



PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY FORUM CONFERENCE

AN AGE OF WISDOM, AN AGE OF FOOLISHNESS

8 - 10 JULY 2014 KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD

THE CONFERENCE

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

- the state of the market
- further developments in policy wordings
- emerging issues facing the market
- developments in individual professions regulation and coverage
- significant legal decisions which 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.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 8th JULY
REGISTRATION
DINNER
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION Deborah Hall
PIF CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION - FOOL'S GOLD Nick Cox
PI UPDATE: SHORT PRESENTATIONS ON TOPICAL ISSUES John Moore, Harriet Quiney, Tom Pangbourne
WEDNESDAY 9th JULY
CIVIL LIABILITY: DEFAMATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RISKS Campbell Dye
THE STATE OF THE MARKET Christian Stanley
THE MURKY WORLD OF SURVEYORS Daniel Prince
ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS Graeme McPherson QC
LUNCH
THOSE MYSTERIOUS EXTENSIONS OF COVER Chris Dunlop
Insurance Brokers: Defences and Damages Ben Elkington QC
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PROFESSIONALS' LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA John Edmond
RECEPTION
BANQUET

THURSDAY 10th JULY

CONSTRUCTION IS A RISKY BUSINESS: REDUCING RISK AND LIMITING LOSS *Ruth Lawrence*

THE MARKET: A FEMALE PERSPECTIVE Philippa Wilkin

TECHNOLOGY ERRORS AND OMISSIONS Laurence Rossini

TEN LESSONS FOR EVERY PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY PRACTITIONERSpike Charlwood

BUFFET LUNCH AND PIF UNDERWRITERS PANEL SYMPOSIUM LEADING INSURERS IN THE MARKET DISCUSS A RANGE OF TOPICAL ISSUES

CONFERENCE CLOSE
Nick Cox

THE SPEAKERS

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 Professional Indemnity and Liability Insurance Conferences.

PRESENTERS

SPIKE CHARLWOOD

Spike Charlwood practices from Hailsham Chambers, where he specialises in professional negligence and insurance law. He was named 2010 Professional Negligence Junior of the Year in the Chambers Bar Awards. He has appeared twice in the House of Lords in *Farley v Skinner and Dubai Aluminium v Salaam*. He has wide experience of managed and group litigation, He is the assistant editor of *Professional Negligence & Liability* and has been a supervisor in tort at Queens' College, Cambridge.

NICK COX

Nick Cox is the Senior Underwriter of Professional Indemnity for W R Berkley Insurance (Europe) Limited. He started his working life as a broker, specialising in Surveyors PI, at the time of the last major property crash of the late eighties, early nineties. After six years, he moved across to underwriting, and he has predominantly written a UK and International book of PI ever since.

CHRIS DUNLOP

Chris Dunlop is Legal Director, Clyde & Co. He specialises in professional indemnity claims and commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on claims involving construction professionals, accountants and other financially related disputes. He is regularly involved in all forms of dispute resolution, including arbitration, mediation and litigation. He has expertise in advising on policy coverage issues, and has also advised on a number of complex international re/insurance programmes for PI and related exposures for a number of global professional service providers.

CAMPBELL DYE

Campbell Dye leads the contentious TMT practice at DAC Beachcroft LLP. He acts for a number of insurers defending libel and slander claims and is involved in briefing the industry on the changes under the new Defamation Act 2013. He also acts for clients outside the insurance industry where he advises on both bringing and defending claims in defamation, malicious falsehood and privacy. HIs practice also covers trademark, copyright and passing off, both for insurers and commercial entities. As well as insurance companies, he has acted for: multinational listed companies, individuals from the Sunday Times Rich List, public bodies and government departments, a former UK Cabinet Minister and an African bank.

BEN ELKINGTON QC

Ben Elkington has a thriving practice focused on insurance, professional liability and general commercial litigation. He is ranked in the directories as a leading silk in the fields of insurance, professional negligence, commercial dispute resolution and property damage. He was previously admitted to the New York Bar and worked for Sullivan & Cromwell in Manhattan. He was a judicial assistant to the Court of Appeal. He is an editor of *Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability*, and a committee member of COMBAR, and a member of the PNBA, LCLCBA and BIBA.

RUTH LAWRENCE

Ruth Lawrence is a partner in and head of the insurance business group at Hill Dickinson. Her practice has a particular focus on defending heavyweight claims against architects and engineers.

NICHOLAS LITTLE

Nicholas Little is Cyber and Media Underwriter at CFC Underwriting Ltd. After graduating from the University of Leeds and obtained an internship with Steamship Insurance Management Services. He went on to specialise in underwriting Technology Errors and Omissions at QBE European Operations, where he gained experience as a box underwriter at Lloyd's of London, and assisted in the creation of an award nominated Cyber Liability insurance product. He focuses on a wide variety of entities, ranging from SME's to Multinational Corporations predominantly in the US but also 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.

JOHN MOORE

John Moore is Claims Director of Wren Managers Limited. He is joint editor of the Insurance Institutes of London's Research Study Group on Professional Indemnity Insurance, and is leader of their RSG on Handling Professional and Liability Claims. He was the author of the Professional Insurance chapter of The Construction Law Handbook. He has spoken at a number of conferences and seminars on claims handling and departmental procedures, further he has written a number of articles and papers on insurance, legal and practical handling issues.

TOM PANGBOURNE

Tom is an associate in the Professional and Commercial Risk group of DAC Beachcroft. He specialises in defending complex, high value, multi-party claims across a wide range of professions. This has included claims against solicitors, accountants, IFAs, lender claims against surveyors, as well as claims arising under directors' and officers' policies. He has particular experience in claims against professionals by disappointed investors in tax mitigation schemes.

HARRIET QUINEY

Harriet Quiney is a Partner in DWF. She acts in professional negligence cases involving financial advisers, insurance brokers, mortgage brokers, trustees, pension benefit consultants, accountants and solicitors. She is also an expert in Financial Ombudsman Service procedure and practice and has lectured and written articles on this subject.

LAURENCE ROSSINI

Laurence Rossini is Technology and Media Underwriter at CFC Underwriting, Ltd.

CHRISTIAN STANLEY

Christian Stanley is Casualty Executive - Class of Business Underwriting Performance, in the Performance Management Directorate at Lloyd's. He has nearly 30 years experience in the Professional Indemnity market having spent sixteen years with Lloyd's brokers and ten years as an underwriter, during which time he UK, US and international business. He has held his present position for three years.

PHILIPPA WILKIN

Philippa Wilkin is the Product Manager for Solicitors PI at Travelers Insurance Company Ltd. She was previously Underwriting Manager for professional lines at Inter Hannover (2011-13) after leaving Aviva where she underwrote professional indemnity for 7 years. She has worked in the London market since joining Heath Lambert as a placing broker in 2002 and has unwritten across a variety of professional sectors. She has participated on committees with the RICS, ICAEW, ABI and has sat on the SRA's insurer liaison committee since 2006.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DATES

Tuesday 8th (5.00pm) to Thursday 10th (3.00pm) July 2014

VENUE

The Conference will be held at Keble College, Oxford

FEES

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

ACCOMMODATION

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

CAR PARKING

There are no parking facilities at the college. Should you wish to travel by car, we suggest you make use of Oxford's park and ride services.

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BOOKINGS

To book places for the Conference, please email: tony.gregory@imc-seminars.com or telephone: +44 (0)1491 872 839 / +44 (0)7712 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 documents will be distributed at the Conference. 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.