



# Insurance Coverage and Allocation Issues Conference

*The Union League of Philadelphia | May 13, 2026*

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

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

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

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**9:15 AM – 10:15 AM – Contribution in All Sums Allocation: The Math and the Law**

- How to split amongst policies: Time-on-risk, limits-on-risk, limits of attached policies?
- Can the insured owe contribution for SIRs, fronting policies, settled coverage?
- Who covers insolvent shares and how do policies above insolvencies attach?
- Can the insured “spike” multiple towers or must they choose a single tower?

**Christopher A. Johnson, Esq.**, Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Ltd., Chicago, IL

**Lauren Macina**, Director, Quantitative Services, Alan Gray LLC, Washington, DC

**Ben Mermelstein, PhD, FCAS**, Partner, HighRock Analytics, Pittsburgh, PA

**10:15 AM – 11:00 AM – Emerging Trends on the Pollution Exclusion**

- *Griffith Foods International, Inc. v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, P.A.* (Ill. 2026) regarding application of pollution exclusion in Ethelyn oxide exposure
- *Montrose Chem. Corp. of Cal. v. Superior Court* (Cal. App. 2025) decision on sudden and accidental pollution exclusion and California Supreme Court acceptance of appeal
- Application of pollution exclusion in PFAS bodily injury claims

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

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

**Dieter J. Juedes, Esq.**, Husch Blackwell, Milwaukee, WI  
**Bridget G. Longoria, Esq.**, Senior Vice President, Marsh Risk, Philadelphia, PA

### **11:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Break**

### **11:15 AM – 12:15 PM – Artificial Intelligence**

- Are you seeing claims arising out of AI?
- How are you using AI to address these issues
- Use of AI in coverage analysis and allocation

**Bevin Carroll, Esq.**, Kennedys, Chicago, IL  
**Michael McNaughton**, Associate General Counsel, Canopus, Denver, CO  
**Eric W. Moch, Esq.**, Hepler Broom LLC, Chicago, IL  
**David T. Vanalek, Esq.**, SVP, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, Richmond National Insurance, Glen Allen, VA

### **12:15 PM – 1:30 PM – Networking Lunch (Lincoln Hall at the Union League)**

### **1:30 PM – 2:00 PM – Right to Associate in Insured's Defense**

- Situations where right to associate is necessary
- Policy language in excess policies on right to associate
- Effective strategies for associating in insured's defense

**Laura Berney**, VP, Claims Counsel, Distinguished, Philadelphia, PA  
**Randi S. Hoffman**, Sr. Environmental Attorney, Global Indemnity Group, Bala Cynwyd, PA  
**Tracey McDevitt Hagan, Esq.**, Reilly, McDevitt & Henrich, P.C., Philadelphia, PA

### **2:00 PM – 3:00 PM – Coverage Issues for Mass Torts and Emerging Torts**

- Mass tort claims and related coverage liability
- More corporations are dealing with underlying liability
- Using legacy coverage to support negotiations with carriers on complex allocations
- Triggers for non-asbestos emerging torts
- New claims, same allocation methodologies?

**Moderator: Marc E. Haas, Esq.**, Stradley Ronan, Philadelphia, PA  
**Sarah Cox**, Assistant Vice President, Excess Casualty and Crisis Management Claims, Starr Adjustment Services, Inc., Philadelphia, PA  
**Kristen Drake**, President, PolicyFind, Indianapolis, IN

**John Goldwater**, Managing Director, MDD, Boston, MA

**Rachel H. Kim**, Vice President – Coverage and Bad Faith, Senior Claims Counsel,  
Sompo, Garden City, NY

### **3:00 PM – 3:15 PM – Break**

### **3:15 PM – 4:15 PM – Bad Faith**

- The impact of the rise of nuclear verdicts
- Insufficient towers of coverage and time limited demands

**Matthew F. Boyer, Esq.**, Freeman Mathis & Gary LLP, Atlanta, GA

**Courtney Koch**, Head of Excess and Healthcare Claims, Tokio Marine HCC, New  
York, NY

### **4:15 PM – 5:00 PM – Lessons Learned: What Are We Doing Better Now?**

- What are mediators seeing?
- Relationship between insurer and counsel
- 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, Brandywine Group of Insurance & Reinsurance  
Companies, Philadelphia, PA

**Jay Konkel, Esq.**, Pillsbury, Washington, D.C.

**Deborah Rosenthal**, Senior Claims Consultant, Nationwide, Somerville, NJ

**Edward A. Smallwood, Esq.**, Post & Schell P.C., Pittsburgh, PA

### **5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Grant Room – Union League)**

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