



## **LIABILITY INSURANCE CONFERENCE**

### *Thirty Pearls of Wisdom*

9 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

ROBINSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

### **THE CONFERENCE**

This is the thirtieth Conference organized 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
- A review of some emerging risks - including food additives, addictions, and vaping
- Policy coverage issues, particularly in relation to emerging risks
- Reinsurance of Liability business
- Legal developments impacting on Liability business

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

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

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

### **THE LIABILITY UNDERWRITERS GROUP**

The Conference is supported by the Liability Underwriters Group (LUG), a Committee of the International Underwriting Association of London Ltd (IUA). LUG was formed 40 years ago by leading underwriters in the London Market with a view to improving levels of knowledge in the market as a whole. Membership is open to all IUA members together with invited underwriting representatives from other syndicates and companies. LUG presents a forum for discussion of issues of interest to the Liability 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 LUG the opportunity to further its aims and to involve others in the industry who have an interest in Professional Indemnity Insurance.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Conference will include:

### **AN OVERVIEW OF ISSUES FACING THE MARKET**

*Robert Beesley, Senior Casualty Underwriter, AXA XL*

### **VAPING AND SWEETENERS - THE SCIENCE, THE LAW AND POLICY COVERAGE**

*Richard Manstoff, Senior Associate, Clyde & Co*

*Meredith White, Associate, Clyde & Co*

### **IS ENGLAND AND WALES A HELLHOLE?**

*Neil Beresford, Partner, Clyde & Co*

### **PFAS (PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES)**

*James Rayner, Senior Director / Principal, Geosyntec Consultants*

### **PRODUCTS LIABILITY - AN ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTS LIABILITY INCLUDING CAUSATION ISSUES, LIABILITY FOR PRODUCTS KNOWN TO BE DANGEROUS AND THE WAY PRODUCTS LIABILITY IS EVOLVING**

*Isabel Barter, Barrister, 4 New Square*

### **REINSURANCE OF LIABILITY BUSINESS - A REVIEW OF ISSUES FOR REINSURERS IN PROVIDING COVER**

*Natalie Donald, Casualty Treaty Underwriter, MS Amlin*

### **ADDICTION - BLUE SCREEN BLUES; HOOKED AND HUNG UP; DOOMED BY DOOM SCROLLING; AGENTS OF DOOM**

*Dr. Andrew Auty, Managing Director, Re: Liability (Oxford)*

### **LIABILITY FOR NERVOUS SHOCK AND ANXIETY**

*Will Healy, Senior Associate, Kennedys*

### **WORDINGS PANEL - OUR PANEL OF WORDINGS OF EXPERTS WILL DISCUSS THE CHALLENGES OF COVERING TODAY'S (AND TOMORROW'S) RISKS**

### **LUNCH AND SYMPOSIUM - OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION ON ISSUES RAISED BY DELEGATES**

*Robert Beesley, Senior Casualty Underwriter, AXA XL*

*Dr. Andrew Auty, Managing Director, Re: Liability (Oxford)*

*Amanda Catron, Technical Underwriting Officer, UK Casualty, American International Group UK Limited*

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## CHAIRPERSON



**DEBORAH HALL** has been a professional presenter for 40 years. She was trained by BBC TV as a journalist and read the Local and National News on BBC One. She was a News Anchor on BBC World (total 12 years). She is a very experienced Conference Chair, fronting nearly 100 conferences for the London insurance market, including 28 of the 29 Liability Conferences. She presents TV programmes and webcasts for businesses. Deborah is the in-house trainer for PwC Switzerland as well as various law firms, barristers' chambers, insurance brokers and underwriters. She was a lecturer at Durham University and trained both students and staff at London Business School. In addition, she is Media Consultant to WHO/Gates Foundation's programme to vaccinate the world's poor - ADVAC, the Advanced Course in Vaccinology. Since its inception in 2000, she has trained over 1800 health professionals from 95 countries. She is the in-house trainer for various law firms and insurance brokers and underwriters.

## PRESENTERS



**DR. ANDREW AUTY** is Director of Re: Liability (Oxford) Ltd and was Senior Liability Consultant at the Loss Prevention Council when it was owned by ABI and Lloyd's. He has over twenty years' experience as an independent consultant to the liability insurance market and to those who seek to influence it. He is principal author of over 110 position papers and publications relating to liability for personal injury, climate change, the environment and clarifications of the common law. He is widely known for his objective, thorough assessment and interpretation of science issues and how they affect liability exposure. These insights lead to greater accuracy of policy wordings, risk selection, and claims strategy and are the basis for quantitative exposure evaluations.



