

# EAGLE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATES, INC.

## NEW TALES FROM THE FRONT:

### The U.S. and Its “Uncommon” Insurance and Tort Law

## PROGRAM

- 3:30 PM      **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Frank L. Napolitani*  
*Executive Director, Eagle International Associates, Inc.*
- 3:40 PM      **Why So High? Damages Awards in Sexual Misconduct Cases in the U.S.**  
*John Egan, Esq., Rubin & Rudman LLP – Moderator*  
*Gene Backus, Esq., Backus Carranza & Burden*  
*Annarita L. McGovern, Esq., Owen Gleaton Egan Jones & Sweeney, LLP*  
*M.B. “Burt” Satcher III, Esq., Owen Gleaton Egan Jones & Sweeney, LLP*
- 4:10 PM      **eGads: The Horrifying New World of eLoss and Cybertorts**  
*Mitchell A. Orpett, Esq., Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C.*
- 4:25 PM      **The New Gold Rush: The Proliferation of Bad Faith Claims in the U.S.**  
*Jeffrey V. Hill, Esq., Hill & Lamb LLP - Moderator*  
*Jeffrey J. Brinker, Esq., Brinker & Doyen, LLP*  
*Craig Webb, Esq., James Ryan III & Associates, LLC*
- 5:00 PM      **Reception**

## SPEAKERS

**Leland Eugene (Gene) Backus** is a native Nevadan and graduate of UCLA School of Law. He has been chief trial counsel or regional counsel on some of the largest complex cases in the country from the MGM Fire Litigation where he was appointed Liaison Counsel to the Federal Court and other mass tort cases including Agent Orange, asbestos, Dupont Hotel Fire Litigation, Pepcon Plant Explosion, Bone Screw Litigation, Yellow Brass Litigation, tobacco, diet drug and Yellow Brass. He is the founding shareholder of Backus, Carranza & Burden whose law office is located in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Jeffrey J. Brinker** is a partner with the law firm of Brinker & Doyen, L.L.P., a defense firm in St. Louis. He earned his B.A. degree, cum laude, from Williams College and his J.D. degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia. His practice areas include professional liability and products liability, and he has been recognized by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* for having top 20 defendants' verdicts in both areas.

**John Egan** is a partner with Rubin and Rudman, LLP, a 75-lawyer general practice firm in Boston, Massachusetts. He is a trial attorney with over 30 years experience in a wide variety of product liability, toxic tort, asbestos, personal injury, property damage, fire, professional liability, housing and employment discrimination, insurance coverage and bad faith, and other claims. Has tried over 75 cases to verdict, and has briefed and argued over 30 appeals. He received his B.A. from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and his J.D. from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Mr. Egan is a founding member of Eagle International Associates.

**Jeffrey V. Hill** is a partner at Hill & Lamb LLP ([www.hill-lamb.com](http://www.hill-lamb.com)), an insurance and trial practice law firm in Portland, Oregon. He is a thirty year trial lawyer who concentrates his practice in the areas of complex insurance coverage, professional, fire, environmental and financial liability. Jeff received his undergraduate degree in economics from Washington State University in 1978 and his law degree from the University of Puget Sound in 1981. Mr. Hill is currently Vice Chairman of Eagle International. [jhill@hill-lamb.com](mailto:jhill@hill-lamb.com). 503-417-1104.

**Annarita McGovern** has been in private practice in Atlanta for the past thirteen years. She joined Owen Gleaton Egan Jones & Sweeney in December 2008, and was previously a partner at Seacrest Karesh in Atlanta, where she worked for 10 years. Ms. Busbee represents Fortune 500 corporations, insurance companies and governmental entities in the areas of medical malpractice, governmental liability, employment law, as well as general civil litigation matters. Annarita received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia in 1991 and her J.D. from the University of Memphis in 1997. Prior to entering private practice she worked for the Chief Judge of the Tennessee Criminal Court of Appeals and

a civil trial judge in Memphis, Tennessee. She is on the Board for Children without a Voice (CWAV), an organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse, has served as a violinist in the Atlanta Lawyers' Orchestra, and is a founder of a youth running program to combat childhood obesity in Roswell, Georgia.

**Mitchell A. Orpett**, as Eagle's attorney representative for the State of Illinois, Mitch Orpett is a founding member and former managing director of Tribler Orpett & Meyer, P.C., a Chicago law firm serving the insurance and business communities. His practice is devoted to the defense of various professional and product liability claims and to the resolution of insurance and reinsurance disputes. He has been active in litigation, arbitration and other methods of alternative dispute resolution and has served both as advocate and arbitrator. He has provided training and in-service presentations to a host of insurance companies and other industry groups pertaining to insurance and reinsurance issues and coverage and bad faith. Mitch is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he earned his bachelors and masters of arts degrees. He is a 1978 graduate of that institution's College of Law.

**M.B. "Burt" Satcher III** is a partner at Owen Gleaton Egan Jones & Sweeney in Atlanta, Georgia. His Georgia trial practice of twenty-eight years includes extensive experience in defending healthcare providers and institutions in malpractice cases, as well as the defense of insureds and self-insureds, product manufacturers and trucking companies in catastrophic injury cases. He regularly speaks to professional organizations on issues pertaining to risk management and to the defense of professional liability lawsuits. Mr. Satcher currently serves on the Board of Directors of Eagle International. Burt earned his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1982 and then proceeded to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia in 1985.

**Craig Webb**, a New Orleans, Louisiana native, graduated from the University of Richmond in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration concentrating in Corporate Finance, and in 2004, graduated from the Louisiana State University Law Center with a Juris Doctor and a Bachelor of Civil Law. Following law school, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Douglas D. Dodd, Bankruptcy Judge in the Middle District of Louisiana. Craig is admitted to practice before all Louisiana state and federal courts, including their bankruptcy courts. In addition to his experience litigating admiralty and maritime claims and general insurance defense matters, Craig is well-versed in commercial transactions and bankruptcy litigation. He is an Assistant Bar Examiner, a member of the Federal Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

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