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Mr. McDonald has authored numerous articles and given numerous presentations on issues relating to liability for indoor air quality problems and mold contamination and steps to take to avoid liability for such problems. He has also presented on issues relating to information management and discovery in civil litigations as it relates to engineering practices.

**LECTURE TOPICS:**

Indoor Air Quality and Mold: Legal Issues and Liability Concerns for Engineers and Related Industry Professional

This talk will provide an overview of the increase in indoor air and mold concerns over the last several years and will focus on actual cases that have recently made their way through the courts, with a particular emphasis on legal disputes involving indoor mold contamination. Target defendants, legal theories and verdicts will be discussed to give the ASHRAE member a better understanding of the potential liabilities facing those who participate in HVAC design and construction. Defense strategies will also be outlined. A discussion of practical steps engineers can take to avoid liability will conclude the talk.

Document Management and Discovery – How Documents and E-mails are Used in Litigation

This talk will explain how documents and e-mails are used in litigation. It will provide sample documents to help illustrate how adversaries will use documents to their advantage in litigation. It will also provide tips on how to manage documents to avoid creating documents that can be taken out of context and used against a potential defendant.

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