AGENDA (all times are Central Standard Time)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

6–7:30 p.m. | Pre-Conference Presentation and Discussion
Hear from Elizabeth Chamblee Burch, Fuller E. Callaway Chair of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA and Margaret Williams, Senior Research Associate, Federal Judicial Center, Washington, DC as they discuss their research on perceptions of justice among plaintiffs in multidistrict litigation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

8:20–8:30 a.m. | Welcome & Overview
Adam Hoeflich, Conference Co-Chair, Professor of Practice, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, and Partner, BartlitBeck LLP, Chicago
Zachary Clopton, Conference Co-Chair, Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago

8:30–10 a.m. | MDL Rules, Procedures, and Best Practices and Potential Revisions
MODERATOR
Abbe Gluck, Alfred M. Rankin Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy, Yale Law School; and Professor of Internal Medicine (General Medicine), Yale Medical School, New Haven, CT
PANELISTS
Sheila Birnbaum, Dechert LLP, New York City
Elizabeth Cabraser, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, San Francisco
The Honorable Karen Caldwell, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
The Honorable Robert Dow Jr., United States District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago
The Honorable Matthew Kennelly, United States District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago

10–10:15 a.m. | Break

10:15–11:45 a.m. | Best Practices in Resolution and the Search for Closure
MODERATOR
Zachary Clopton
PANELISTS

Elizabeth Chamblee Burch, Fuller E. Callaway Chair of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA
Mark Cheffo, Dechert LLP, New York City
The Honorable Gene E.K. Pratter, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
Theodore Rave, Professor of Law, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Austin, TX
Christopher Seeger, Seeger Weiss LLP, Ridgefield Park, NJ

11:45 a.m—12 p.m. | Break

12–1:15 p.m. | Lunch Keynote

AN INTERVIEW WITH
The Honorable Amy St. Eve, former United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago

MODERATED BY
The Honorable Robert Dow Jr., United States District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago

1:15—1:30 p.m. | Break

1:30—2:45 p.m. | Current Legal issues that Affect Complex Litigation

MODERATOR
Alexandra Lahav, Ellen Ash Peters Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

PANELISTS
The Honorable Gary Feinerman, United States District Judge, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago
Brian Fitzpatrick, Milton R. Underwood Chair in Free Enterprise, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville
Samuel Issacharoff, Bonnie and Richard Reiss Professor of Constitutional Law, New York University School of Law, New York City
Joseph Petrosinelli, Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, DC
Alexandra Walsh, Walsh Law, Washington, DC

2:45—3 p.m. | Break

3—4:30 p.m. | Trial of Complex Cases During a Pandemic

MODERATOR
Alison Frankel, Editor, On the Case at Thomson Reuters Legal, New York City

PANELISTS
Karen Dunn, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Washington, DC
Sean Gallagher, BartlitBeck LLP, Chicago
Mark Lanier, The Lanier Law Firm, Houston
The Honorable Robin Rosenberg, United States District Judge, Southern District of Florida, West Palm Beach, FL
Beth Wilkinson, Wilkinson Stekloff, Washington DC

4:30 p.m. | Program Concludes