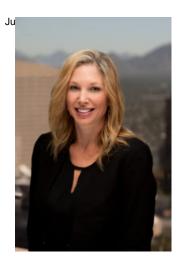


EMPATHETIC RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS MEETS AGGRESSIVE LITIGATION: ARE THE **CONCEPTS REALLY THAT DIFFERENT?**



In the midst of a global pandemic, the American Trucking Association (ATA) sought to provide its members with the

opportunity to discuss and confront legal challenges together. Their Annual Trucking Legal Forum was hosted virtually July 20-24 and provided attendees with practical approaches to handling the most pressing legal and compliance issues facing fleet operations.

The 1-week Forum offered 15 educational sessions, including one presented by JSH trucking and transportation defense partner Clarice Spicker. Clarice was joined by two experts to present "Empathetic Resolution of Claims Meets Aggressive Litigation: Are the Concepts Really that Different?" This session focused on the complex, dynamic circumstances surrounding motor carrier accidents. The presenters discussed the merits of early resolution, especially in cases involving clear liability or documented damages, and provided practical measures that motor carriers can implement to resolve cases in the most favorable manner.

The 2020 ATA Litigation Center's Virtual Trucking Legal Forum (ATA) provided registrants with the same high-quality, trucking-focused content; experienced, expert presenters; practical legal and operational takeaways; and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits from the convenience of their home. In addition to the compelling legal topics covered, the Forum also included discussion surrounding the unique legal trials and tribulations of COVID-19 when applicable. ataforum.trucking.org

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