

ARIAS·U.S. 2024  
**SPRING CONFERENCE**  
**May 1-3, 2024**  
*Puerto Rico*



Conference  
Program



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# WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the ARIAS-US 2024 Spring Conference: **Global Currents: Expanding Arbitration Expertise, Knowledge and Connections!** We are so pleased that you have chosen to join us for three days of engaging programming, debate, and networking. This year's conference builds upon ARIAS's theme for 2024 - - Enhancing the core, Expanding the reach - - by exploring different approaches to the resolution of (re)insurance disputes. One of the best ways that we can learn from one another is by engaging with some of the new faces you will see this week. If you have not done so already, the Member Services Committee encourages you to sign up for the Ambassador Program, which will afford you with opportunities to expand your networks. Please ask the ARIAS staff if you have any questions about it.

The conference faculty put together a lineup of compelling presentations. We will begin with a Keynote speech from Puerto Rico's former governor and U.S. Representative, Luis G. Fortuña, followed by:

- A lively debate between arbitrators over the most effective arbitration practices and tactics;
- A presentation analyzing the art of persuasion;
- A session highlighting the similarities and differences between US and UK arbitrations;
- Two panels exploring unique aspects of the insurance and reinsurance business in Puerto Rico and Latin America; and
- An ethics panel debating whether ARIAS needs ethical enforcement mechanisms.

In addition, delegates may select two breakout sessions addressing the following issues:

- Recent developments involving COVID-19 property cat loss presentations;
- Data based economic damage modeling;
- The arbitrator's role in fostering settlement discussions;
- The impact of political risk insurance in today's volatile world;
- Alternatively, delegates who wish to do so may select a morning networking breakout.

We are thrilled to share that we will kick off the conference and ARIAS's 30th Anniversary with a dynamic celebration Wednesday evening. There will be drinks, music, and fantastic local food (including a pig roast!!). A huge thank you to the sponsors who are making this evening possible!

The conference will be conducted in accordance with the ARIAS-U.S. Antitrust Policy, which is available in the "About ARIAS" section of the website, at [www.arias-us.org](http://www.arias-us.org). All program materials will be provided electronically in advance.

See you at the Fairmont El San Juan Hotel!

Sincerely,

**Jane Mandigo**  
Swiss Re

**Neal Moglin**  
Foley & Lardner LLP

**Cia Moss**  
Chaffetz Lindsey LLP

**Joshua Schwartz**  
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# WELCOME TO THE 2024 ARIAS·U.S. SPRING CONFERENCE!

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**ATTIRE:** The general dress code for the conference is “business casual.” This means that while speakers and panel members may be in business professional attire with a tie or suit jacket, it is not a requirement for attendees. Usually at these conferences, attendees will dress up a bit more for the evening reception.

**BADGES:** Conference badges will be issued to all attendees. Please wear your badge at all times to access all conference functions.

**SESSION MATERIALS:** For conference attendees, session materials are available on the ARIAS·U.S. website.

**BREAKOUT SESSION ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:** Room assignments for the Breakout Sessions are included in the program on pages 7 & 8. Please refer to the list for the assigned session room. Be sure to attend your assigned session. Breakout Session Room Assignments can be located on the back of your name badge.

**CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:** Continuing legal education credits will be awarded for the State of New York and Pennsylvania and are pending for Illinois. Sign-in and sign-out sheets are for attorneys who wish to receive CLE Credit. Certificates of attendance will be based solely upon these sheets and the attestation form that you will receive via email with the survey at the end of the conference. You must sign in and out for each session each day to receive credit for the sessions you attend. There will be sign in and out sheets on tables inside the General Session. The sign in and out sheets for all sessions will be on tables inside each room, and signage will be displayed clearly for each session. Make sure you sign in and out of the

various sessions with the time you arrive and the time you leave in order to receive full credit. Certificates of attendance will be sent via email to everyone who has signed in and out. This is required by the New York State CLE Board.

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**OPINIONS AND COMMENTS:** Opinions and comments expressed in the enclosed materials and during the conference sessions are not necessarily those of ARIAS·U.S., the firms or companies with which the speakers are associated, or even the speakers themselves. Some arguments are made in the context of fictitious disputes to illustrate methods of handling issues; others are individual opinions about the handling of an issue. Every dispute or matter presents its own circumstances that provide the context for decisions.

We hope you enjoy the conference!



# ARIAS·U.S. Spring Conference 2024 Agenda

## Puerto Rico

### Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

#### Women's Resource Committee Networking Event

Bennett 1

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10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Registration

Ballroom Upper Foyer, Ballroom Level

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### Opening Lunch

Ballroom BC

(including Member Services Committee Ambassador Program – participants arrive at 11:15 am )

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### Welcome

Larry P. Schiffer, *Executive Director, ARIAS·U.S.*  
2024 Spring Conference Co-Chairs

#### Keynote Speaker

Former Governor of Puerto Rico Luis G. Fortuño

(including Fireside Chat with Sarah Gordon, Steptoe & Johnson LLP)

2:05 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

#### General Session 1: What Arbitrators Want: A Panel Discussion of Arguments and Litigation Practices Arbitrators Find Persuasive . . . or Not

Ballroom A

Elizabeth P. Mazzocco (Moderator), *Foley & Lardner LLP*

Andrew Maneval, *Chesham Consulting, LLC*

Ann Field, *AON*

Eric Kobrick, *AIG - American International Group, Inc.*

In this session, a panel of experienced arbitrators will discuss the effectiveness of various types of arguments, litigation practices and tactics in the context of reinsurance arbitration. The discussion will include insights on how litigants can best present their party's position, practices to avoid, and tips to help a party win over the arbitrators.

3:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

#### Refreshment Break

**3:35 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.**

### **General Session 2: The Art of Persuasion**

Ballroom A

**Jack Baughman**, *Baughman Kroup Bossee PLLC*

To learn how to persuade your audience, whether it's a potential client, the jury, the judge or the arbitration panel, you must understand how people make decisions and why. In this presentation, trial lawyer Jack Baughman shares his experience and explains how to tell a persuasive story that gives the tools to reach the right decision.

**4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

### **General Session 3: Two Nations Separated by a Common Language – Arbitration Is No Exception: A Comparison Between US and UK Procedure**

Ballroom A

**Susie Wakefield** (Moderator), *Shoosmiths LLP*

**Jonathan Sacher**, *Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner*

**Christine Russell**, *Chubb Bermuda Insurance Ltd*

**Deirdre Johnson**, *Mintz*

**Howard Denbin** (*US Arbitrator*)

**Mark Chudleigh**, *Kennedys (UK Arbitrator)*

This session will explore key differences between US and English arbitration procedure, with vignettes designed to demonstrate how various aspects of the arbitration process differ when arbitrating in the US versus the UK. We will explore the arbitrator and umpire/chairman selection processes, procedural orders, how evidence is presented and other distinctions. The panelists will debate, with input from the audience, which procedures work best and whether any of the procedures in one jurisdiction should be imported into the other (and who has already done so).

**6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

### **30th Anniversary Celebration**

Well & Being Pool Area

(including Member Services Committee Ambassador Program – participants arrive at 6:15 pm)

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# Thursday, May 2, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Registration

Ballroom Upper Foyer, Ballroom Level

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

## Breakfast

Ballroom BC

8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

## General Session 4: Law, Economics, and Risk in Puerto Rico

Ballroom A

**Jonathan Hacker** (Moderator), *O'Melveny & Myers*

**Antonio Ramirez, Esq.**, *McConnell Valdés LLC*

**Ruben N. Gely**, *CEO, International Insurer's Consulting Group*

Puerto Rico has faced many challenges in recent years, including a devastating hurricane and crushing fiscal shortfalls. Panelists will discuss how the Commonwealth has weathered these storms (literally and figuratively), with a particular focus on the current state of insurance law and markets, including the growing international insurance sector in Puerto Rico.

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

## Breakout Sessions A *5 options*

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## Harnessing Data and Analytical Tools for Large Complex Economic Damages

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**Simon Oddy**, *BakerTilly*

**Brendan Gray**, *BakerTilly*

**Eileen Sorabella**, *Arch Re*

How do you see the woods when there's so many trees?" During the sessions, forensic accountants will discuss and showcase the power of data analytics and complex analysis modeling, which allows insurance and legal professionals to better understand the potential financial outcomes of a large complex litigation. These tools are beneficial both when there is a lack of sufficient data or an overwhelming volume of data. Sessions will explore different forms of analysis, such as scenario-based modelling and decision tree analysis enabling loss measurement and legal argument to work in harmony to support case strategy.

## How Should Arbitrators Address Potential For Settlement With the Parties? Opportunities, Limits and Ethics

Palmieri II

**David W. Ichel**, *X-Dispute LLP*

**Elaine A. Caprio**, *Caprio Consulting*

**Carlos A. Romero**, *Post & Romero LLP*

**Silvia Marroquin**, *Chaffetz Lindsey LLP*

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## Hot Off the Presses: Recent COVID UK, Life & Voluntary Payments Doctrine Cases

Palmieri I

**Bruce Friedman**, *Gallo Vitucci Klar*

**Shermineh Jones**, *Troutman Pepper*

**Daryn Rush**, *O'Melveny & Myers*

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## Hot Spots and Hot Policies: Political Risk Insurance in Today's Volatile World

Bennett II

**James Hosking, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP**  
**Carolyn Thomas, AON**

Recent high profile global conflicts and economic collapses have cast a spotlight on the extent to which parties can use political risk insurance (PRI) products to mitigate against financial losses arising out of geopolitical events. The panel will discuss the types of PRI available and interaction with other insurance lines, coverage and exclusion issues, and the application to "gray" areas like economic blockades. Speakers will also consider how the existence of PRI coverage may interact with claims brought under investment treaties for governmental expropriation and unlawful interference, as well as with other forms of risk mitigation like stabilization clauses. In addition, the panel will assess how PRI coverage may affect country risk for purposes of financial reporting and damages calculations.

