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MEETING NOTICE – THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

FROM TEXAS TO CALIFORNIA: STRATEGIC AND PROCEDURAL LESSONS FROM THE TYLER SKAGGS LITIGATION AGAINST THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS

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When Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs died in 2019 after taking a fentanyl-laced pill provided by the team's communications director, it led to a closely-watched wrongful death trial. The Angels aggressively defended the case for years before finally agreeing to a confidential settlement during deliberations after jury questions signaled that the team was facing significant liability and even punitive damages.

Yet behind the headlines was a familiar story: a company ignored a known problem, failed to enforce its own policies, and looked the other way until it was too late. Several members of the Skaggs trial team will take you behind the scenes to share how they investigated, developed, and tried this high-stakes case, and will further discuss the similarities and differences between litigating a case in Texas and California.

Four Seasons Hotel
Highland Room, 2nd Floor
1300 Lamar St., Houston, TX
Cocktails – 6:30 p.m.
Dinner – 7:00 p.m.

Guests attending with a member - $80.
Guests attending without a member - $100.
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