

IRLA Academy Seminar

An update of international legacy: run-off liabilities and discontinued portfolios
06 March 2019/KÖLN

Your Hosts

Jenny Fair – IRLA Deputy Chairman

Jenny Fair is a Director and the Deputy Chairman of IRLA. She is responsible for the membership communication of the association and to this end travels and networks extensively.

Jenny is also the Managing Director of Fidelis Consultants Limited – an organisation that provides Insurance Tracing (EL & PL), Cover holder & EL Audits – as well as Technical Translation services. Jenny has worked in the re/insurance markets for almost 40 years: during this time, she has gained extensive experience of all aspects of the business through her work on major international run-offs; securing and managing tender proposals; technical translation of French and Spanish and her work as a Forensic Tracing Consultant.

As a regular contributor to IRLA's work via her marketing and business development skills and contacts, Jenny has become a well-known and respected figure in the London market across Europe and worldwide.

Leslie-Ann Giovnilli – IRLA Head of Academy

Leslie-Ann is IRLA's Head of Academy as well MD of AMS (Outsourcing) Services, both positions have a strong focus on training and communication. In her 42-year career she has been employed in various London Market claims departments, at the three major London brokers (all prior to their current mergers) and headed up the claims team at a German construction insurer before working in the USA for 2 years. Returning in 1992 Leslie-Ann joined a Lloyd's syndicate, before this became Equitas, as one of the first females to work on a claims box in Lloyd's. Her employment from then on has centred on legacy business and after leaving WFUM as Head of Claims/Director in 1999 has acted in a consultancy capacity for several London Market entities, in the UK and Europe, working on recoveries, peer reviews, commutations and claims practices & processes.

Leslie-Ann is a member of the Chartered Insurance Institute and her current focus is with IRLA's professional learning & development options for members, with a personal interest on the psychology of group thinking and motives.

Emma Lawton – IRLA Director

Emma Lawton is a Director of URLA. She has more than 20 years' experience of working in insurance and has an ongoing and active interest in the industry, whether through broking, claims or loss adjusting. She has spent the last eleven years in the legacy market. For those eleven years she has been with BAI Claims Services Ltd and as Managing Director has led the organisation following her appointment to the board in 2010.

Since the inception of the ELTO Advisory Board she has also been a director and heavily involved in communicating the view of the run-off community, particularly for the insolvent run-off estates as she believes it is important to understand matters that affect the industry as a whole.

Your Speakers

Derek Adamson – Partner DWF LLP

Derek Adamson has nearly 40 years' experience in insurance work and is national Head of Occupational Health and Casualty practice area in DWF leading teams in 8 UK offices, with responsibility for a total of 160 lawyers.

Derek has built up extensive specialism in insurance policy interpretation/coverage, construction claims, commercial product liability, professional indemnity, environmental/ nuisance claims including coverage, fire and floods not least in the construction arena.

As a partner since 1985, he has led teams in all aspects of insurance claims' litigation for over 30 years. He has extensive experience of preparation for and advocacy at substantial mediations and joint settlement meetings.

Named as a leader in his field in every Legal 500 and Chambers' Directory published, and known for many years as the leading defendant personal injury solicitor in the Midlands, he is now renowned nationally and in 2014 gave evidence to the House of Commons Justice Committee regarding mesothelioma claims.

Dirk Eichler – Head of Liability Claims Zurich Group

Dirk Eichler is Head of Liability Claims GI, Zurich Group. Dirk joined Zurich, Germany in November 2015 as Head of Special Business. Prior to this he was the Global Head of Dispute Resolution, AXA Liabilities Managers S.A.S. (2103/14) being previously Head of Legal and Operations / General Counsel from 2006, having been promoted from Senior Legal Counsel, his role when he joined Axa in 2002.

Dirk is an attorney at law able to practise in Germany.

Mark Hicks – Head of Claims Compre Group

Mark Hicks was made Head of Claims at Compre Group in 2013.

He has been part of the Asbestos Working Party, a member of Asbestos Direct Claims Committee, First Party Claims Group, Railroad Committee and Health Hazard Group. He was the youngest London Market claims representative to testify in a USA bad faith action at 24.

