



Don't Get Burned: The Ethical and Practical Dilemmas That Arise from Burning Limits Policy Claims

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Claims arising under burning limits policies create unique issues for insurance professionals and defense counsel. Who controls the defense? What should an insured client be told? Who should do the telling? When should these decisions be made? In this webcast, you will hear perspectives from individuals representing three parts of the claims process—an insurance claims professional, a coverage attorney and a defense lawyer. They will discuss the practical and ethical issues that arise in these situations and explore ways to protect the insurers, the attorneys and the insured clients.

Who Should Attend

- Insurance claims professionals
- Coverage counsel
- Defense counsel

What You Will Learn

- The ethical obligations of defense counsel
- How to recognize practical and ethical problem areas before they overwhelm the litigation
- Information to be communicated to an insured client
- How to handle matters in which defense costs are reasonably expected to exceed policy limits
- How to deal with the exhaustion of policy limits

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