



ARIAS-U.S. 2017 Spring Conference
Request for Proposals Submission Guidelines and Application

Proposal Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. ET on January 16, 2017

For questions or comments, contact Joyce Arawole at ARIAS-U.S. at jarawole@arias-us.org or 703.260.7515.

Overview

ARIAS-U.S. is seeking dynamic, relevant, and interesting content for the 2017 Spring Conference to be held May 3-5, 2017 at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida. The planning committee is looking for presentations on substantive insurance and reinsurance matters with great interest to companies, law firms, arbitrators and professionals within the insurance/reinsurance industry. The planning committee is also looking to avoid “talking head” presentations for the Spring Conference. We invite submissions that fit within the listed conference themes below that explore specific challenges, topics and issues in-depth and follow the conference formats listed below. Please review the details and guidelines of this RFP process thoroughly before proceeding.

Conference Themes

- **Emerging Risks** – New or evolving risks that includes technology, social, legal, or economic developments including drones, big data, predictive analytics, cyber, and nanotechnology
- **Business Practices** – Underwriting, claims handling, accounting, and actuarial, in both the property and casualty and life markets
- **Direct Insurance** – Topics to include substantive and arbitration-specific issues arising out of the direct insurance market
- **Reinsurance** – Topics include current trends in reinsurance claims or products, including alternative funding mechanisms such as insurance-linked securities and catastrophe reinsurance bonds and recent case law updates
- **Current Events** You open the NY Times or Wall Street Journal and the following headline appears: “....” The headline you come up with will serve as your session’s title. This conference theme is an opportunity to submit a proposal based on current events in the news that are relevant to insurance and reinsurance industry professionals. The proposal must answer the following questions: What is the topic you are proposing and why? What makes this current event or hot topic of interest to the conference audience? Why is it relevant? How does it impact the business of reinsurance arbitration?

Presentation Formats

Submissions should be interactive, skill-based and/or audience participative, including moderated roundtable discussions in small groups and other forms of presentation that encourage interaction and lively discussions. The planning committee will limit or eliminate completely, any traditional panel formats from this meeting if possible.

- **Conversations that Matter Roundtable Discussions** (45 – 60 minutes) – Lead a roundtable discussion on a proposed topic. Roundtables are small, informal group discussions that give attendees the opportunity to exchange information, discuss best practices, and network with others around common themes and issues. All roundtable discussions will occur at the same time and attendees will have the opportunity to choose the table topic of their choice in advance. The role of the discussion lead at each table will be to guide the discussion, providing opening comments (about 2 – 3 minutes) on

the topic and invite discussion by posing some relevant questions for the group to discuss. Discussion leads will serve as moderators during the group conversation. Each roundtable will have 8-10 attendees. *Please note that a webinar training will be offered to selected presenters on how to lead a roundtable.*

- **Rapid Fire Case Presentation** (10 presentations in 30 minutes, followed by Q&A) – This fast-paced session is designed to provide an engaging platform for speakers to exchange their ideas around a specific topic and stimulate discussion among attendees. Presenters will be allotted three (3) minutes to present on the following question “*what is the most critical or important reinsurance or insurance case within the last three years?*” For example, *Viking Pump*. The presentation should provide a snapshot of the case using just a few illustrative (not narrative) slides within the allotted time. The planning committee will select up to 10 presenters to do 3- minute presentations, followed by 15 to 30 minutes of moderated questions and discussion. This format is ideal to explore a range of perspectives on an issue, get a broad sense of the state of the industry, or offer several different answers to a question or problem.
- **Interactive Panel Session** (45 - 60 minutes) – A fully-formed panel consists of a moderator and multiple speakers, with a well-developed topic of discussion. When submitting a fully-formed panel for consideration, you should explore the implications of the themes and have no more than four presenters to allow for the audience to engage in a thoughtful and meaningful discussion of the topic. Panelists must consider alternatives to the usual presentation/response format, such as limiting opening remarks and focusing on a moderated panel discussion using thoughtful questions posed by the moderator to the panelists to encourage a lively discussion and debate. Panelists should present an idea to the audience. One example is a point/counterpoint panel discussion on the certified question that the Second Circuit Court of Appeals has sent to the New York Court of Appeals in *Global Reins. Corp. of Am. V. Century Indem. Co. (Bellefonte issue)*. In this interactive panel session, the focus will shift from the presenter to the audience after the first 30 minutes of the session. For the remainder of the session, the moderator becomes a facilitator, inviting responses to comments and questions for the panelists and those around the room. An interactive panel session allows attendees to drive their own learning, listen to multiple perspectives on the same issue, and share experiences with individuals throughout the room. The panel moderator is expected to manage the panel development process, open the panel by framing the discussion, and moderate the discussion among the panel and Q&A portion.