**ROBERT BEESLEY** is Senior Casualty Underwriter at AXA XL Insurance, having had many years' experience in the London Market as a broker and underwriter. He has been a member of the Liability Underwriters Group since 1993 and is the current Chairman.



**ISABEL BARTER** practises from 4 New Square. Her areas of practice are Professional Negligence, Product Liability, Property Damage, Group Litigation work, Commercial Fraud, Commercial Dispute Resolution and Private International Law.

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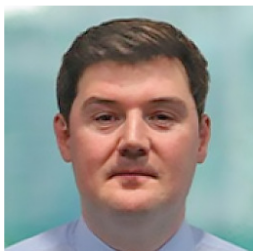
**NEIL BERESFORD** is a Partner in Clyde & Co., where he leads the firm's global Product Liability practice. He specialises in complex and cross-jurisdictional liability claims, particularly those involving products and environmental liability. He also has significant experience of Environmental Liability claims, advising on the scope of policies and defending claims against insureds under the UK's largest environmental insurance scheme. Before entering practice, Neil was a Fellow of Robinson College and a speechwriter to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg. He maintains active ties with Cambridge and teaches here regularly during term time. He does a lot of work in Colombia.



**AMANDA CATRON** is Technical Underwriting Officer in AIG's Casualty team. She has over 30 years' experience, across both Property and Casualty, and has focused on Casualty for the last 18 years. She has worked for Cigna, Aviva, Lloyd's, RBS/NIG and has been with AIG for the last 14 years. Her current role encompasses technical policy analysis, broker wording negotiations, and providing technical underwriting guidance and governance. Amanda's specialisms include Emerging Risks, Sanctions and Cyber. Amanda is a past Chair of LUG.



**NATALIE DONALD** is Casualty Treaty Underwriter at MS Amlin. She covers all lines of liability and professional indemnity and specialty reinsurance business.



**CHRIS GOWER** is an associate at RPC in Bristol. He has been an insurance lawyer for 15 years, specialising in complex multi-track injury claims. He has significant experience dealing with injury claims of all types but specialises in industrial disease claims, including high value and fatal asbestos claims. Chris has a particular interest in costs litigation and also deals with product liability claims and policy coverage advice.



**WILL HEALY** is a senior associate based in Kennedys' London office. He focuses almost exclusively on advising insurers on complex coverage disputes. He has advised on all aspects of insurance law including validity of notifications, breach of the duty of fair presentation, compliance with policy terms and conditions and the application of the Insurance Act 2015, fraudulent claims and waiver and estoppel issues.



**JAMES RAYNER** is Senior Director and Principal at Geosyntec Consultants. He is an experienced environmental consultant who has supported manufacturing, chemical and pharmaceutical, oil and gas, legal and financial sectors for over 19 years. James assists Geosyntec's clients with mergers, divestitures and acquisitions activities, as well as the sustainable management of their most complex environmental liabilities. He is a contaminant hydrogeologist specializing in the development of advanced conceptual site models to assess the feasibility and performance of sustainable, nature-based remediation technologies. James has published technical guidance on monitored natural attenuation and natural source zone depletion with the Environment Agency and CL:AIRE, and has previously contributed to applied research initiatives including the US Department of Defense Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP).



**MEREDITH WHITE** is an Associate at Clyde & Co. She acts for insurance companies in relation to a range of liability defence, coverage and subrogated recovery cases, with a particular focus on property and product liability claims. Meredith regularly advises insurers on coverage and liability issues, and has particular experience in product liability disputes, including cases involving lithium batteries and electronics. Meredith also assisted in the team's response to COVID-19 business interruption claims and the FCA Test Case, including the appeal to the Supreme Court.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### DATES

**9th - 11th September 2024**

9th Sept.	4.00 pm onwards	Registration
10th Sept.	8.00 am onwards	Registration
	9.00 am	Conference Commences
11th Sept.	3.30 pm	Conference Closes

### 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, Punting on the Cam and any conference documentation.

### ACCOMMODATION

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

### SOLICITORS REGULATORY AUTHORITY CPD SCHEME

This Conference qualifies for 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](mailto: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 contact us 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.

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