MINNESOTA FBA MASS TORT AND COMPLEX LITIGATION
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March 18, 2020

Schedule:

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.
Check-in and Newer Lawyers Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Welcome and State of the District. Chief Judge John R. Tunheim,
District of Minnesota

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Multi-District Litigation—A National View on Trends. A moderated
discussion with Judge R. David Proctor, MDL Panel Judge, District of
Alabama, and Judge Donovan W. Frank, District of Minnesota

9:45 -10:15 a.m.
Just! Speedy! Inexpensive! Are the Current Civil Rules Adequate
to the Rule 1 Task for Complex and MDL Cases? Judge Joan N.
Ericksen, District of Minnesota

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:15 a.m.
Pre-Trial and Early Case Coordination. A panel discussion with Jerry
W. Blackwell, Esq., Blackwell Burke; Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer,
District of Minnesota; Lou Jean Gleason, District of Minnesota; Stacey
Slaughter, Esq., Robins Kaplan and moderated by Elizabeth Odette, Esq.,
Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P.

11:15-12:00 p.m. “Negotiated Class” in the Opioid MDL. Joseph F.
Rice, Esq., Motley Rice LLC

12:00-1:00 p.m.
Keynote Lunch Speaker, Professor Jaime L. Dodge, Director, The
Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims, Emory University School
of Law, Atlanta
1:15-2:00 p.m. **Early Vetting.** A moderated discussion with Judge R. David Proctor, MDL Panel Judge, District of Alabama, and Judge Donovan W. Frank, District of Minnesota

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. **Case Management Orders.** A panel discussion with Judge Michael J. Davis, District of Minnesota; Catherine K. Smith, Esq., Gustafson Gluek; and Tracy J. Van Steenburgh, Esq., Nilan Johnson

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. **Syngenta: The Settlement Story.** A panel discussion with Judge Laurie J. Miller, Fourth Judicial District; Ellen K. Riesman, Esq., Reisman Karron Greene LLP, Mediator; Christopher A. Seeger, Esq., Seeger Weiss; Leslie M. Smith, Esq., Kirkland and Ellis LLP and moderated by Daniel E. Gustafson, Esq., Gustafson Gluek

3:45 – 4:30 p.m. **Bellwether Case Selection and Trials.** A panel discussion with Marygrace Schaeffer, DecisionQuest; Arameh Zargham O’Boyle, Esq., Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.; Peter J. Flowers, Esq., Meyers & Flowers, LLC and moderated by Timothy Griffin, Stinson LLP

**Reception to follow**