

SPEAKER AND CHAIR BIOGRAPHIES

Ms. ANNE ANDREWS (BA, Stephens College, 1976; JD, Western State University, 1981) is the managing partner of Andrews & Thornton. For over twenty years, she has worked extensively litigating personal injury product liability cases against major pharmaceutical companies resulting from the sale of dangerous drugs, medical devices and dietary supplements. Andrews & Thornton has unique experience in obtaining compensation for clients despite the wrongdoing company declaring bankruptcy. Currently, she represents Cheryl Juaire on the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Purdue Bankruptcy (*In re Purdue Pharma LP*, Bankruptcy No. 19-23649, Ch 11). She also represents more than 60,000 additional creditors of Purdue. In 2020, Anne began serving on the Tort Claimants Creditors' Committee in Boy Scouts (*In re Boy Scouts of America*, Bankruptcy No. 20-10343, Ch 11). She represents more than 9,500 survivors that were sexually abused during their time in the scouts. Desiring to achieve equitable compensation for survivors in their lifetime, Anne felt the need to step back from the Tort Claimants Creditors' Committee and took it upon herself to found the Coalition of Abused Scouts for Justice ("Coalition"). She led the Coalition in negotiations with various parties in the Boy Scouts bankruptcy. The Coalition has negotiated the largest sexual abuse settlement in history, securing commitments of \$2.8 billion dollars for sexual abuse survivors. She helped negotiate this plan that has overwhelming support from survivors and their representatives. Other notable work includes having served on the Unsecured Creditors' Committees in TwinLab (*In re TL Admin. Corp.*, Bankruptcy No. 03-15564, Ch 11), NVE (*In re NVE, Inc.*, Bankruptcy No. 05-35692, Ch 11), and as the Chair of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in NECC (*In re New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.*, Bankruptcy No. 12-19882, Ch 11). She also participated in bankruptcy proceedings on behalf of tort creditors in Chemtura (*In re Chemtura Corp.*, Bankruptcy No 09-11233, Ch 11), Metabolife (*In re MII Liquidation Inc.*, Bankruptcy No. 05-6040, Ch 11), MuscleTech (*In re Ephedra Products Liability Litigation/ In re Muscletech Research and Development, Inc.*, 349 BR 333 (SDNY 2006), Ch 15), and Dow Corning (*In re Dow Corning Corp.*, Bankruptcy No. 95-20512, Ch 11). In 2019, she began serving on the Tort Claimants' Committee in PG&E (*In re PG&E Corp.*, Bankruptcy No. 19-30088, Ch 11).

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