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Speaker Profiles



Tod Costikyan

Managing Director, Head of US Specialty Reinsurance, Markel Global Re

Tod Costikyan serves Markel Global Re as Managing Director, Head of US Specialty Reinsurance. Prior to Markel's acquisition of Alterra in 2013, Tod served as Head of US Casualty for Alterra, having joined the company in 2005. From November 2002 to December 2005 Tod was a Senior Vice President at Chubb Re, Inc.

From 1997 to November 2002 he was a Senior Vice President at Zurich Financial Services and Head of Group Reinsurance for the Americas. Tod directed all activities of Zurich Financial Services internal reinsurance facilities for North and Latin America. From 1995 to 1997 Tod was Vice President of Zurich Reinsurance North America where he concentrated on casualty treaty with emphasis on excess liability and long haul trucking. From 1986 to 1995 he worked at Re Capital Reinsurance Corp., as Vice President, Casualty Underwriting. From 1985 to 1986 Tod was a property underwriter at North Star Reinsurance Corporation. Prior to that, he was an insurance broker at Frank B. Hall & Co. Tod holds a BA in English Literature from St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York.



Suzanne Fetter, Esq.

Partner, Aurigon Advisors AG

Suzanne is an attorney with over 20 years of experience, including 6 years in the legal profession and 15 years in executive positions within the insurance and reinsurance industry. Prior to her current role as a partner with Aurigon, Suzanne served as Vice President of Claims for Greenlight Re located in Grand Cayman and as Senior Vice President and Head of Office for Alea North America.

She is an ARIAS-U.S. certified arbitrator and has served on multiple arbitration panels. She has extensive experience with claim audits, and in the areas of healthcare, construction defects, workers' compensation, general and auto liability, commercial trucking and personal lines. In her early role as a litigator for Travelers/St. Paul, she handled defense of asbestos claims. She has also had extensive experience with MGA's and TPA's, TPA contracts, as well as with litigation management, across all U.S. states and in the U.K. Suzanne has been involved in primary, excess, facultative and treaty insurance and reinsurance issues and managed an HR department, Compliance/Regulatory department, as well as Reinsurance Accounting in her role as Head of Office within Alea.



Christiane Gross
Vice President & Property Treaty Underwriter
Munich Re America

Christiane Gross is a Vice President and Property Treaty Underwriter in the Reinsurance Division of Munich Reinsurance America, Inc. in Princeton, NJ. Christiane started her career with Munich Re in Germany over 14 years ago, holding various property facultative and treaty underwriting positions first in Munich's Industrial Clients division and later in Munich's Global Clients/ North America division. Christiane relocated to Munich Re America in 2014 and has been servicing Regional Clients in the United States. She holds a degree in international business from the Reutlingen University in Germany. She is a member of the APIW and serves on the Board of the IRUA.



James T. McNamara
Senior Vice President & Head of Claims
Aspen Re America

James T. McNamara is a forty year claims professional. His initial employment experiences were with primary carriers, Home and Liberty Mutual, in a variety of claim roles. He has worked for both direct and broker market reinsurers. This has included both reinsurance claims and direct excess insurance claims for Fortune 1,000 companies.

Jim is currently Senior Vice President and Head of Claims for Aspen Re America, Inc. In September 2016 Jim received the Vince Donohue Award presented by the International Association of Claim Professionals (IACP) for his service to the industry during his career. Jim has also served as a party appointed arbitrator and often speaks to industry groups on claims issues. Jim and his wife Maryann reside in Hadlyme, Connecticut.



Megan McNamara
President & Founder, McNamara Consulting

Megan is the Founder and President of McNamara Consulting and has been a reinsurance professional for over 30 years. Megan established McNamara Consulting in October 2013 and has audit contracts with a select group of leading international reinsurance companies. Megan began her reinsurance career with General Reinsurance Company shortly after graduating from Lynchburg College in Virginia with a BS in Political Science and a minor in Criminology.

At General Reinsurance, Megan gained her broad knowledge of reinsurance and insurance by working in the property and casualty home office claims department and the transactional audit department. Subsequently, she was a manager in the reinsurance accounting department. Mrs. McNamara

left General Reinsurance after 10 years and thrived at several successful reinsurance companies, serving as: Vice President of Financial Analysis and Management Reporting at TIG Reinsurance, now Odyssey Reinsurance; Vice President Director of Financial Audit and Vice President and Director of Reinsurance Accounting at Trenwick Reinsurance; and Vice President and Director of Financial Auditing at Ace Tempest. Most recently, she worked for nine years as Senior Vice President of Financial Auditing at Endurance Reinsurance Services Company. Megan has active consulting contracts with many of her past employers and in her spare time she saves Reinsurance Companies millions of dollars in savings.



Michael McFadden
Manager & Founder, McFadden Consult, LLC

Michael McFadden is the manager and founder of McFadden Consult LLC of Naples, Florida which specializes in claims management and risk consulting to insurance carriers and reinsurers. Mr. McFadden founded the LLC after his retirement from General Re.