Guidelines for Submission

- Proposals may be submitted for targeted member audiences (i.e. Arbitrators/Umpires, Company Representatives, and Counsel).
- Presentations will be considered based on quality of topic, introduction of new and innovative concepts, importance of the subject-matter to insurance/reinsurance arbitration, and appeal to the target audience(s).
- The lead presenter organizes the presentation and is responsible for submitting the proposal application, organizing the group session, moderating the session and leading the discussion.
- This request for proposals is open to all ARIAS-U.S. members and non-members. Interested parties may submit more than one proposal at a time.
- ARIAS-U.S. may request a submission be revised to better fit the conference agenda or combined with another presentation where appropriate.
- Submissions accepted must agree to adhere to a timeline provided by ARIAS-U.S. to submit conference materials, including PowerPoint presentations, and supplementary materials in advance of the conference.
- All individuals accepted to present in any of the presentation types must be registered by the presenter registration deadline. *Please note: no registration or payment is necessary to submit a proposal. Only those accepted will be required to register.*

- Speakers are responsible for their own travel, room, board, incidental, and registration costs.
- Completed proposal application must be submitted electronically by 5:00pm ET on **January 16, 2017** to Joyce Arawole at jarawole@arias-us.org.

ARIAS-U.S. 2017 Spring Conference Submission Application

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. ET on January 16, 2017

Email all completed applications to Joyce Arawole at jarawole@arias-us.org

Proposal Timeline:

Proposal Submission Opens: December 19, 2016
 Proposal Submission Closes: January 16, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. ET
 Submission Status Notification: February 3, 2017
 Speaker Confirmation Deadline: February 8, 2017

Please type your responses and ensure that all fields are complete before submitting the application. All questions concerning this process should be directed to info@arias-us.org. **Note:** If your presentation includes a co-speaker or panelists, you must submit "Speaker Information" for ALL of the presenters.

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please complete the contact information for the main speaker/ submitter of this proposal. This person will be notified regarding the status of the proposal submission.

Full Name:	Matt Furton
Title/Position:	Partner
Telephone Number:	312.443.0445
Email Address:	mfurton@lockelord.com

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

1. SESSION FORMAT:

Presentations may be designed for one or more presenters in either a general session or breakout session format.

- Conversations that Matter Roundtable Discussions: 45 - 60 minutes
- Rapid Fire Case Presentation: 10 presentations in 3 minutes
- Interactive Panel Session: 45 – 60 minutes

A. Please select the presentation format for your proposed session by clicking on the gray box below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Conversations that Matter Roundtable Discussions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rapid Fire Case Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interactive Panel Session

B. Will this be planned as a General session or breakout?

General Session (Large conference audience up to 250): 45 - 60 minutes

Breakout Session (Small group concurrent sessions of up to 70 people in a room): 45 – 60 minutes

<input type="checkbox"/>	General Session	XXX	Breakout Session
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C. Please provide the technology that you plan on using, if any (PowerPoint, live polling, other?):

This will be a facilitated conversation driven by a list of questions. The questions may be provided to the participants as a hand-out.

2. CONFERENCE THEMES:

We encourage proposals focused on a variety of topics that relate to the general themes provided below. Please select a theme by clicking on the gray box below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Emerging Risks – New or evolving risks that includes technology, social, legal, or economic developments including drones, big data, predictive analytics, cyber, and nanotechnology
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XXX	Current Events You open the NY Times or Wall Street Journal and the following headline appears: “....” The headline you come up with will serve as your session’s title

3. TARGET AUDIENCE:

Proposals may be submitted for targeted member audiences (i.e. Arbitrators/Umpires, Company Representatives, and Counsel).

Please select the target audience(s) by clicking on the gray box below:

X	Arbitrators / Umpires
X	Company Representatives
X	Counsel

4. SESSION TITLE:

List the presentation title as it will appear in the conference program. Please limit to 10 words or less.

Best Practices and Ethical Issues in Collateral Litigation

5. SESSION DESCRIPTION:

Please provide a brief 25-50 word description of the presentation content. Describe the session in promotional terms for the registration brochure.

