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Perrin Women in Insurance & the Law Conference
Thursday, October 8, 2026 (New York, NY)

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM – Registration and Coffee (Reception Area- 2nd Floor)

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM – Welcome and Opening Remarks (Meeting Hall- 2nd Floor)

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9:15 AM – 10:15 AM – Gender Dynamics in High-Stakes Litigation & Claims Handling

- Jury perception and credibility in litigation and claims environments
- Managing difficult counsel, clients, and stakeholders
- Navigating preconceived perceptions
- Effective advocacy and decision-making under pressure

Dawn F. Konigsberg, Esq. Assistant Vice President, Professional Lines and Specialty Severity, Hiscox USA, New York, NY
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10:15 AM – 11:15 AM – Perspectives from Leadership: Culture, Communication & Influence

- Lessons learned on building and sustaining strong teams and cultures in legal and insurance environments
- Communication, conflict, and decision-making in high-pressure professional settings
- How leadership style and presence shape influence, credibility, and workplace culture

Amaryah Bocchino, Esq., MG+M The Law Firm, Wilmington, DE
Kathleen Finkenor-Muldoon, Vice President, Home Office Claims, Seneca Insurance Company, Inc., New York, NY
Michelle Klein, SVP - Chief Claims Officer, Berkley Professional Liability, New York, NY
Theresa R. Shea, EVP, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary, Utz Quality Foods, LLC, Chicago, IL

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM – Break

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – AI, Ethics, Innovation & the Future of Legal and Claims Work

- How firms and insurers are using AI in real legal and claims workflows today
- Ethical considerations, risk management, and responsible AI adoption
- AI's impact on drafting, analysis, discovery, and decision-making
- Building confidence and reducing friction in AI adoption

Virgina Chavez Romano, Deputy General Counsel and US General Counsel, Havas, New York, NY
Erica Dew Crowl, Executive Director, Alan Gray, Indianapolis, IN
Rebecca DuBoff, Lead Claims Specialist, Old Republic Environmental, Morristown, NJ
Alanna Garrison, **CSP, CIH, CHMM,** Senior Consultant, Antea Group, Cherry Hill, NJ
Andrea Reyna Murphy, Esq., Phillips, Spallas & Angstadt LLP, San Francisco, CA

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM – Conference Lunch *(New York City Bar Association)*
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1:45 PM – 2:45 PM – Rapid Connections Session

- Short-form, face-to-face networking
- Engage with senior leaders across law, insurance, and industry
- Share insights, ask questions, and explore collaboration opportunities
- Rotate through facilitated roundtable discussions

Session Hosts:

Michelle Klein, SVP - Chief Claims Officer, Berkley Professional Liability, New York, NY
Anna M. Kohut, Esq., Goldberg Segalla, St. Louis, MO
Kim Moody, VP, Claims, Golden Bear Insurance Company, Stockton, CA
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Megan Slominski, Director, Commercial Claims, Crum & Forster, Southfield, MI
Rosalie Trigona, AVP, Senior Coverage Counsel, Claims Legal Group, Zurich, New York, NY

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM – What Claims Leaders Actually Want: Building a Decision-Ready File

- A master class on all perspectives of how to best handle a file and how they relate to assisting one another
- Ethical issues

Christine D. Calareso, Esq., The Cook Legal Group, Foothills Ranch, CA
Jessica Ellish, Claims Specialist, Complex Claims Unit, The Hartford Insurance Group, Hartford, CT
Daisy Khambatta, Esq., Kennedys, Austin, TX
Kim Moody, VP, Claims, Golden Bear Insurance Company, Stockton, CA
Victoria Rodio, Claims Manager – Environmental Claims, Beazley Insurance Services, New York, NY
Jessica Zimmerman, Corporate Claims Counsel, Lawyers Claims, Old Republic Lawyers Professional, Chicago, IL

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM – Break

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM –Emerging Leaders & the Unwritten Rules of Advancement

- How advancement pathways are evolving in law and insurance
- Retention and engagement challenges in the talent pipeline

Cara Hansen, AVP, Litigation and Coverage Counsel, Enstar Group, New York, NY
Christina M. Heischmidt, Esq., Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, McLean, VA
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Katie M. Pritchard, Esq., Foley Mansfield, Edwardsville, IL
Chanel Smith, Executive Claims Specialist, Casualty Claims, Seneca Insurance Company, Inc., New York, NY

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception *(Sen Sakana, 28 W. 44th Street- located down the street from the New York City Bar Association)*
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