



# Insurance Coverage and Allocation Issues Conference

*The Union League of Philadelphia  
May 1, 2025*



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**8:15 AM – 9:00 AM – Registration (Lincoln Hall)**

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs**

**Eileen King Bower, Esq.**, Clyde & Co, Chicago, IL

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**9:15 AM – 10:15 AM – Evolving Strategies in Long-Tail Claims Allocation**

- Methods and interpretation by courts
- Jurisdictional issues and recent case law
- The impact of policy assumption strategies

**Ellen D. Fine**, AVP & Senior Counsel, Coverage and Litigation, CoAction Specialty Insurance Group, New York, NY

**Jason M. Knott, Esq.**, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, Washington, DC

**Bridget G. Longoria, Esq.**, Senior Vice President – Complex Liability Consulting, Marsh, Philadelphia, PA

**10:15 AM – 11:15 AM – Bankruptcy Update**

- Bankruptcy Primer
- Whether Financial Distress Is Required
- Insurance Carrier Standing
- Third-party releases in non-asbestos claims

**Moderator: Melissa King**, Vice President – Direct Claims Audit, Resolute Management, Inc., Boston, MA

**Lauren R. Lifland, Esq.**, WilmerHale, New York, NY

**Ben Nissim**, Managing Assistant General Counsel, The Hartford, Stamford, CT

**Alan Turner, Esq.**, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, New York, NY

## **11:15 AM – 11:30 AM – Break**

## **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – The Future of PFAS Litigation and its Impact on the Insurance Industry**

- Overview of types of claims, MDL bellwether cases and existing settlements
- State and federal regulatory environment; potential impact of Trump administration
- Insurance considerations - allegations and defense of current PFAS claims
- Choice of law and allocation issues
- Trigger of coverage and exclusions
- Will PFAS become the next asbestos?

**Moderator: Greg Gaines, JD**, Technical Director, Roux, Burlington, MA

**Dieter J. Juedes, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Milwaukee, WI

**Michael Kuehn**, Director, The RiverStone Group, Manchester, NH

**Annette P. Rolain, Esq.**, Ruggeri Parks Weinberg LLP, Washington, D.C.

## **12:30 PM – 1:45 PM – Conference Lunch (Lincoln Hall at the Union League)**

**Keynote Speaker: Marci A. Hamilton**, CEO, CHILD USA, Philadelphia, PA

## **1:45 PM – 2:15 PM – Commercial Leases, Contracts and Insurance Coverage Ramifications**

- Insurance requirements, additional insured requirements, and contractual indemnification provisions

**Stu Harris**, Counsel, Commercial Lines Claims Legal, Nationwide, Columbus, OH

**Marci Goldstein Kokalas, Esq.**, Goldberg Segalla, New York, NY

## **2:15 PM – 3:00 PM – Defense Cost Coverage Challenges**

- Multi-defendant allocation issues (segregable versus non-segregable defense costs)
- Mass tort allocation issues (MDLs, class actions, etc.)
- Independent counsel issues (entitlement, rates, litigation management guidelines, etc.)

**Marc E. Haas, Esq.**, Managing Counsel, Stradley Ronon, New York, NY

**Kevin V. Small, Esq.**, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, New York, NY  
**Jared Zygmunt**, Director – Disputes, Claims & Investigations, Stout, Chicago, IL

**3:00 PM – 3:15 PM – Break**  
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**3:15 PM – 4:15 PM – Relationship Between Insurer, Counsel, Consultant**

- How to maximize this working relationship
- What is each party looking for? What is important to them?
- Collaborative Strategy Development: Developing a unified strategy through communication and collaboration

**Moderator: Patricia Santelle, Esq.**, White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, PA  
**Lisa Armon**, Senior Litigation Counsel, Chubb Insurance Company, Philadelphia, PA  
**Kristen Drake**, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN  
**Edward A. Smallwood, Esq.**, Post & Schell, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA  
**Barry Trilla Jr.**, Director – Quantitative Services, Alan Gray LLC, Chicago, IL

**4:15 PM – 5:00 PM – Wildfire Risk and Environmental Insurance**

- How are large wildfire claims playing out for residential vs commercial policyholders
- How are claims on various policies (GL, fire, and environmental) being handled?
- Are regions like California becoming uninsurable?
- What are the coverage issues?

**Laura Berney**, VP, Claims Counsel, Environmental and Construction Professional Division, Distinguished Programs, Narberth, PA  
**Brian Margolies, Esq.**, Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP, Valhalla, NY  
**Victoria Spina**, Director, Environmental Insurance, The Vertex Companies LLC, New York, NY

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception** (Grant Room – Union League)  
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**Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102**

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