



PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY FORUM CONFERENCE
MACHINATIONS, MYSTERIES AND MADNESS
3 - 5 JULY 2017
ROBINSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

THE CONFERENCE

This is the twenty-first Conference organised on behalf of the Professional Indemnity Forum. The event will once again cover a wide number of issues including:

- A review of the past and expectations for the future
- Developments in and legal decisions on policy wordings
- Emerging issues facing the market
- Developments in individual professions – regulation and coverage
- Significant legal decisions that are impacting on the professions' exposures

Following each presentation, time is set aside for delegates to discuss points and there will also be opportunities for participants to partake in the Symposium and raise issues for further discussion.

WHO IS THE CONFERENCE FOR?

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

THE PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY FORUM

PIF was formed many years ago by leading underwriters in the London Market with a view to improving levels of knowledge in the market as a whole. PIF is now a Committee of the International Underwriting Association of London Ltd (IUA). Membership is open to all IUA members together with invited underwriting representatives from other syndicates and companies. PIF presents a forum for discussion of issues of interest to the PI Market. It also seeks to promote sound principles for best practice, provide education to its members and formal liaison with other professional bodies. This Conference gives the members of PIF the opportunity to further its aims and to involve others in the industry who have an interest in Professional Indemnity Insurance.

MONDAY 3rd JULY

REGISTRATION

DINNER

CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Deborah Hall

PIF CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION: ACHIEVEMENTS AND ASPIRATIONS

Carl Weinberger

TUESDAY 4th JULY

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT: FEATURES OF LIABILITY AND POLICY COVER

George Smeaton, CNA Hardy

TECHNOLOGY ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Simon Hargreaves QC, Keating Chambers

THE USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN UNDERWRITING FINANCIAL LINES BUSINESS

Michael Forster, Suncorp

THE PIF DEBATE

SOLICITORS – LITIGATION, CLAIMS AND MINIMUM TERMS

Sarah Clover, Clyde & Co

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: LIABILITIES AND POLICY COVERAGE

Graham Ludlam, DAC Beachcroft

CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS: ADDRESSING THEIR CONCERNS

Clinton Douch, Willis Towers Watson

INSURANCE BROKERS: STILL THE WHIPPING BOYS

Ben Ogden, Ince & Co

RECEPTION

BANQUET

WEDNESDAY 5th JULY

THROWING GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD? SURVEYORS' NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS AFTER *TIUTA V DE VILLIERS*
Paul Mitchell QC, Hailsham Chambers

FINANCIAL ADVISORS - WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT IN THE FINANCIAL CLAIMS LANDSCAPE IN 2017
David Gooding and Virginia Hickley, Mills & Reeve

THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS ON THE UK PI MARKET
Charles Manchester, Manchester Underwriting Management

SYMPOSIUM: QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED
A DISCUSSION OF MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE MARKET LED BY:
Paul Freeman, Liberty Specialty Markets
Alex Dyer, Amtrust

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THE PRESENTERS

CHAIRPERSON

DEBORAH HALL



Deborah is a professional TV presenter, broadcaster and journalist. She presented Newsroom South East, Business Breakfast on BBC1 and was a news anchor on BBC World. She presented The Law Channel and The Accountants' Channel for the Einstein Network and presents The Surveyors, Civil Engineers and Architects Channels for RIBA. In Presentation and Media training, Deborah's current clients are Unilever, Coca-Cola, Barclaycard, Ofcom, the FA, BBC, BT and the London Insurance Market. She is an Associate of The King's Fund and media consultant to Bill Gates/WHO's worldwide programme to vaccinate the poor. She has chaired many insurance conferences, including, since 1995, the annual Professional Indemnity Forum and Liability Underwriters Group Conferences in Oxford and Cambridge.

PRESENTERS

SARAH CLOVER



Sarah Clover is a partner in Clyde & Co. She has specialised in lawyers' professional liability for over 20 years. She has advised on a wide range of professional liability claims against lawyers, including claims involving corporate finance, tax, pensions, commercial and residential property and commercial contract. She also advises clients on regulatory issues, risk management and policy coverage, and frequently writes and speaks on professional liability issues. Sarah has a wealth of experience in mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

CLINTON DOUCH



Clinton Douch is an Executive Director within the Financial & Executive Risks Division (FINEX) at Willis Towers Watson following an acquisition by Willis of Prime Professions. He has over 30 years' experience within the UK and International PI arena. Originally having trained as a chef and been a salesman in jewellery in Hatton Garden, this led naturally to a career in the City starting in the PI Team (APIA) in a merchant banks insurance division namely Lowndes Lambert (now a part of Gallagher). He moved to Nelson Hurst & Marsh which was subsequently acquired by Alexander Forbes (now Lockton) before moving to Prime Professions in 2006.