Mark was a corporate witness for Lloyd's in various depositions, mediations and trials. He has taken a number of cases to the Supreme Court in the US and Canada. Mark also handled an appeal in Lloyd's largest bad faith verdict of \$300M in California (which was overturned), as well as being involved in three of the largest settlements for Equitas totalling in excess of \$1.5bn. He remains heavily involved in the change in claims handling for the US market on asbestos claims.

Mark has been working closely with several fortune 100 companies to explain how to handle their claims handling and reporting. His previous employment at QBE, Equitas, Atropos and HS Weavers allows him to manage peer review processes and initiate training development for staff. He has given presentations to various London Market groups on deposition handling and mediations.

Eleni Iacovides – Chief Client Officer DARAG Group

Eleni Iacovides, DARAG Group Chief Client Officer. Eleni joined DARAG in January 2016. She is responsible for business development and all client and partnership relationships of the Group. A dual qualified lawyer (Cyprus and UK) with evenly spread experience in private practice and in-house legal roles, she was selected as a London Super Lawyer in 2015 and was included in Reactions' Women in Insurance supplement in 2017. She has more than 20 years' experience in the legacy space and is a regular speaker at legacy conferences and contributor to the industry press, both in relation to European and US developments in legacy.

Eleni holds a Journalism degree from Temple University (USA) and qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales in 1993, when she joined the reinsurance department of Alsop Wilkinson, now DLA Piper. She was involved in a number of major legal cases that were the result of the early days of run off in the London Market. Before joining DARAG, she was a partner at US law firm, Goldberg Segalla. She has recently joined the board of Associate of Insurance & Reinsurance Run-off Companies (AIRROC).

Artur Niemczewski – Chief Executive Officer PRP Global

Artur Niemczewski has nearly twenty years' experience within insurance and the financial industry. He is a successful and passionate business transformation leader with a track record in improving business performance.

Prior to joining Pro on 01 February 2014 Artur led the restructuring and revitalisation of Garwyn Group Ltd, the UK's largest specialist liability loss adjuster. Prior to his role at Garwyn, Artur was Managing Director of Xchanging Broking Services Ltd at Xchanging Plc. Artur served as Chief Executive of Multi-National Division for Marsh UK Ltd of Marsh, Inc and Chief Operating Officer of Willis International Holdings Ltd at Willis Group. While at Willis, Artur gained extensive international experience covering most commercial insurance markets across North and South America, Asia, and Continental Europe, including a secondment with Willis Germany (Artur speaks German).

Artur holds a PhD in Nuclear Engineering and an MSc in Public Policy from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and an MSc in Mechanical Engineering from Warsaw University of Technology.

Dr Stefan Segger – Partner Ince Gordon Dadds LLP

Dr. Stefan Segger is a partner in Ince Gordon Dadds LLP insurance and reinsurance team with more than 15 years' experience in the sector. Before joining Ince Gordon Dadds Stefan worked in-house for Gerling as a member of the Group Legal team and was an equity partner in an international law firm. He is an experienced litigator and has advised on several transactions in the insurance industry.

Stefan specialises in insurance contract law, with particular focus on major and complex claims and distribution law. He regularly drafts wordings for the insurance industry and advises on competition and corporate law issues. He represents his clients in all forms of dispute resolution, using alternative methods as well as litigation. In the German market he is considered to be among the country's top lawyers for insurance law.

Kiran Soar – Partner Ince Gordon Dadds LLP

Kiran Soar is the Global Head of Insurance at Ince Gordon Dadds LLP. His practice spans a number of classes of business, and much of Kiran's work has an international flavour.

Kiran's practice covers a variety of contentious and non-contentious insurance and reinsurance matters for clients based in the London market, US, Bermuda and Europe, in a number of classes of business. His primary focus is on property and liability insurance, reinsurance (and run-off claims), and specialty lines including contingency, bloodstock, accident and health and jeweler's block/specie. Kiran also advises clients on non-contentious insurance and reinsurance issues including policy wordings, binding authority agreements and also ART/ILS transactions.