

# IRLA Academy Training Course

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### The Trainers

#### Liam Bedford, Barrister

Liam Bedford works at BC Legal Leeds office and has completed the BPTC qualifying as a barrister as he has a particular interest in drafting and advocacy in occupational disease claims.

Liam began his career in occupational disease in August 2011 working at a claimant occupational disease firm. He joined DAC Beachcroft's NIHL claims handling team in 2012 and was promoted to acting supervisor in 2013, ensuring the quality of advice and strategy for five paralegals.

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Liam was also the client relationship handler for several major corporate insureds. He was promoted to the litigation team in May 2013 and worked on a mixed caseload of NIHL, asbestos and HAVS claims, achieving several discontinuances in such claims. The team moved to BC Legal in 2014.

#### Leslie-Ann Giovnilli – IRLA Head of Academy

Leslie-Ann Giovnilli is the current Head of Academy for IRLA as well MD of AMS (Outsourcing) Services, both positions have a strong focus on training and communication. In her 42-year career she has worked in numerous London Market claims departments, at the three major London brokers (all pre-M&A) and headed up the claims team at a German construction insurer before working in the USA for 2 years. Returning in 1992 her employment from then has on centred on legacy work. 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, moving to Bryanston/Trinity before joining WFUM as Head of Claims/Director. From 1999, after working on the creation of IRLA she also set up AMS, with whom she 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. From 2013 she has worked full time for IRLA.

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.

## **ED Gooda FCII SIRM- IRLA L&D Ambassador**

Ed Gooda is an eminent insurance and reinsurance claims specialist with more than 30 years' experience in the international composite insurance markets, Lloyd's of London and the London insurance and reinsurance market. Ed has been employed in Senior Claims Management roles most recently but also has experience as a Senior Loss Adjuster, having worked for a Chartered firm in the UK in the 1990s.

Ed has consulted into The Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) in London for 20 years and is an experienced lecturer, in the UK and abroad, as well as author of published works, including the CII Study Text "820 - Advanced Claims". He has recently qualified as a Specialist of the Institute of Risk Management.