating officer of the international group at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), where he worked for 35 years.</p> <p>Mr. Bhatia currently serves as president of the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT). He also serves as vice chairman of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Standards and Technical Trade Barriers (ITAC 16), a joint program of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). A member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Council and its Standing Committee on Strategies, Mr. Bhatia also holds a seat on the Oakton Community College Education Foundation Board and recently retired as a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Board of Directors.</p> |
| <p>Neil Bogatz <i>Panelist</i></p> | <p>Neil Bogatz is senior vice president and general counsel of the IAPMO Group, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials. Mr. Bogatz provides legal advice to the IAPMO Group and to the IAPMO Standards Council and its code and standards development committees. He reviews proposed legislation and assists in the presentation of IAPMO Group positions to legislatures and courts. He also supervises the IAPMO legal department and all matters related to the designation of IAPMO Codes as American National Standards (ANS).</p> <p>Mr. Bogatz is the current chairman of the ANSI Executive Standards Council, and also serves as a member of the ANSI Intellectual Property Rights Policy Committee and the ANSI National Policy Committee. He has previously served as a member of the ANSI Board of Standards Review.</p> |
| <p>Paul Brown <i>Panelist</i></p> | <p>Paul Brown is vice president of intellectual property and litigation at Underwriters Laboratories (UL) where he manages UL's litigation activities and is responsible for growing, maintaining, and protecting UL's global intellectual property (IP) portfolio, including the famous UL certification marks. Mr. Brown develops and implements strategies, policies, and programs for the protection of UL IP assets, treatment of third party IP and other IP best practices, and mitigation of UL's legal risk. He provides counsel to UL executives and staff on significant IP and legal issues affecting the company, and also negotiates IP-related business transactions. Prior to joining UL in 2009, Mr. Brown practiced law at Kirkland & Ellis and previously at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun.</p> |

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| <p>Jameson Carroll <i>Panelist</i></p> | <p>Jameson (Jamie) Carroll is the founding partner of Carroll & Weiss LLP, and is a member of the bars of Georgia, the District of Columbia, the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, federal courts in the Districts of Georgia, and has been admitted to practice <i>pro hac vice</i> in state and federal courts in more than two dozen states. Over the past two decades, he has spent much of his time serving as national coordinating counsel and national trial counsel in high-profile, high-risk litigation involving products as disparate as medical devices, cell phones, window blinds, asbestos, and automobiles.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll is a member of the American Bar Association's (ABA) litigation and tort practice sections and the Defense Research Institute. He has served as a member of the ABA's Book Publishing Board and as a staff writer for Litigation News. He currently serves on the board of the Friends of Princeton ROTC and on the Graduate Board of the University Cottage Club. Mr. Carroll recently completed his third term on the Executive Committee of Princeton University's Alumni Council, where he served for two years as chair of its Committee on Regional Associations.</p> |
| <p>Robert Davis <i>Panelist</i></p> | <p>Robert Davis is an experienced antitrust attorney with Venable LLP focusing on competition issues relating to trade and professional associations, intellectual property, computer technology and the internet, information services and communications, and energy. He has a broad range of experience in competition agency investigations and litigation, including mergers and acquisitions and conduct cases.</p> <p>Prior to joining Venable LLP, Mr. Davis spent more than ten years at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) where he handled a wide range of major merger and competition conduct cases, including the FTC's investigations of some of the highest-profile technology transactions and competition conduct issues over the last decade. While on staff at the FTC, Mr. Davis was part of the team investigating and litigating cases involving standard-setting and patent hold-up. Mr. Davis was an attorney advisor to FTC Chairman Leibowitz from 2005 to 2011, advising him on key antitrust investigations, enforcement actions, policy initiatives, and legislative actions, including the FTC's consent against N-Data involving commitments relating to patents made to standard-setting organizations.</p> <p>Mr. Davis serves as a vice chair of the ABA's Antitrust Section, Intellectual Property Committee. He has also served as vice chair of the Federal Civil Enforcement Committee and as an editor of the ABA's Antitrust Source.</p> |