Arbitration produces a great deal of collateral litigation. Unfortunately, the community of lawyers that handle collateral litigation has not yet established or shared best practices on topics such as confidentiality, venue, and the role of courts in pending arbitrations. This interactive, round-table discussion will be focused on the hot-button legal and ethical issues that companies and their outside counsel face on a regular basis. Get ready to debate topics where reasonable minds can differ!

6. DETAILED SESSION DESCRIPTION:

Please provide a detailed (no more than 300 words) description of the presentation content and how you plan to engage participants.

This session will be a facilitated conversation where the moderator, Matt Furton, will pose questions to the people that sit at a roundtable. The questions will be simple but will trigger active discussion about what is appropriate in collateral litigation. The content of the discussion is best understood by reviewing the following list of questions:

- Should the prevailing party in an arbitration immediately commence a confirmation proceeding?
- Should a party ask a court outside the arbitration forum to compel arbitration despite case law indicating that only the court in the arbitration forum has a duty to compel arbitration?
- Should you wait 91 days to commence a confirmation proceeding?
- What should happen after an award is vacated for a ruling that exceeds an arbitrator's authority?

- Should courts seal arbitration awards in confirmation proceedings?
- Can courts order arbitrators to consolidate proceedings?
- Should courts confirm interim awards requiring posting of a letter of credit pending a final hearing as if they were final awards?

The discussion on these topics will be fascinating to arbitrators, outside counsel handling arbitrations, and company representatives that manage arbitrations.

7. SESSION LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Learning objectives are a required component of the submission process so that ARIAS-U.S. can request for continuing legal education credits.

Please state what participants can expect to learn and /or do upon completion of the session in measurable, behavioral terms. **Examples of measurable words include: state, list, describe, explain, identify, name, demonstrate, etc.** [Click here for a link to examples](#)

Please include three to five learning objectives below:

1	Participants will learn to identify and manage the legal issues associated with common fact patterns arising from arbitrated disputes.
2	Participants will come to appreciate the ethical issues associated with decisions companies face when deciding when and how to invoke public resources for a private, confidential dispute.
3	Participants will learn about regional and even generational differences in approaches to collateral litigation arising from arbitrable disputes.
4	Participants will have an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, experience and temperament in handling complex matters because there are very few “right” answers to the questions that will be presented. That should allow the participants to gain insight into how the other participants would be to work with.
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SPEAKER INFORMATION

8. SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:

Speaker biographies are a required component of the submission process so that ARIAS-U.S. can request for continuing legal education credits. ***Please complete a speaker biography for each presenter. For additional speakers, please copy this page.***

A. Contact Information:

Full Name:	Matt Furton
Title/Position:	Partner
Telephone Number:	312.443.0445
Email Address:	mfurton@lockelord.com

B. Presentation History:

Have you presented at an ARIAS-U.S. conference or seminar previously?

XXX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Has this presentation been delivered before?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	XXXX	No
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If yes, when and where?

C. Please describe your familiarity with the target audience and your expertise on this topic:

I am a Partner at Locke Lord where I handle complex commercial litigation and arbitration arising from the insurance industry. I appoint arbitrators and advocate in courts on a regular basis.

D. Please provide a biography of (up to 150 words) as it will appear in the conference program.

Matt Furton has a national business litigation and arbitration practice that includes representation of both plaintiffs and defendants, from pre-suit investigation through trial and appellate proceedings. Mr. Furton's commercial litigation experience includes claims for breach of contract, fraud, RICO and antitrust violations, securities fraud, consumer fraud, and various business torts. Much of the commercial litigation that Mr. Furton handles arises from the business of insurance. In the insurance industry, Mr. Furton represents insurers, reinsurers, brokers, third-party administrators, premium financiers, guaranty funds, and joint self-insurance pools.

Mr. Furton also represents clients in connection with intellectual property disputes and litigation, including many disputes involving information technology assets such as software, hardware, databases and networks. A significant portion of Mr. Furton's work includes arbitration. Mr. Furton has significant experience litigating the scope of arbitration agreements and the enforcement of arbitration awards. Mr. Furton has arbitrated multiple matters through a final hearing on the merits.

Thank you for completing the Call for Proposals Submission Application. Please email all completed applications to Joyce Arawole at jarawole@arias-us.org by 5:00 p.m. ET on **January 16, 2017**. All submitters will be notified no later than February 3, 2017.