

Stanczyk to chair international product liability seminar

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Plunkett Cooney partner and product liability attorney Matthew J. Stanczyk will chair the ALFA International Product Liability & Complex Torts Practice Group (PLCT) Seminar on Oct. 4 – 6.

The seminar, titled: “When Legal Nightmares Become Reality,” will take place at the Bacara Resort & Spa in Goleta (Santa Barbara), California. It will feature national and international speakers who will address a range of issues from crisis management and cybersecurity, to investigative technology, to defense of recalled products and much more.

“This event has been a year in the making and has one unique feature of a fact pattern running through the entire seminar” said Stanczyk, who also serves as the Product Liability Practice Group Leader at Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest’s oldest and largest law firms. “The ALFA PLCT practice group membership is a virtual who’s who in product liability work across the country so I was honored to be chosen to lead this seminar. I had a vision right off the bat of the framework and theme, but it took the tremendous hard work of the ALFA attorney and client panel members, our steering committee, client advisory board and ALFA staff to make it reality. We are all extremely excited to see the end results.”

In his role as the PLCT program chair, Stanczyk is responsible for many aspects of the seminar, including location, creating various deadlines, development of the fact pattern, roughing out many topics, participating in selection of speakers, approving client attendees, approving social activities, review of written material and power points and a variety of other items necessary for the event. Following this event, Matt will take over the role of Vice Chair of the practice group and in 2019 will become its Chair.

ALFA International is the premier network of independent law firms. Founded in 1980, ALFA International was the first and continues to be one of the largest and strongest legal networks. It has 150 member firms throughout the world, and the 80 American firms represent 95 of the nation’s 100 largest metropolitan areas. The organization’s 70 international firms are located throughout Europe, Asia, Australia/New Zealand, Africa, Canada, Mexico and South America.

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A member of Plunkett Cooney's board of directors, Stanczyk concentrates his practice in various areas of complex litigation, including toxic torts, product liability, fire-related litigation, construction litigation and commercial warranty litigation. His clients include product manufacturers, general contractors, construction managers, transportation firms, property restoration and remediation firms, commercial property owners and managers with matters in Michigan and Ohio state and federal courts.

Stanczyk, who received his law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1986, is admitted to practice in state and/or federal courts in Michigan and Ohio. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1983. In addition to his involvement with ALFA International, Stanczyk is a member of the Detroit Metropolitan and the American bar associations, the Negligence and Consumer Law sections of the State Bar of Michigan, the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association, the North American Society of Scaffold Professionals, the Scaffold Industry Association and the DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar.

For over a century, Plunkett Cooney has been a leading provider of transactional and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs approximately 140 attorneys in nine Michigan cities, Chicago, Illinois, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. Plunkett Cooney has achieved the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms.

Plunkett Cooney has developed a reputation as one of the Midwest's premier product liability defense firms, effectively representing product manufacturers and distributors across numerous industries. The firm's attorneys have extensive experience dealing with the range of business issues faced by product manufacturers and distributors, such as risk management and loss prevention, warning development, product marketing and distributor agreements, regulatory compliance, document retention and supply chain claims among others.

For more information about Matthew J. Stanczyk's role as program chair of the upcoming ALFA International PLCT seminar, contact Plunkett Cooney's Director of Marketing & Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008; jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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