### **Loss Executive Association**



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## 93<sup>rd</sup> SPRING EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Newport Marriott, 25 America's Cup Avenue, Newport, RI 02840

June 5 - 7, 2024

#### Wednesday, June 5, 2024

11:00 – 5:00 pm Registration Opens

8:00 – 5:00 pm Speaker Ready Room Available

7:30 am LEA Golf Tournament

**Newport National Golf Club** 

324 Mitchell's Ln, Middletown, RI 02842

5:30 – 7:30 pm Opening Night Reception

(Open to All Registered Attendees. Name badges are required for admittance

into the reception and other LEA sponsored events.)

#### Thursday, June 6, 2024

8:00 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 5:00 pm Registration Desk Open

8:00 –12:00 pm Speaker Ready Room Available

8:15 – 9:00 am General Session/Members Meeting

8:15 – 8:20 am Welcome/Anti-Trust Admonition Policy

Costantino Suriano, Esq., Partner

Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass LLP

8:20 – 8:30 am Opening Remarks & Introductions

Jose Mogartoff, LEA President Director of Energy & Marine Claims

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8:30 – 8:35 am Treasurer's Report

Brooke Shultz Senior Adjuster *FM Global* 

8:35 – 8:40 am Membership Report

Margaret A. (Peggy) Reilly Edward R. Reilly & Co., Inc.

8:40 – 8:50 am Continuing Education & Golf Report

Louis D. Magnan, CPA

J.S. Held, LLC

8:50 – 9:00 am Program Overview

Steve Yeo, Group Head of Claims Lancashire Insurance Group

9:00 –10:00 am Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Topic Contested Logistics: Supporting "The Nation's Insurance Policy"

COVID showed the world the fragility of the supply chain and the importance of fortifying the system against future disruption. US Markets are vulnerable to world events. This discussion will look at ways to prepare for future events, reduce disruption and harden the supply chain to withstand the effects of

these unforeseen events and anticipated disturbances.

Speaker Colonel Gregory Gibbons

Director of Fielded Forces Integration Directorate Combined Arms Support Command, *US Army* 

10:00 – 10:15 am Refreshment Break

10:15 – 12:15 am Cyber Security and its Role in Mitigating Threats, Risks and Ultimately

**Claims** 

This session will educate the conference attendees about cyber security and cyber threats surrounding the Insurance Industry and how we can mitigate threats and risks. Panelists will also address educating the insurance industry

on cyber claims and how they have impacted businesses.

**Moderator** Joe Scarlato, Chief Revenue Officer

**Lowers Forensics** 

Participants Boloanie Akinrimisi, Claims Focus Group Leader, Small Business Cyber &

Technology Beazley

Jerry Bessette, Chief Operating Officer/Cyber Executive

Cyber Defense Labs

Ashish Gupta, Principal, Data & Services

Mastercard

12:15 – 1:30 pm Lunch

(Open to all registered attendees)

1:30 – 3:30 pm Concurrent Workshops

**2-Hour Sessions (Select One)** 

Workshop meeting room locations are posted on the "Location Board" in the

Ballroom Foyer, as well as in front of each workshop room.

Workshop 1 (2 Hours) Battery Energy Storage Systems Juiced & Ready

This session will address a comprehensive understanding of BESS technology, associated risks, and investigative challenges, and setting the stage for

subsequent discussion on underwriting and subrogation.

**Participants** Darren Askari, North American Claims Manager

Gcube

Jon Harding, Principal
Adjusting Services International

Walt Vinoski, PH. D. Vinoski Engineering

## Workshop 2 (2 Hours)

# The Future for the Semi-Conductor & Data Center Infrastructure in the United States

This session will provide the audience with an understanding of the forthcoming changes / expansion to the US Semiconductor Industry & Data Center Industry and how this will impact commercial property / energy claims. It will also review the US Chips and Science ACT of 2022 and status of the new engineering and building of Semiconductor and data processing plants in the United States through 2030. An in-depth review of semiconductor manufacturing plants and data centers will be presented to help the audience understand the complexities and risks with the plants / centers. Panelists will discuss typical insurance perils in semiconductor wafer fabrication facilities, damage assessment process, and business interruption analysis.

