



## **LIABILITY INSURANCE: A TIDE, A FLOOD AND FORTUNE**

2 - 4 SEPTEMBER 2013

ROBINSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

### **THE CONFERENCE**

This is the twentieth Conference organised with the support of the Liability Underwriters Group. The conference will once again cover a wide number of issues including:

- the state of the market
- emerging risks and approaches to underwriting
- the Chinese market
- legal developments including, product, environmental and pure economic loss liabilities

There will be plenty of opportunities for delegates to join in discussions. Time is set aside after each presentation for questions and at the Symposium, issues can be raised by delegates for debate by the Conference.

### **WHO IS THE CONFERENCE FOR?**

This Conference will be of interest to anyone involved in Liability Insurance: underwriters, claims managers, risk managers, lawyers and brokers.

### **THE BENEFITS**

In addition to hearing expert and eminent speakers there will be an opportunity to:

- Discuss liability insurance issues with others - both speakers and other delegates
- Exchange views during the Symposium - an important aspect of the Conference is to encourage participation and obtain a good cross-section of views
- Develop business relationships - the Conference has a strong social aspect to complement the academic

### **THE VENUE**

Robinson College is the most modern college in Cambridge with excellent conference and residential facilities.

### **THE LIABILITY UNDERWRITERS GROUP**

The conference is supported by the Liability Underwriters Group, a Committee of the International Underwriting Association of London Ltd (IUA). LUG was formed 30 years ago by leading underwriters in the London Market with a view to improving levels of knowledge in the market as a whole. This is pursued through an academic approach to dealing with real problems facing the market.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Programme will include:

### **OPENING ADDRESS - WHAT'S BUGGING LUG?**

*Mark Gibson*

### **UNDERWRITING EMERGING RISKS**

*Mike Lay*

### **EMERGING LITIGATION**

*David Platt QC*

- "Subtle brain injuries" and other neurological injuries
- Psychiatric claims
- Somatic disorders

### **THE CHINESE MARKET**

*Mary Gavigan*

- Who and size of market
- Classes of business
- Legal systems
- Regulation
- Doing business in China

### **CASUALTY IN THE US: CURRENT ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS**

*Bernie Heinze*

### **LEGAL REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

*Jonathan Drake*

- Recent decisions on insured liabilities
- Decisions on policy coverage

### **CATASTROPHIC PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS**

*Bill Braithwaite QC*

### **A MOCK TRIAL**

A trial dealing with a number of topical issues

### **LIABILITY FOR FLOOD**

*Stuart White*

### **COVER, CONDITIONS AND CLAUSES**

*Panel Discussion*

- A review of the extent of cover being provided by Liability Insurers

### **CLASS ACTIONS - COMPARISON OF UK AND US**

*Ben Hubble QC*

### **PURE ECONOMIC LOSSES**

*Graeme McPherson QC*

- Trends in pure economic loss
- Reported cases
- Contractual exclusions
- Limitations of liability

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## **SYMPOSIUM**

Our panel of experts will lead a discussion on issues raised by delegates

## **THE PANEL**

### **CHAIRPERSON**

#### **DEBORAH HALL**

Deborah Hall was trained by BBC TV as a journalist and presenter. She presented the local and national news on the BBC for 12 years and was a news anchor on BBC World for 6 years. Deborah presents The Law Channel and The Accountants' Channel for the Einstein Network, GSTV for BT Global Services, The Surveyors' and Architects' Channels for RIBA and the Risk Channel for the insurance market. As a trainer of Presentation and Media Skills, Deborah has worked with senior executives from BT, Vodafone, Ofcom, The Law Society, Merrill Lynch, European Union, WHO, Health Protection Agency and CAREC in the Caribbean. Deborah is the media consultant for Bill Gates' WHO's worldwide programme to vaccinate the poor. She has chaired many Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance Conferences, including 18 of the 19 LUG Conferences.

### **SPEAKERS**

#### **BILL BRAITHWAITE QC**

Bill Braithwaite QC is Joint Head of Exchange Chambers in Liverpool. Having been a QC for 18 years, he is a vastly experienced and well-known personal Injury practitioner who works exclusively for claimants who have suffered catastrophic injury. He has won hundreds of millions of pounds in client compensation and has represented well over 1,000 catastrophic brain or spine injury clients.

#### **JONATHAN DRAKE**

Jonathan Drake is as a Senior Associate at Reynolds Porter Chamberlain in General Liability team. He has over 20 years experience dealing with Employers and Public Liability claims, and high-value road traffic accidents. Since joining RPC in 2004 he has defended Insurers' interests, and routinely advises on coverage issues. He has also advised US law firms on English law in relation to Mesothelioma claims litigated in the USA.