Mr. McFadden has 30 plus years of casualty claims experience from field claim adjuster to Senior Vice President of Claims for several interrelated property /casualty insurance companies. His prior employment includes a claims position at a large reinsurance intermediary as well as claim management responsibilities at a large direct writer reinsurer. He has considerable reinsurance claims auditing experience which continues at the LLC. He has also managed a compliance unit and participated in domestic and international risk and compliance audits.



Frank Pecht
Founder & President
Maven Management LLC

Frank Pecht is the Founder and President of Maven Management LLC, an insurance consultancy practice based in New Jersey. He began his career in 2001 as a financial analyst at an accounting firm and moved on to work for Kemper Insurance and CNA in their respective reinsurance accounting departments.

In 2007, Frank joined the Citadel Risk Group where he was instrumental in acquiring and managing several books of run-off and gained invaluable knowledge of alternative risk transfer. In 2010, he was named Vice President of Operations of Citadel's newly acquired subsidiary, American Millennium Insurance Company. Frank oversaw the reorganization of American Millennium's claims department, eliminated and added new programs within the commercial auto segment and was responsible for the growth of premium threefold in three years.

Maven Management was established by Frank in 2014 and provides clients with auditing services, claims management, and accounting and underwriting support for medium-to-large carriers and reinsurers. Throughout his career, Frank has inspected approximately 90 P&C claims and underwriting operations of carriers and service providers for audits, due diligence or litigation support projects.



Ann Duffy
Co-Founder and President, Isis Consulting

A barrister by training, Ann has more than 30 years' experience in the insurance and reinsurance markets. She runs and owns Isis with Henry Sopher, and has been involved in the management of a significant London Market and Lloyd's of London portfolio of long-tail insurance and reinsurance runoff.

Ann started her insurance career at the Corporation of Lloyd's at a critical stage in the development of the London Market before moving to the US to join the law firm LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae in New York, dealing with regulatory issues, M&A, insolvencies and corporate restructuring. In 1989, she joined BCS Management, the US subsidiary of a Lloyd's Managing Agency (LMA) as COO and VP, and left to co-found Isis in 1996 with Henry as a joint venture with a major international reinsurer and a Lloyd's of London Managing Agency.



Henry Sopher
Founder and Chairman, Isis Consulting

A trained accountant, **Henry** has more than 30 years' experience in the insurance and reinsurance industry in the UK, Bermuda and the United States. Henry is a former director of the Insurance Industry Group for Spicer & Oppenheim. While there, he liaised with UK insurance clients and developed the US insurance practice with special emphasis on transactional work and forensic accounting. In 1992, he joined BCS Management Inc., the US consulting subsidiary of a Lloyd's Managing Agency where he developed the firm's inspections and reviews, litigation support, and due diligence services. Henry set up Isis as a joint venture with a major international reinsurer and a Lloyd's of London Managing Agency (LMA), with his partner Ann Duffy in 1996.

In addition to running Isis, Ann and Henry are also involved in companies that manage significant books of runoff business as London Market leads on asbestos and environmental claims.



Jerry Wallis
Reinsurance Consultant and Arbitrator
IRUA Executive Director

Jerry Wallis was engaged as IRUA's Executive Director in October 2013 after serving as Interim Executive Director since September 2012. His entire professional career of over 50 years has been spent in reinsurance starting in London in the mid-1960s. He transferred to the U.S. in 1973 and from 1985 to 2000 was President and CEO of

Chatham Reinsurance Corporation and its predecessor companies. Following the sale of Chatham to Mapfre Re in 2000, he remained as a consultant until October 2011 and as a Director of one of Mapfre's U.S. direct insurance subsidiaries until early in 2012. He was an IRUA Director from 1997 to 2012 serving on the Association Governance and Journal of Reinsurance Committees as well as being the Chair of the Awards committee.

Jerry is an ARIAS-US certified arbitrator & umpire and AIRROC listed arbitrator. He has been an active arbitrator since 2000 and has been appointed to well over 80 arbitrations with approximately 30% as umpire and 70% as a party-appointed arbitrator and continues to offer his services in that role. Details of his background and consulting practice may be found on his website: www.wallisresolutions.com.



John West

President, Cascade Rock llc, Co-Chair of the IRUA Education & Claims Committee and Seminar Chair

John's career in insurance and reinsurance has spanned the spectrum from Accident and Health to Property, Casualty, Workers' Compensation, Excess Workers' Compensation and Occupational Accident. He has worked as an intermediary, broker, claims analyst, and consultant in multiple other capacities.

John previously held positions with the Devonshire Group, AXA LM, Helix UK, Alan Gray, Inc and LDG Re. Currently, as Founder & President of Cascade Rock llc, he is focused on portfolio due diligence and offering finality through acquisitions and reinsurance of runoff liability to domestic and foreign insurers and reinsurers. John is also working with Captive formation and restructuring.