CONFERENCE FOR ATTORNEYS AND TBI PROFESSIONALS
Representing Traumatic Brain Injury Victims - Legal and Medical Issues

Friday, March 30, 2012 - Main Street Landing, One Main Street, Burlington VT *

Co-sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Vermont and Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, with proceeds benefiting the Brain Injury Association of Vermont.

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

• The challenges of proving a brain injury and its consequences in a liability case and strategies to meet these challenges
• Strategies to maximize the effectiveness of before and after witnesses
• Working with experts in TBI cases
• The physical and neuropsychological consequences of brain injury
• Recent developments in neuroimaging techniques and what they tell us about mild brain injury
• What developments in functional imaging and neurogenetics tell us about the variability in outcome after mild and moderate TBI
• The role of structural and functional imaging after brain injury
• The role of the speech language pathologist in understanding and treating brain injury
• Workers Compensation for TBI injuries
• Social Security for TBI injuries
• Resources on the web and in the literature for information about TBI

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date: Friday, March 30, 2012
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Main Street Landing
One Main Street, Burlington, VT
Cost: $325 for Attorneys**  CLE credit may be available
     $225 for TBI Professionals:

For more information or to register, please contact
Julia Meade at 802-863-2375 or jmeade@drm.com.

* Metered parking is available around the Main Street Landing Building or in the city lot west of the building.
**Reduced cost for non-profit representatives

ABOUT BIA VT

The Brain Injury Association of Vermont (BIA VT) is a certified affiliate of the National Brain Injury Association. The mission of the BIA VT is to improve the quality of life for brain injury survivors and their families, to support prevention programs, provide advocacy and to dispense information.

Because BIA of Vermont is a 501(c)(3) organization, $100 of the conference registration fee can be treated as a tax deductible contribution to the BIA.

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Robert Luce, Esq.
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Robert Luce, the Conference Chair, is a trial attorney who concentrates in the representation of brain and spinal cord injury victims and their families. For the past several years he has served on the Board of the Brain Injury Association of Vermont. He is an active member of the National Traumatic Brain Injury Law Group. Bob received his undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, from Williams College and his law degree from Boston University. He was admitted to practice in Vermont in 1979. Bob has the highest “AV” rating from Martindale-Hubbell’s peer review process and is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a highly selective, invitation-only trial lawyer honor society that recognizes superior ethical reputation as well as effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels.

Thomas A. McAllister, M.D., Director of Neuropsychiatry Dartmouth Medical School | Hanover NH

Dr. McAllister is the Millennium Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Neuropsychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School and the New Hampshire Hospital. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School, respectively. After an internship in Internal Medicine, he completed a Psychiatry residency at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He subsequently served on the medical school facilities of the University of Kentucky and the University of Pennsylvania before returning to Dartmouth. He has been working the field of brain injury recovery for 20 years, has written widely on the subject and is the principal investigator of several grants exploring the nature of cognitive and behavioral difficulties following mild and moderate TBI. He is the former President of the American Neuropsychiatric Association and is co-editor of the recently released Textbook of Traumatic Brain Injury, published by American Psychiatric Press.

Ashley Couture, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist Fletcher Allen Health Care | Burlington VT

Ashley Couture received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from McGill University in 1992 and completed her Master School at the University of Vermont in 1997. Ashley is currently a Clinical Lead at the Center for Communication Sciences. Ashley has worked with clients in all medical settings but currently works primarily in outpatient rehabilitation. Her areas of interest include adult neuropathology and augmentative alternative communication. She has also served as adjunct faculty at the University of Vermont as co-instructor for Aphasia in Adults, Swallowing Disorders and Updates in Speech Language Pathology as well as providing clinical supervision to graduate student clinicians in Communication Sciences. Ashley has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Brain Injury Association of Vermont since 2008. Ashley will present “A Patient and Family TBI Education Model and Practice” at the May 2012 Traumatic Brain Injury Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Thomas J. Sherrer, Esq.
Thomas J. Sherrer, P.C. | Burlington VT

Over the past 21 years, Thomas Sherrer has represented injured claimants in medical malpractice, products liability and adverse drug reactions cases. In addition, he has litigated a number of traumatic brain injury cases resulting from recreational activities and auto accidents. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Vermont Trial Lawyers Association. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont and Southwestern University School of Law.

Owen W. Drudge, Ph.D., Neuropsychologist Fletcher Allen Health Care | Burlington VT

Owen Drudge is a native of Michigan where he obtained his BS in Psychology from Northern Michigan University in 1978. He completed his PhD in Clinical Psychology from University of Vermont in 1986. He has specialized in neuropsychology and has worked extensively with individuals with traumatic brain injury, stroke and other neurological disorders, providing assessment, intervention and consultation services. He has been employed at Fletcher Allen Health Care as a staff neuropsychologist since 1996, working for many years providing inpatient care on the Rehabilitation Unit and currently is providing outpatient neuropsychological evaluations through the FAHC Memory Center.

Patricia K. Turley, Esq.
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Patricia Turley’s legal practice concentrates on the areas of social security disability, workers’ compensation, employment, civil litigation, and commercial transactions. Patty is a graduate of Vermont Technical College, Woodbury College, and Norwich University. Patty successfully sat for the Vermont Bar examination after her four-year clerkship, became an Associate Attorney in July 1999, and a principal in January, 2004. She also serves as adjunct faculty in the Master of Science in Law program at Champlain College, teaching several courses including Employment Discrimination and Litigation. Patty is a member of the Vermont and Washington County Bar Associations, the Vermont Association for Justice, and the Central Vermont Chapter of the American Inns of Court.

Mark H. Kolter, Esq.
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Mark Kolter represents plaintiffs and defendants in general civil litigation, while concentrating on plaintiffs’ personal injury and workers’ compensation matters. Mark was educated at the University of Vermont (B.A., 1973; M.Ed. 1981), and Vermont Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1984). He was a Law Clerk for the Vermont Trial Courts, 1984–1985, and is a member of the American Association for Justice, and the Vermont and Lamoille County Bar Associations. Mark served as President of the Vermont Trial Lawyers Association (now called the Vermont Association for Justice) in 2001-2002, and has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1993. He served on the Board of Managers of the Vermont Bar Association, 1999-2001, and as Chairperson of its Workers’ Compensation Committee, 1995-1998. Mark was President of the Lamoille County Bar Association, 1994-1998. He has received Martindale-Hubbell’s highest “AV” rating.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Firm Name:

Address:

Town: ___________________________ State: __________ Zip: ________

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CONFERENCE FEE:

$325 for Attorneys

$225 for TBI Professionals

Contribution to BIA VT (Optional)

Total Enclosed:

Please make check payable to the Brain Injury Association of Vermont.

Mail completed form with payment to: Julia Meade

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