

## **Berkley Life Sciences LLC Offers New Risk Management Webinar on “Generic Preemption Defense: D.O.A or on Life Support?”**

### **Legal Experts to Offer Perspectives on the Viability of Federal Preemption Defense for Generic Drugs**

Berkley Life Sciences LLC, which focuses exclusively on the insurance needs of life science companies, announces its next risk management webinar on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM (EDT).

The theme for this event, one of an ongoing series of online educational offerings, is “Generic Preemption Defense: D.O.A. or on Life Support?” The webinar features:

- Kevin Quinley, Vice President, Risk Management Resources for Berkley Life Sciences, LLC
- Genese Dopson, partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP
- Kelly Waters, partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

### **About the webinar ...**

In the 2009 case of *Wyeth v. Levine*, the US Supreme Court ruled on the viability of the Federal preemption defense for branded drugs. Left unaddressed by *Levine*, though, was the question of whether Federal preemption is a viable defense for generic pharmaceuticals.

In the intervening two years, courts have split over whether generic drug firms can use Federal preemption in their defense of product liability claims. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Supreme Court received oral argument in two cases on this issue. A written decision is expected in late June or July. Whichever way the Supreme Court rules, it will likely send shock waves throughout the life science industry.

Please join us for the next Berkley Life Sciences webinar to learn what it all means to those who grapple with life science risks. The session will address:

- Why the legal defense of Federal preemption is significant in winning product liability claims
- The issues involved in the generic preemption cases recently heard and argued before the US Supreme Court
- Implications of the expected Supreme Court ruling on the generic preemption case argued in 2011
- How the fate of the preemption defense for generics might impact the defense of branded pharmaceuticals

REGISTER by clicking the link to the left. If you cannot join us on July 13<sup>th</sup> -for this exclusive live event, a recording of the session and the accompanying Power Point slides will be available for download later.

Berkley Life Sciences brings this live webinar FREE of charge to policyholders, business partners and invited guests as part of our expanding menu of risk management services. Watch for additional events in the coming months.

### **About Berkley Life Sciences, LLC**

Berkley Life Sciences, LLC, a member company of W. R. Berkley Corporation, is solely dedicated to serving the needs of the life science industry, providing sophisticated, innovative insurance products and services to life science customers of all sizes.

### **About W. R. Berkley Corporation**

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