

Pohl chairs national insurance coverage conference

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Plunkett Cooney insurance coverage attorney Elaine M. Pohl is serving as program chair of the annual "Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium" (ICPS) – the flagship conference sponsored by the Insurance Law Committee of DRI, Lawyers Representing Business.™

The ICPS, which takes place on Nov. 29 – Dec. 1 at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, will feature faculty members from across the country who will address the biggest insurance coverage challenges and opportunities facing the insurance industry. This year's ICPS will cover emerging and cutting-edge issues such as the impact of artificial intelligence, the future for coverage issues involved in "forever chemical" environmental claims, and the continuing impact of nuclear verdicts on coverage and excess insurance issues. Pohl will be joined by Plunkett Cooney's Insurance Coverage Practice Group Co-leader Charles W. Browning who will present a Dec. 1 session, titled: "PFAS Claims: Are These "Forever Chemicals" The New Asbestos?"

"I am honored to serve as the ICPS program chair," said Pohl, who is a partner in the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office of Plunkett Cooney, one of the oldest and most accomplished law firms in the Midwest. "I have worked with the Insurance Law committee leadership for years to put on this popular and prestigious national conference, and to now serve as chair is humbling and exciting."

In her role as chair, Pohl is responsible for coordinating the symposium, including selecting and confirming topics and speakers, managing networking opportunities, overseeing marketing and serving as host for the event.

DRI is the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation. The organization is committed to enhancing the skills, effectiveness and professionalism of defense lawyers, as well as anticipating and addressing issues germane to defense lawyers and the civil justice system.

Pohl maintains a national practice counseling insurers in complex property and casualty disputes, including litigated and non-litigated matters. Her insurance coverage experience extends to claims involving professional liability, construction defects, bodily injuries, product liability, environmental

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contamination, personal and advertising injury issues, first-party property disputes and allegations of bad faith.

A *cum laude* graduate from the Indiana University School of Law in 1999, Pohl received her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Villanova University in 1996. She is admitted to practice law in state and federal courts in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. In addition to DRI, Pohl is a member of the State Bar of Michigan (past chair of the Insurance and Indemnity Law Section).

Plunkett Cooney is recognized as one of the nation's leading law firms for insurance coverage litigation. In addition to their coverage litigation expertise, Plunkett Cooney attorneys work with their clients to develop new insurance products and to address emerging theories of legal liability.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is a leading provider of business and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs approximately 130 attorneys in seven Michigan cities, Indianapolis, Indiana, Chicago, Illinois and Columbus, Ohio. Plunkett Cooney recently received Mansfield Rule Certification for midsize law firms, which recognizes leaders in diversity, equity and inclusion within the legal industry.

For more information about Elaine Pohl's role as ICPS program chair, contact Plunkett Cooney's Director of Marketing & Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008; jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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