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DRJ's Fire Science and Litigation Seminar will offer an in-depth analysis of issues on the cutting-edge of fire investigation and litigation. We are pleased to feature preeminent fire science experts, dynamic trial lawyers, and savvy in-house professionals. Participate in a debate between leading and opposing experts on the significance of beading on post-fire conductors. Learn from actual demonstrations how state of the art technologies are used in field site and artifact investigations. Hear about the changes to NFPA 921 and 1033 and how they affect fire-fighting personnel and expert investigators in handling complex fire scenes, as well as their impact on surviving *Daubert* challenges. Listen to a preeminent medical expert on conscious pain and suffering. Supplement your knowledge on issues of jurisdiction and insurance as they relate to foreign corporations and to the defense of res ipsa and indeterminate defect cases. This is the premier seminar for those who defend fire litigation cases and those who investigate claims in the field and in the laboratory. This seminar will provide an invaluable opportunity to learn from and network with in-house industry personnel, leading experts in the field, and seasoned litigators.



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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Insight from leading experts on the significance of beading on post-fire conductors
- Highlights of changes to NFPA 921 and 1033 and their application to the management of complex fire scenes, investigations, and *Daubert* challenges
- How leading attorneys, metallurgists, fire investigators, and electrical engineers use state-of-the-art tools and technologies in site documentation and artifact inspections
- The latest developments affecting personal jurisdiction, foreign manufacturers, and key insurance and indemnity issues that can arise
- Methods of determining whether a decedent's death was caused by a crash or by the post-collision fire when evaluating claims for conscious pain and suffering
- Practical tips on extinguishing the indeterminate cause, malfunction, and res ipsa defect claims

PRESENTED BY **DRI's Product Liability Committee's Fire Science and Litigation Specialized Litigation Group (SLG)**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014

6:00 p.m. **Registration**6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**SPONSORED BY **Engineering Systems Inc. (ESI)**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014

Boarding Pass KioskSPONSORED BY **Nelson Forensics****Device Charging Station**SPONSORED BY **Hawkins Parnell Thackston
& Young LLP**7:00 a.m. **Registration**7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**7:00 a.m. **First-Time Attendees Breakfast**FIRE SCIENCE & LITIGATION SLG CHAIR | **Lisa P. Gruen**8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction****Jeffrey A. Holmstrand**, *Flaherty Sensabaugh
Bonasso PLLC*, Wheeling, West Virginia**Patrick J. Sweeney**, *Sweeney & Sheehan PC*,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**Lisa P. Gruen**, *Ericksen Arbuthnot*,
Los Angeles, California8:15 a.m. **Chapter 27 of NFPA 921: Complex Fire
Scene Management and Evidence
Processing—West, Texas, Explosion**

Public authorities and private investigators faced numerous challenges in the scene management after the catastrophic 2013 explosion in West, Texas. Learn from actual participants how coordination between the many factions was accomplished and how Chapter 27 of NFPA 921 was applied to process this huge scene.

Charles G. Keith, PE, *Crane Engineering*,
Minneapolis, Minnesota**Joe Loya**, *Fairmont Specialty*, Houston, Texas**John V. McCoy**, *McCoy Leavitt Laskey LLC*,
Waukesha, Wisconsin9:10 a.m. **Computer Models in Fire Analysis:
The Illusion of Scientific Accuracy**

Plaintiffs' experts frequently use computer models, many available from the Internet, to

lend the appearance of scientific accuracy to their conclusions. Understanding the limitations of these models and how to depose and cross-examine the expert to expose these limitations can be crucial to defending your case.

Louis F. Bilancia, PE, *HTRI Forensics*,
Newberg, Oregon**Thomas H. Case**, *Hennelly & Grossfeld LLP*,
San Francisco, California10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**SPONSORED BY **Burden Gulisano & Hickey LLC**10:20 a.m. **Beaded Wire Crossfire**

Is beading dispositive evidence of whether a wire was energized at the time of the fire? Is the NFPA 921 methodology using beading as the determinant scientifically supported? You will actively participate in and cast your ballot on the debate between the leading authorities on dueling scientific positions in this controversy.

MODERATOR | **John P. "Jack" Freedenberg**,
Goldberg Segalla LLP, Buffalo, New York**Michael R. Keller, PE**, *ATF Fire Research
Laboratory*, Washington, D.C.**Richard J. Roby, Ph.D., PE**, *Combustion Science
& Engineering Inc.*, Columbia, Maryland12:00 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**1:15 p.m. **From the 9-1-1 Call to Fire
Department Clean-Up: A Primer on
Emergency Communications and
Fire Department Operations**

This session will reveal what occurs after the 9-1-1 call, until completion of the fire department's activities. You will learn what happens, what evidence and documentation is generated that may help your case, and the terminology to allow you to interpret the evidence you uncover.

