



February 23, 2012
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A Training & Education Seminar!



Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST) Claims and Handling Fire Spread Claims

Presented by the Ohio Chapter.
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This presentation will discuss subrogation opportunities when they seem unlikely based on the initial description of the loss. The presentation will examine losses where there are allegations that the loss was caused by an act of God or the cause is unknown. Claims involving Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST) will be discussed. CSST is a flexible alternative to black iron pipe, which is used to transport natural gas and propane in residential and commercial properties. CSST losses involve allegations that energy from lightning causes a perforation in the CSST resulting in a fire. In addition, there are often times when the cause of the fire can not be established but subrogation should not necessarily be ruled out. The presentation will explore issues that should be considered involving the detection or suppression of the fire. For example, was there a sprinkler system or were there construction deficiencies that contributed to the spread of the fire? The presentation will include a discussion on the investigation and litigation of these claims as well as some case examples.

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Speakers:

Tom Paolini, Law Offices of Robert A. Stutman

Mr. Paolini manages the New Jersey office of the Law Offices of Robert A. Stutman, P.C. He handles major property subrogation losses throughout the United States. He has presented on a number of subrogation related topics at various conference across the country including the annual NASP conferences. In addition, he has had a number of subrogation related articles published. He is a 1993 graduate of Rutgers University School of Law. After graduating from law school, Mr. Paolini served as a Judicial Law Clerk in the Superior Court of New Jersey, doing research in criminal, chancery and civil matters. Mr. Paolini is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. He is also admitted to practice law in the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the District of New Jersey, the Eastern District of New York, and the Southern District of New York. Mr. Paolini coaches soccer as a volunteer for the Berlin Eastern Soccer Club. Mr. Paolini and his wife, Donna, have three children.

Mark Goodson, Goodson Engineering

Mark Goodson is trained in both electrical engineering and forensic pathology. He is a consulting engineer, and is the principal in the firm Goodson Engineering, founded in 1984. He has written three papers on the investigation of CSST fires, and holds two patents on CSST improvements. He also has three patents pending that relate to CSST safety. He has investigated in excess of 100 fire losses where breaches in CSST were suspected. Mr. Goodson is a Professional Engineer, licensed in both Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. He is a consultant to many public sector agencies, including many medical examiner offices. He has authored articles that have appeared in the J. of Forensic Sci., Am. J. of Forensic Medicine and Forensic Pathology, the Forensic Sciences Gazette, and the Fire and Arson Investigator. From 1989 to 1991, he served as a Court Special Master in the 116th Jud. District of Texas. He has testified at deposition or trial in excess of 400 instances. He is a Fellow in the Am. Acad. Of Forensic Sciences.

Meeting Details:

11:30 am - Registration and lunch
12:00 pm to 12:10 pm - Introduction
12:10 pm to 4:00 pm - Session

LOCATION:

Westfield Insurance Company
2000 Polaris Parkway
Columbus, OH 43216
Conference Room #3

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