#### **MARY GAVIGAN**

Mary Gavigan is a chartered accountant and a senior member of Towers Watson Insurance Management Consulting Practice. She has over 20 years experience in the insurance industry.

#### **MARK GIBSON**

Mark Gibson is a Senior Casualty Underwriter with SCOR in London, having previously worked for Allianz and Munich Re. He has more than 30 years' experience in handling liability insurance ranging from UK regional business to major global programmes placed in the London Market. As a member of LUG for more than 10 years, he has contributed to a number of working groups. He is the present chairman of the Liability Underwriters Group.

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**BERNARD G HEINZE ESQUIRE**

Bernie Heinze is president and CEO of The Heinze Group, LLC an international litigation management, claims administration and audit facility, with offices in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania and London. He is also executive director of the American Association of Managing General Agents (AAMGA), representing the premier companies involved in the wholesale insurance distribution marketplace. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Academy of Risk Management and Insurance at the St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA, and the Risk Management and Insurance Board of Directors of Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. He has been named each year as one of the "100 Most Powerful People in the Insurance Industry – North America" since 2001 by the *Insurance Letter* and *Insurance Distribution Magazine*, and Honoree of the Year by the New Jersey Surplus Lines Association (2011); is the founder and executive editor of *Wholesale Insurance News "WIN"* magazine and leads the Pennsylvania Delegation of the Business Advisory Counsel to the US House of Representatives.

**BEN HUBBLE QC**

Ben Hubble practices from 4 New Square where he specialises in professional liability, disciplinary and commercial work. Multi-party and group litigation is a particular of expertise. In addition, he concentrates on: commercial arbitrations and litigation both on and offshore; banking; insurance (particularly coverage and indemnity disputes) and claims arising from the financial services sector. Ben has been heavily involved in the larger and more complex professional liability and disciplinary claims in recent years.

**MIKE LAY**

Mike Lay is Vice-President, Casualty at Arch Insurance Europe.

**GRAEME MCPHERSON QC**

Graeme McPherson QC practices from Four New Square. His practice is split primarily between domestic and international commercial disputes, including financial services litigation and insurance disputes, sports work and professional liability claims including disciplinary claims. He regularly sits as an Arbitrator particularly in relation to insurance disputes, and acts as a Mediator particularly in relation to sporting disputes.

**DAVID PLATT QC**

David Platt practices from Crown Office Chambers. He specialises in occupational disease, personal injury and insurance work. He also undertakes common law and environmental work, employment claims, health and safety and inquest proceedings. His occupational disease practice involves all aspects of asbestos litigation, stress at work, COSHH claims, upper limb disorder litigation, asthma, dermatitis, VWF, cancer and NIHL claims. He has been involved in emerging litigation areas such as passive smoking, DVT, pilot aerotoxicity and toxic mould litigation.

**STUART WHITE**

Stuart White is a Partner in Reynolds Porter Chamberlain. His liability practice spans a range of industries, including automotive, chemical, construction, energy, food and drink, and pharmaceuticals. In his construction practice, he acts for architects, engineers, surveyors, contractors and specialist subcontractors. He also pursues subrogated recoveries, and advises on coverage and policy wording drafting in all these areas.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### **DATES**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013

### **VENUE**

Robinson College, Cambridge

### **FEES**

The fee for the Conference is £995.00 +VAT. The fee includes conference documentation, refreshments, breakfast, lunch, dinner, banquet and accommodation.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation is in Student Single Study "en-suite" bedrooms located in the College building.

### **CAR PARKING**

Car Parking is available free of charge at the Wilberforce Road Athletics Ground - five minutes walk from the College. Fee £20 +VAT.

### **SOLICITORS REGULATORY AUTHORITY CPD SCHEME**

This Conference qualifies towards Continuing Professional Development.

### **CII CPD SCHEME**

This Conference may be regarded as a structured activity for the purpose of CPD.

### **BAR STANDARDS BOARD CPD SCHEME**

This Conference qualifies towards Continuing Professional Development.

### **BOOKINGS**

To reserve places for the Conference, please email: [tony.gregory@imc-seminars.com](mailto:tony.gregory@imc-seminars.com) or telephone: +44 (0)1491 872 839 / +44 (0)7112 482 212

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Joining instructions will be emailed to all delegates prior to the Conference. If you do not receive these, please telephone to ensure we have registered your booking. All other documentation will be distributed at the Conference. It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to alter the content and timing of the programme and/or the speakers.

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