#### **Participants**

Scott Armstrong, Executive Vice President

J.S. Held LLC

Keith Culley, Sr. Executive General Adjuster

Sedgwick

David Elmore, Senior Partner

MDD

Dominic Thurston, Vice President, Global Catastrophe Manager

FM Global

#### Workshop 3 (2 Hours)

# **Navigating Commercial Property Claims in Good Faith**

This session will address Ethics relating to commercial property Claims.

# **Participants**

Jonathan Barger, Partner

**Butler Law Firm** 

Michele Chapnick, Partner

Gregory, Meyer & Chapnick, P.C.

Kathleen Finkenor-Muldoon, VP Home Office Property Claims

Seneca Insurance

3:30 - 3:45 pm

#### **Refreshment Break**

3:45 - 4:45 pm

#### **Concurrent Workshops (Cont.) Select One**

1-Hour Sessions

Workshop meeting room locations are posted on the "Location Board" in the Ballroom Foyer as well as in front of each workshop room.

#### Workshop 4 (1 Hour)

## **Complexities in Handling Waterfront Loss Exposures**

Insurance professionals are likely to encounter a risk exposure at some point in their career that involves waterborne property, to include docks, piers, bulkheads, vessels, heavy equipment, the delineation between upland property vs. waterborne property, underground utilities, and fuel tank

infrastructure. The goal of this course is to educate the audience on the complexities of handling claims on waterborne property and discussing the issues that underwriters and loss adjusters encounter with waterfront loss exposures.

# **Participants**

Chris Bignon, Executive General Adjuster Engle Martin

William Stromeyer, Executive General Adjuster Head of Multinational Claims Operations STARR

JP Quackenbos, Principal Qubed Limited L.C.

### Workshop 5 (1 Hour)

# Navigating the Gulf Coast: The Latest Developments Impacting Insurance Laws in Florida, Texas, and Louisiana

This session is designed to educate insurers on the impacts of the recent legislative changes in the country's judicial hellholes along the Gulf Coast – Florida, Texas, and Louisiana. Now that we are starting to see how courts have interpreted these changes, panelists will discuss the emerging case law and provide quidance on how to navigate claims amid these changes.

#### **Participants**

Kristin Cummings, Partner

Zelle

Christine Renelle, Partner

Zelle

#### Workshop 6 (1 Hour)

# Code Coverage Revisited: Practical Advice and Lessons Learned from the Adjustment and Litigation of Complex Code Issues

This session will address challenges associated with various complex code issues, from the initial loss report up to and through the conclusion of litigation. In this presentation, presenters will review the various pitfalls that exist (and how to best avoid them) in order to ensure the accurate valuation and proper scope of ordinance and law / code coverage claims. Participants will also review hypothetical scenarios and discuss options for dealing with nuanced issues when defending contested coverage positions, as well as strategies for employing good-faith tactics to effectively manage extracontractual risk.

#### **Participants**

Nicholas Battaglia, Senior Claims Manager

Westfield Specialty

Timothy Eplee, Partner Young & Associates

Don Leffert, Director

Halliwell

Jeffrey Morgan, Regional Practice-Energy, Property & Construction Claims Team

AXA XL

Robert Runyon, Partner Horst Krekstein & Runyon Friday, June 7, 2024

7:30 – 11:45 am Registration Desk Open

**7:30 – 8:30 am** Continental Breakfast (Open to all registered attendees)

8:30 – 10:30 am Repeat of Two-Hour Concurrent Workshops

Select One

Workshop 1 (2 Hours) Battery Energy Storage Systems Juiced & Ready

Workshop 2 (2 Hours) The Future for the Semi-Conductor & Data Center Infrastructure in the

**United States** 

Workshop 3 (2 Hours) Navigating Commercial Property Claims in Good Faith

10:30 – 11:00 am Refreshment Break

11:00 – 12:00 pm Repeat of One-Hour Concurrent Workshops

Select One

Workshop 4 (1 Hour) Complexities in Handling Waterfront Loss Exposures

Workshop 5 (1 Hour) Navigating the Gulf Coast: The Latest Developments Impacting Insurance

Laws in Florida, Texas, and Louisiana

Workshop 6 (1 Hours) Code Coverage Revisited: Practical Advice and Lessons Learned from the

Adjustment and Litigation of Complex Code Issues

12:00 pm Conference Adjournment

An LEA officer will provide concluding remarks at the end of each workshop

session.

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Niacole Borecki - Halliwell Engineering

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