**ARIAS•U.S’s 2017 Spring Conference**

**Preliminary Agenda**

**Wednesday May 3, 2017**

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm WOMEN’S NETWORKING GROUP (time pending)

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***ARIAS Board of Directors Meeting (at some point Weds morning)***

10:00 a.m. – 10:55 am Cyber Security Workshops – Round 1

Email and Data Security

*Salon III*

Encryption and Online Security

*Salon IV*

11:00 a.m. – 11:55 amCyber Security Workshops – Round 2

Email and Data Security

*Salon III*

Encryption and Online Security

*Salon IV*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION

*Registration Foyer*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. OPENING LUNCHEON

*Center Court*

1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. GENERAL SESSION: Welcome from the Chairman

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

James I. Rubin, ARIAS·U.S. Chairman

Butler Rubin Saltarelli & Boyd LLP

1:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. GENERAL SESSION: Welcome from the Conference Co-chairs

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

Deidre Derrig, Allstate Insurance Company

Sylvia Kaminsky, ARIAS•U.S. Arbitrator

John M. Nonna, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP

Larry P. Schiffer, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP

1:15 p.m. – 2:05 p.m. GENERAL SESSION: Opening Keynote *(Dee Dee to follow-up)*

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

2:05 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. Refreshment Break

*Vanderbilt Courtyard*

2:35 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. GENERAL SESSION: Coloring Outside the Lines: The Limits of Extra-Contractual Obligations in Life and Property/Casualty Reinsurance

*Vanderbilt Courtyard*

One claim adjudication topic cuts across both the life and property casualty industries-how can ceding companies collect problematic exposures under Extra-Contractual Obligations provisions? Present and former reinsurance executives and counsel will explore the commonalities and differences posed by ECO clauses in life and property-casualty reinsurance contracts. Together with audience participants, this interactive panel will take on issues that appear in reinsurance arbitrations – such as how to deal with allocation among underlying primary and excess policies and whether to cede high-profile life settlements about costs of insurance and abandoned property.

Panel: Susan E. Mack, Adams and Reese LLP

Michael Steinlage, Partner – Larson King, LLP

Steven Najjar, Hannover Life Reassurance Co. of

America

3:35 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 1: Emerging Risks – New and Evolving.

*Artisans, Plaza II & III, Salon I, Salon II, Salon III, Salon IV*

The landscape for operating in risk are ever evolving as emerging risks continue to develop and change at a rapid pace. What are they and in what ways do they seek to impact business? Join us in roundtable discussions that will provide the opportunity to exchange information, discuss best practices, and network among common themes and issues in a guided discussion within a small informal group. Topics will include: Autonomous vehicles, Big Data, Biotechnology, Blockchain (Bitcoin) Technology, Cybersecurity, Data Security, Drones, GMOs, Nanotechnology, and Opiod Crisis

Round 1: 3:35 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

Round 2: 4:35 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Panel: Matt Furton, Lock Lorde

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. COCKTAIL RECEPTION

*Center Court*

**Thursday May 4, 2017**

6:30 a.m. ARIAS·U.S. 3k or 5K Fun Run

Join us for a 3K or 5K race on the Ritz Carlton property. Runners will pace themselves around the scenic course while walkers will circumnavigate the course on one rotation. Juice, fruit and iced towels will be made available at the finish line.

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST

*Center Court*

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION: Bellefonte Case

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

Whether you are in-house counsel, outside counsel, a client or an arbitrator, you want to know the unknowable: how will an arbitration panel decide a particular issue. Through real-life hypotheticals using the Bellefonte case and anonymous live polling, participants will have the opportunity to “decide” issues commonly raised in reinsurance arbitrations and then observe in real-time how these critical legal issues are viewed by clients, counsel and, most importantly, arbitrators.

Panel: Amy S. Kline, Saul Ewing LLP;

James D. Scrimgeour, Travelers;

Charles Scibetta, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP;

Sean T. Keely, Hogan Lovells

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

9:45a.m. – 10:15 a.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

*Vanderbilt Courtyard*

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION DISCUSSIONS: Best Practices and Ethical Issues in Collateral Litigation – Pre, During, and Post Arbitration

*Artisans, Plaza II & III, Salon I, Salon II, Salon III, Salon IV*

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 discussion will be divided by pre, during, and post arbitration and will focus 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!

*Participants rotate every 30 minutes*

Round 1: 10:15 – 10:45

Round 2: 10:50 – 11:20

Round 3: 11:25 – 11:55

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON

*Center Court*

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Boxed Lunches (Available for optional activity participants)

*Center Court*

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open for Optional Activities and Networking

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. COCKTAIL RECEPTION

*Poolside*

**Friday May 5, 2017**

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. BREAKFAST

*Center Court*

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION: The Business Aspect of Commutations

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

This panel of highly qualified industry practitioners will draw from their extensive experience with the commutation of reinsurance agreements to provide key insights regarding successful commutation strategy and the role of commutation agreements in managing runoff in the current business environment. Discussions will include key issues related to commutation of reinsurance agreements, and look at the current business climate and impact on commutations of reinsurance agreements

Panel: Wm. Gerald McElroy, Jr., Zelle LLP;

Leah A. Spivey, Munich Re America, Inc.;

Richard Dupree, Travelers

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION: Rapid Fire Case Presentations

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

This fast-paced session is designed to provide an engaging platform to present on a specific topic 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?”*** The presentation will provide a snapshot of the case using just a few illustrative slides within the allotted time. The session will consist of 10 presentations in 30 minutes, followed by 30 minutes of moderated questions and discussion.

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

*Vanderbilt Courtyard*

10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The Implications of, and opportunities presented by, Rhode Island Regulation 68

The panel of experts have been at the forefront of working with the Department of Regulation 68, which provides a run-off option similar to the UK’s Part VII (but not identical). The panel will discuss the impact of the regulation, the options and limitations, and the opportunities available for interested companies. This form of run-off is a new concept with significant potential advantages that is sure to generate an engaging discussion.

Panel: Jonathan Bank, Locke Lorde

Beth Dwyer, Superintendent of Rhode Island, or chief Deputy, Jack Broccoli; Al Bottalico, Retired Chief Deputy Financial Regulatory Officer from the California Department of Insurance; Mory Katz, CEO of Pro Insurance Solutions; Possible representative from Swiss Re or one of the other major reinsurers would be on the Panel.

11:00 a.m. – 12:20 a.m. GENERAL SESSION: Dispute Resolution Involving U.S./Latin American Reinsurance Relationships

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

The panel is comprised of counsel, actively involved in the resolution of disputes arising from U.S./Latin American reinsurance. Discussions would examine, compare and contrast how disputes, particularly those in arbitration, arising out of U.S./Latin American reinsurance relationships have been, are, and should be resolved. It would include a discussion of the approach of national laws to arbitration of disputes as well as relevant international conventions and current trends and best practices.

Panel: Yves Hayaux-du-Tilly, Nader Hayaux & Goebel;

Edward K. Lenci, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

12:20 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS

*Vanderbilt Ballroom*

James I. Rubin, ARIAS·U.S. Chairman

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