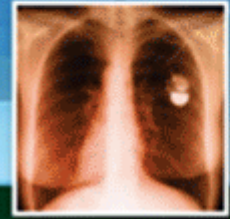
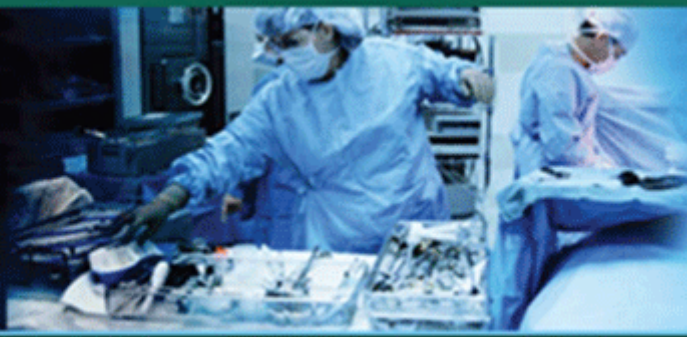


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James Conkright named “Medmarc Attorney of the Year” at the 22nd Annual Medical Device Seminar and Medmarc Defense Counsel Meeting

James Conkright, a long-time member of Medmarc’s Defense Counsel Panel was named Medmarc Attorney of the Year at the Company’s 22nd Annual Medical Device Seminar and Medmarc Defense Counsel Meeting held in Bend, Oregon.



Prior to graduating from Law School at the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1977, Mr. Conkright served in Vietnam and taught history. He has been a Medmarc panel member since the mid-1980’s, and served as National Coordinating Counsel for the Puritan-Bennett Corporation for many years, one of Medmarc’s first and larger insureds. Since 1990, he has organized and moderated the Medical Device Seminar. Jim practiced in Kansas City for thirty years at the Blackwell, Sanders and then formed the firm Sanders, Conkright & Warren firm in 1999. Recently, Jim moved his practice to Springfield, Missouri and is Of Counsel with Haden, Cowherd & Bullock, LLC.

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Conference Highlights

Participants from all regions of the country attended the conference which is designed to keep Medmarc attorneys, staff, policyholders and other interested parties current with the latest legislation, litigation innovations and effective defense strategies.

Featured education topics included the below topics:

- Defending and litigating healthcare technology products liability claims;
- Psychological and bias factors impacting jurors;
- Expert witness preparation and
- Overview of European Products Liability Laws.

Richard Rew, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Arthrocare Corporation, a publicly traded minimally invasive surgical products company offered first-hand perspectives and feedback on how to work effectively with outside defense counsel. In addition, Medmarc Chief Claims Officer Cindy Khin and Chief Underwriting Officer Francis Stockwell provided overviews of the Company's litigation service standards and the geographic distribution, size of companies, products and product liability claims statistics of Medmarc's policyholders.

The meeting continued with a panel of Medmarc's Defense Counsel Panel offering a forecast for the coming year which included the following:

- FDA will increase its scrutiny of the marketing practices of medical technology and life sciences firms and require manufacturers to validate the safety and efficacy of legacy devices.
- Legislation may be enacted in 2010 which will eliminate the preemption defense.
- Nanotechnology will receive more FDA and EPA oversight and has the potential to become the object of litigation that mirrors asbestos.

The conference concluded with Cindy Khin being recognized for achieving 20 years of claims and litigation management with Medmarc Insurance Group.

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