Timothy L. Mullin, Jr., *Miles & Stockbridge PC*,
Baltimore, Maryland**Stephanie L. Sullivan**, *Electric Insurance
Company*, Beverly, Massachusetts

- 2:05 p.m. **Addressing the Uncalibrated Observation: Applying Engineering and Scientific Technology to Fire and Explosion Investigations**
 What is the state of the art for attorneys, metallurgists, fire investigators, and electrical engineers in the field and at artifact inspections? Cutting-edge technologies will be discussed and demonstrated using actual case studies. See a hands-on demonstration of aerial drone documentation, output from laser/CT scanning, and capabilities of 3D cameras and printers.
Michael E. Stevenson, Ph.D., PE, *Engineering Systems Inc.*, Norcross, Georgia
Gregg A. Tatarka, *Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP*, White Plains, New York
- 3:00 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
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- 3:15 p.m. **Highlights of the 2014 changes to NFPA 921 and 1033**
 For the first time in the history of the two standards, new editions of each are debuting at the same time. Learn the highlights of the changes and observe that the standards have never been closer aligned or more important to fire investigation and litigation.
Randy Watson, *IAAI-CFI, CFEI, CVFI, SEA Ltd.*, Lawrenceville, Georgia
- 3:55 p.m. **The Relationship and Effect of NFPA 921 and 1033 on the Fire and Legal Community**
 What are the practical limitations and pitfalls of the “scientific method” expert, as compared with the “firefighter/practical experience” expert, when conducting a suspected arson fire investigation? Learn from the litigator and firefighter’s perspectives.
Dana Donahue, CFEI, CFI, *City of Phoenix Fire Department*, Phoenix, Arizona
Donald L. Myles, Jr., *Jones Skelton & Hochuli PLC*, Phoenix, Arizona
- 4:25 p.m. **The Use and Misuse of NFPA921 in Daubert Challenges**
 How do NFPA 921 and *Daubert* interact when prosecuting or defending a *Daubert* challenge? Learn the proper use, as well as the misuse by opposing experts, of NFPA 921. Receive tips

from nationally known counsel and an expert on testing, the scientific method, and cognitive thinking, among other matters.

Daniel L. Churchward, *Kodiak Fire & Safety Consulting Inc.*, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sharon A. Luard, *Brouse McDowell*, Cleveland, Ohio

5:00 p.m. **Fire Science and Litigation Specialized Litigation Group Meeting** (*open to all*)

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

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8:00 a.m. **Announcements**

Jonathan S. Hickey, *Burden Gulisano & Hickey LLC*, Buffalo, NY

8:10 a.m. **Suppression Systems and Alarm Companies—Not the Cause, but Receiving the Blame**

Alarms and sprinklers do not start fires, but are often blamed for the spread of the fire and the lack of an early warning. Allocating fault and differentiating the damages attributable to both the cause of a fire and the systems designed to contain its spread will be addressed.

Scott Bailey, *Koorsen Fire & Security*, Indianapolis, Indiana

Thomas J. Jarzyniecki, Jr., *Kightlinger & Gray LLP*, Indianapolis, Indiana

9:05 a.m. **Forensic Investigation of Fatalities Involving Fires, Including Post-Collision Fires**

Was the death caused by burn injury or by impact? The answer could significantly alter your client’s exposure. Hear from one of the

foremost medical experts on evidence of survival and resultant conscious pain and suffering in catastrophic plane crashes and post-crash automobile fires.

Thomas L. Bennett, M.D., *Forensic Medicine and Pathology PLLC*, Billings, Montana

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:15 a.m. **“It Just Went Poof?”—Handling Indeterminate Cause, Malfunction, and Res Ipsa Defect Claims**

What to do when the plaintiffs add an eleventh-hour malfunction theory to rescue their case after their specific defect claim goes up in smoke. Is expert testimony permitted?

Christina M. Jones, *McGuireWoods LLP*, Richmond, Virginia

11:10 a.m. **Ethics and Spoliation: Avoiding Blow-Ups at Fire Scene Inspections**

Site examinations present special and sometimes unanticipated ethical problems regarding the duties of both attorneys and fire investigators for loyalty, candor to third parties, and avoidance of conflicts of interest. This presentation identifies the issues and offers strategies to prevent site examinations from becoming spoliation and ethical hazards.

K. Scott Barnhill, PE, *Investigative Forensic Specialists PLLC*, Raleigh, North Carolina

Mark D. Katz, *Coronado Katz LLC*, Kansas City, Missouri

12:10 p.m. **Exploring Recent Developments in the Law of Personal Jurisdiction over Foreign Product Manufacturers**

What happens when a foreign manufacturer’s product causes fire or injury, but it has no connection to the forum other than the fact that its product landed there in the stream of commerce? Learn recent developments in the law of personal jurisdiction and discuss the challenges in defending foreign companies in distant and unfamiliar forums.