MICHAEL FORSTER



Michael Forster is Professional and Financial Lines Specialist at Suncorp Group in Sydney. He was the winner of the Wotton & Kearney APIG scholarship for 2016.

DAVID GOODING



David Gooding is a partner in Mills & Reeve LLP based in the Birmingham office. He has been defending professionals and their insurers for over 15 years and his practice is focused on defending accountants, IFAs and lawyers. He is head of the firm's regional financial claims team. He also advises insurers on policy coverage disputes, especially dishonesty investigations as lead partner the firm's Policy Advice and Disputes team.

VIRGINIA HICKLEY



Virginia Hickley joined Mills & Reeve in January 2003 and became a partner in 2008. She is head of the firm's national financial claims team. The team defends claims against financial institutions and financial professionals, including accountants, auditors, professional trustees, independent financial advisers, stockbrokers, pension fund administrators, private equity firms, venture capital firms and fund managers. She also defends professional negligence claims against solicitors.

GRAHAM LUDLAM



Graham Ludlam is a partner in DAC Beachcroft. He is barrister specialising in insurance and reinsurance. He advises on high value complex coverage issues arising on a wide range of policies, including Professional Indemnity, Management Liability, Financial Institutions, Pension Trustee Liability, Commercial Crime, and Product Liability. He also specialises in the defence of claims against professionals and other service providers.

CHARLES MANCHESTER



Charles Manchester is CEO, Manchester Underwriting Management. He has over 35 years' insurance experience, both broking and with insurers. In 1997, he founded Dickson Manchester & Co, the wholesale Lloyd's Broker and underwriting operation that he sold to HCC in 2003. He was CEO of HCC's UK insurance companies, HCC International and Houston Casualty Company's UK branch, as well as Active Underwriter of its Lloyd's syndicates. He left HCC at the end of 2008, enjoying a year's sabbatical, before rejoining the market with Manchester Underwriting Management Limited. In 2016 he became Chairman of the MGA Association.

PAUL MITCHELL QC



Paul Mitchell QC practices from Hailsham Chambers. His area of expertise is the responsibilities, duties and liability of professionals. He has wide experience of claims against solicitors, accountants and financial advisers, as well as of disciplinary proceedings involving these professions. He also has experience of commercial claims with a professional liability element, coverage disputes, arbitrations and mediations. Recent notable cases include: *Willers v Gubay* [2016] UKSC 43 & 44, *LSREF III Wight Ltd v Gateley LLP* [2016] EWCA Civ 359, *E.Surv v Goldsmith Williams* [2015] EWCA Civ 1147.

BEN OGDEN

Ben Ogden is a partner in Ince & Co. He has acted in a variety of commercial disputes mostly connected to the acquisition of businesses. Many have involved issues between shareholders or sale and purchase issues, often arising from contested warranties. The majority of his work has been in Court, but he has regularly used ADR as a means of settling disputes.

GEORGE SMEATON

George Smeaton is a senior underwriter at CNAHardy. He previously worked for PYV before joining Aviva as an underwriter in 2010. He moved to CNA in 2013.

CARL WEINBERGER

Carl Weinberger is Casualty Underwriting Manager at Munich Re UK General Branch. He is the Chairman of the Professional Indemnity Forum. He has over 20 years' insurance and reinsurance experience. He joined Munich Re in London from Swiss Re America in 2011. Having worked in Germany, Hong Kong, Sweden, the USA and the UK he has gained an international perspective on professional indemnity.

ADRIAN WILLIAMSON QC

Adrian Williamson was called to the Bar in 1983 and has been a practising barrister in Keating Chambers since 1989. He specialises in construction, engineering and technology disputes and he is also highly regarded for his expertise in professional negligence and insurance actions within these specialist areas. He took silk in 2002. His practice covers all aspects of law within his specialist fields, including advisory work relating to standard form and bespoke contracts; contractors', sub-contractors' and employers' claims; and professional negligence claims (architects, engineers, surveyors and project managers). He regularly appears in the Technology and Construction Court in London and in arbitrations in many parts of the UK and abroad. He has also appeared in the Court of Appeal on many occasions and in the Privy Council.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DATES

Monday 3rd (5.00pm) to Wednesday 5th (3.00pm) July 2017

VENUE

The Conference will be held at Robinson College, Cambridge

FEES

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

ACCOMMODATION

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

CAR PARKING

Parking is available at the Wilberforce Road Athletics Ground – five minutes' walk from the College: Fee £20.00 +VAT

SOLICITORS REGULATORY AUTHORITY CPD SCHEME

This Conference qualifies towards Continuing Professional Development

CII CPD SCHEME

This Conference may be used for the purpose of CPD

BOOKINGS

To book places for the Conference, please email: tony.gregory@imc-seminars.com
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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. It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to change the speakers and/or alter the content and timing of the programme.