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| <p>Kevan Lawlor <i>Moderator</i></p> | <p>Kevan P. Lawlor has served as president and CEO of NSF International since 2003. He has been with NSF for 29 years, holding the positions of chief financial officer, senior vice president of food safety, and president of NSF International Strategic Registrations, Ltd. (NSF-ISR). Under his direction, NSF International has become a global organization in the standards development, testing, certification, and auditing sectors.</p> <p>Consistent with NSF International’s mission to protect and improve human health, Mr. Lawlor has positioned NSF International as a global leader in providing comprehensive solutions to governments, regulators, industry and consumers in critical areas impacting public health, including food safety and quality, water quality and treatment, pharmaceutical and dietary supplement safety and quality, and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Prior to joining NSF International, Mr. Lawlor held finance and accounting positions with Uniroyal, Inc. and Guardian Industries, Inc. He serves as a vice chairman on the Board of Directors for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and previously served as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Board at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Mr. Lawlor has served as past chairman of the Board of Directors for Food Gatherers, and as a director on the Cleary University Board of Trustees.</p> |
| <p>Patrick McCarthy <i>Panelist</i></p> | <p>Mr. McCarthy is a trial lawyer specializing in business and intellectual property litigation at Howard & Howard, with a heavy concentration in contract and business tort disputes as well as patent, trademark, and copyright matters. Mr. McCarthy is the firm's Litigation Group Leader and the managing partner of the Ann Arbor, Michigan office. He has been specially admitted to practice in various courts around the country including in California, Florida, Kansas, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.</p> <p>Previously, Mr. McCarthy served as a law clerk for the Honorable Dorothy Comstock Riley of the Michigan Supreme Court from 1993 to 1995. During that time Mr. McCarthy was also an adjunct professor of legal writing at the University of Detroit Mercy. Mr. McCarthy is a former chair and member of the Plymouth Township Zoning Board of Appeals and was a barrister with the American Inns of Court (University of Detroit Mercy Law School Chapter), a litigation/trial practice forum involving law school students, practitioners and judges.</p> |

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| <p>Grace Rodriguez <i>Panelist</i></p> | <p>Grace Rodriguez is a litigation partner in King & Spalding’s Washington, D.C. office. Her practice focuses on complex civil litigation, antitrust matters, whistleblower actions, and internal investigations. She has been recognized in Chambers USA and as a Washington “Super Lawyer.” Ms. Rodriguez was a member of the firm’s Policy Committee and chair of the firm’s Associate Evaluation Committee.</p> <p>Ms. Rodriguez served as editor of the Columbia Law Review and was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Prior to joining King & Spalding, Ms. Rodriguez was with Davis Polk & Wardwell. Ms. Rodriguez is also a member of the National Board of Directors of Appleseed.</p> |
| <p>Steven Weiner <i>Keynote Address</i></p> | <p>Steven Weiner is a partner with Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP where his practice focuses on the defense of matters involving toxic torts, pharmaceuticals, products liability, and medical and nursing home malpractice. Mr. Weiner has represented product manufactures and premises owners in asbestos litigation for the past 20 years, and, as a licensed pharmacist, also devotes time to the defense of physicians and hospitals. Additionally, Mr. Weiner works in defense of nursing homes, both nationally and locally, as well as the defense of product manufacturers, psychiatric, and dental malpractice actions, and other tort matters and related coverage disputes.</p> <p>Mr. Weiner has utilized his pharmaceutical and science background to advice clients in the areas of toxic substances and mass tort litigation. He has also lectured to representatives of the insurance industry and defense counsel on a variety of topics including mold, latex, and lead paint. In the area of pharmaceuticals, his experience ranges from the defense of actions pertaining to the clinical trial phase to post-marketed drugs and medical devices, and has provided risk management advice to companies engaged in clinical drug trials.</p> |