



Kyle Flicker – A Case Study in Combustible Dust Hazards

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Presenter biography

Elizabeth Burnett is a Principal Attorney in Robins Kaplan's Business Litigation group. She represents clients in complex product liability, personal injury, property damage, and disaster litigation. Many of these high-stakes matters stem from fires and explosions fueled by combustible dust. In her nationwide practice, Elizabeth has represented a wide range of clients impacted by fire and explosion events, including industrial plant owners, product manufacturers, property insurers, and catastrophically injured individuals.



Presentation abstract

This case study will examine a recent combustible dust explosion that catastrophically injured Kyle Flicker. We will explore how the absence of combustible dust warnings on Safety Data Sheets left downstream users like Mr. Flicker in the dark about critical material hazards. This explosion highlights the importance of preparing compliant Safety Data Sheets and the magnitude of potential harm and liability exposure that can result if proper Safety Data Sheets are not used. The presentation will focus on the real life consequences of failing to prepare proper Safety Data Sheets with the hope that future explosions, fires, and catastrophic injuries can be avoided.