Stephen P. Yoshida, *Martin Bischoff Templeton Langslet & Hoffman LLP*, Portland, Oregon

12:50 p.m. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Foreign Supplier**

Learn how to navigate the world of the foreign manufacturer and how to secure the documents and testimony necessary to defend your case. Practical issues that arise when dealing with indemnity and insurance in claims involving foreign manufacturers and suppliers will be discussed using actual case scenarios.

Ron Hall, *Ron Hall & Associates Inc.*, Rancho Cordova, California

Melissa M. Merlin, *Husch Blackwell LLP*, St. Louis, Missouri

Andrew Navarro, *Sompo Japan Nipponkoa America*, Charlotte, North Carolina

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

FACULTY

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Louis F. Bilancia is an electrical and electronic forensic and consulting engineer for HTRI Forensics in Newberg, Oregon.

He has investigated and testified in areas including fire investigation, computer modeling, arc-fault mapping, appliance malfunction, and electrocution and electrical injury. Mr. Bilancia has taught classes to various state chapters of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Thomas H. Case, a partner in the San Francisco office of Hennelly & Grossfeld LLP, has been with the firm since 1998. He concentrates on general business litigation, specializing in product liability and business torts. He is the co-author of *Designing an Effective Products Liability Compliance Program* (West 2013).

Daniel L. Churchward, president of Kodiak Fire & Safety Consulting Inc. in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has a degree in electrical engineering technology. He has been a fire origin and cause investigator since 1972. Mr. Churchward is a former chair and current member emeritus of the NFPA 921 Technical Committee on Fire Investigations.

Dana Donahue, CFEI, CFI, is captain paramedic of the Phoenix Fire Department and a 27-year veteran. As a captain, she worked 10 years as a fire investigator, investigating over 600 fires as a case manager and assisting on over 1,000 more. She is an Arizona Peace Officer in good standing.

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Christina M. Jones is a partner at McGuireWoods LLP in Richmond, Virginia, practicing in the firm’s Product Liability and Mass Torts Department. She represents manufacturers, utility companies, and insurers in all stages of litigation. Ms. Jones is national counsel for product manufacturers in the gas and fire safety industries.

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Charles G. Keith, PE, is a senior chemical/mechanical engineer at Crane Engineering in Minneapolis. He performs evaluations and failure analysis of gas- and oil-fired equipment and steam and hot water systems, and consults on safety protocol and code compliance. His responsibilities include large loss industrial explosion cases involving refineries and ethanol plants.

Michael R. Keller, PE, senior electrical engineer for the ATF Fire Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., has performed or supervised more than 300 experiments involving the physical and electrical response of conductors that are exposed to heat and fire. He co-authored “An Analysis of Heat Flux Induced Arc Formation a Residential Electrical Cable,” *Fire Safety Journal*, January 2013.

Joe Loya, assistant vice president—claims of Fairmont Specialty in Houston, has 30 years of claims experience with property and casualty insurers. For the past 10 years, he has managed the company’s specialty lines claims operation,

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Sharon A. Luard, a partner at Brouse McDowell in Cleveland, chairs its product liability group. She handles class action lawsuits, mass tort cases, and product liability lawsuits involving property damage and serious personal injury. Ms. Luard is experienced in defending manufacturers involved in fire litigation.

John V. McCoy, managing partner of McCoy Leavitt Laskey LLC, works out of the firm's Waukesha, Wisconsin, office. He has a national practice involving catastrophic fires and explosion cases, including product liability related matters. In his 29 years of practice, he has handled over 500 of these cases.

Melissa M. Merlin, a partner in the St. Louis office of Husch Blackwell LLP, works with consumer product and automotive suppliers to defend wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases. She has been recognized nationally by BTI Consulting Group for her delivery of outstanding client service.

Timothy L. Mullin, Jr., is a trial, appellate, and regulatory lawyer with Miles & Stockbridge PC in Baltimore. He defends product liability cases, especially fire, burn, electrocution, and electric shock cases; advises clients on compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Act; and represents them before the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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Richard J. Roby, Ph.D., PE, is the managing member of LPP Combustion LLC and co-inventor of the LPP technology. Dr. Roby has nearly 10 years of management experience as president and technical director of Combustion Science & Engineering Inc. in Columbia, Maryland.

Michael E. Stevenson, Ph.D., PE, is the CEO of Engineering Systems Inc. in Norcross, Georgia, and a principal in the mechanics and materials practice group. His expertise lends itself to investigating failures or damage to a system, component, or material in all industries, and often investigates metallurgical aspects of fires and explosions.

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July 24-25	Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance <i>Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C.</i>	November 6-7	Fire Science and Litigation <i>FireSky Resort, Scottsdale, AZ</i>
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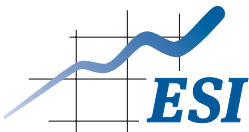
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