

Press Release

Freeborn Partner Darren VanPuymbrouck to Present at the DRI Fire Science and Litigation Seminar

CHICAGO – Nov. 10, 2016 – [Freeborn & Peters LLP](#) is pleased to announce that Partner [Darren M. VanPuymbrouck](#), Chair of the Firm’s National Fire & Explosion Response and Litigation Task Force, will present at the Nov. 17 and 18 DRI Fire Science and Litigation Seminar in Scottsdale, Ariz. Titled “Batteries Not Included: Defending Lithium Battery Fire Losses,” Mr. VanPuymbrouck’s presentation covers technical and legal aspects of fire losses involving lithium secondary batteries. He will be joined by Jonathan G. Jordan of Engineering Systems Inc.

The 2016 DRI Fire and Litigation Seminar promises to offer timely insights on a wide variety of topics facing insurance professionals, experts and attorneys who handle explosion- and fire-related claims. The event brings together manufacturing representatives, leading experts and experienced attorneys to provide analysis on the hot-button issues related to fire litigation and fire investigations. The program is produced by the DRI Product Liability Committee’s Fire Science and Litigation Specialized Litigation Group.

As a trial lawyer with more than 25 years of experience, Mr. VanPuymbrouck has tried complex, high-profile cases involving myriad topics in some of the most dangerous jurisdictions throughout the country, including a recent jury trial in which he obtained a \$22 million verdict for his client. Mr. VanPuymbrouck has also led numerous appeals in state and federal courts throughout the country, including in several state supreme courts. He has an international reputation for his experience in defending against catastrophic fires and explosions, mass toxic torts, and complex product liability claims. Mr. VanPuymbrouck also regularly serves as national trial and coordinating counsel for clients facing multi-jurisdictional litigation often involving thousands of claims and billions of dollars in exposure. He has litigated and resolved county and statewide class actions in California, Nevada and Arizona, as well as numerous MDLs and many mass-actions.

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