

Speaking Engagements | December 2 - 3, 2026

ACI's 31st Annual Conference on Drug & Medical Device Litigation – 2026

New York Marriott Marquis

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SPEAKERS

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Troutman Pepper Locke is proud to sponsor ACI's 31st Annual Conference on Drug & Medical Device Litigation, to be held on December 2-3, 2026, in New York, NY. Partner [Ryan O'Neil](#) will be speaking on a panel entitled, "The Future of Products Liability: Failure to Warn, Duty to Innovate, and Other Novel Legal Theories," on December 2 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

The panel plans to explore pivotal cases featuring both common and increasingly non-traditional plaintiff theories. Speakers will also dissect recent rulings and their potential impact on future drug and device litigation.

Topics for discussion will include:

- Examining and breaking down the "Duty to Innovate," and the reduction or elimination of the requirement that there be a "design defect."
- Exploring the scope of a "Failure to Warn," and identifying the characteristics of an adequate warning.
- Reviewing the elements of alleged "Design Defects," including:
 - Tracking proposed federal and state legislation impacting access, labeling, and approval pathways.
 - Important case law developments of the last year impacting the products liability sphere.

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