



# Medmarc Risk Management Webinar Series

## Webinar Summary

### Nuclear and Thermonuclear Verdicts What is Driving These Verdicts and What Can We Do About It

Presenters: [Sonia Valdes](#) & [Andy Hall](#) | Medmarc Claims Department

In this on-demand webinar recorded live on March 27, 2024, Sonia Valdes and Andy Hall from Medmarc, discussed the concept of 'nuclear and thermonuclear verdicts, and the impact of social inflation on these verdicts. They also discussed the strategies for defending against nuclear verdicts, the challenges faced by the insurance and life sciences industries, and the importance of, among other things, being prepared to defend a company's actions in court.

---

### *Full On-demand Recording*

---

On-demand Chapters:

- [00:00](#) - Introduction of the Presenters- Sonia Valdes & Andy Hall
- [02:27](#) - Nuclear Verdicts: The Data
- [16:12](#) - Nuclear Verdicts: What's Causing Them?
- [20:22](#) - Juror Attitudes
- [35:51](#) - Potential Responses by the Defendants
- [51:27](#) - Questions/Closing



**MEDMARC**  
Treated Fairly

Medmarc.com



### **SONIA VALDES, ESQ.**

**Vice President for Claims | Medmarc**

Sonia Valdes is Vice President for Claims at Medmarc. She is responsible for managing a team of dedicated claims professionals as well as overseeing technical and administrative issues within Medmarc's Claims Department. Her responsibilities include directing mass tort litigation, training and developing staff, assisting with policy development, advising underwriters on risk management, and expanding Medmarc's litigation management services.

### **ANDY HALL, ESQ.**

**Executive Claims Specialist | Medmarc**

Andy Hall, Esq. joined Medmarc in 2017 as a Senior Claims Examiner and recently was promoted to Executive Claims Specialist. He is responsible for claims investigation, coverage analysis, managing reserves, negotiating settlements, monitoring defense counsel activities, and maintaining good client relations. Mr. Hall came to Medmarc from Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman, and Dicker LLP where he was Of Counsel since 2016 and an Associate since 2008. His experience there was with drafting coverage opinions and interpreting insurance policies. Andy also works on the product development team where he assists with drafting language for our new products.