## Member Services Committee Networking event

(please note this session is only available at 9:40 am)

Ballroom A

**Stacey Schwartz, SwissRe**  
**Michael Robles, Husch Black**  
**Leslie Davis, Troutman Pepper**

Member Services Committee (MSC) Targeted Networking Breakout Session - New company representatives, lawyers, and arbitrators are always joining ARIAS. Developing connections with those new members can be challenging. This is your opportunity to build and diversify your network by engaging with ARIAS' newest members in a fun and relaxed but organized format, which will be customized to the group registering for this session.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

## Refreshment Break

11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

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**12:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

### Lunch

Ballroom BC

**1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Social Activities:**  
**Pickleball Tournament**  
**El Yunque National Rainforest Tour**  
**Old San Juan History Walking Tour**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

### Cocktail Reception

Ballroom Terrace

# Friday, May 3, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Registration

Ballroom Upper Foyer, Ballroom Level

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

## Breakfast (including Newer Arbitrator/Mediator Breakfast)

Ballroom BC

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

## ARIAS-U.S. Committee Meetings

### Forms & Procedures

Palmieri II

### Technology

Palmieri I

8:20 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

## Committee Updates

8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

## General Session 5: Handling Complex Claims: A Latin American Perspective

Ballroom A

**Lorena Avila**, *Kennedys Law LLP*

**Emmanuel Muñoz**, *Chubb Puerto Rico*

**Francisco E. Colón-Ramírez**, *Colón Ramírez LLC*

An overview of claims processing in Latin America, including P&C and its particularities in this jurisdiction, and a comparison between the Latin American civil law system with the common law approach to disputes.

9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

## Refreshment Break

10:05 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

## General Session 6: What a Nuisance! A Discussion of the evolution and Recent Application of Public Nuisance Liability Theories to Address Societal Injury and Claims Impact

Ballroom A

**Jane Mandigo** (Moderator), *SwissRe*

**Adam Fleischer**, *BatesCarey LLP*

**Troy Shuman**, *Enstar*

**Robin Dusek**, *Cohn & Baughman*

Public nuisance. A cause of action born to remove impediments from public roads and waterways has evolved over decades to generate thousands of lawsuits to address ubiquitous societal injury. Public nuisance claims have been successfully deployed against the tobacco industry and opioid supply chain, prompting similar cases involving climate change and social media. This session will then examine the coverage implications for these public nuisance claims, including where the insurance industry has found success, where it has been met with obstacles, and where it continues to work to garner favorable rulings.



11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

## Ethics Session: Ethics Enforcement: Has the Time Come?

Ballroom A

**Alysa Wakin, Odyssey Group**  
**Lawrence Greengrass**  
**Various Ethics Committee Members**

This session will follow up on prior ethics presentations and further consider the question of whether the time has come for ARIAS ethics enforcement procedures, or whether viable alternatives exist. We will reveal the results of the membership survey on this topic as well as present suggested alternatives to enforcement procedures proposed by ARIAS members.

12:10 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.

## Closing Remarks

**Marc Abrams**



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and joins in celebrating three decades of leadership in the insurance and reinsurance industry.

We applaud your continued commitment to improving the arbitration process, and we thank our friends and colleagues who have dedicated their time and energy to the organization.

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### LORENA AVILA

Lorena specializes in managing large and intricate claims for major insurers and reinsurers across Venezuela and Latin America. Her expertise extends to regulatory affairs, ensuring compliance with insurance regulations in the region for international reinsurers and intermediaries. She is also integral to our Caribbean practice team and handles medical malpractice claims. With over a decade of legal experience in Latin America, Lorena previously worked at a boutique law firm in Venezuela before joining Kennedys in 2012. She has contributed significantly to industry publications such as *The Guide of Insurance and Reinsurance Law in Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula*. Notably, Lorena advised international reinsurers on navigating the Venezuelan exchange control system and interpreting payment clauses in policies under Venezuelan law. She has also coordinated global instructions on regulatory queries and facilitated licensing processes for reinsurers in Latin America. Recognized as an “associate-to-watch” by *Chambers Latin America 2023*, clients appreciate Lorena’s meticulous and supportive approach in handling insurance matters across various jurisdictions.



### JACK BAUGHMAN

Jack is one of the leading trial lawyers of his generation, having tried multiple significant cases to verdict over a 30 year career. He is regularly hired for “bet the company” type matters and is known for his rigorous preparation and attention to detail. In the courtroom, Jack is recognized for his skill at cross-examination and oral advocacy.



## **ELAINE CAPRIO**

*Caprio Consulting and Coaching L.L.C.*

Elaine Caprio is an ARIAS·U.S. certified arbitrator, attorney and insurance company executive and officer with 35 years of experience forging resolutions to U.S. and international business disputes. Through Caprio Consulting, which Elaine founded in 2014, she has served as an arbitrator or umpire in over 60 matters involving contract, consumer, banking, insurance and reinsurance disputes. Elaine also provides re-insurance consulting services and is currently valuing proofs of claim as well as recovering outwards reinsurance and managing set offs as Chief Reinsurance Officer for R&Q Re (in Liquidation).

Before forming Caprio Consulting, Elaine held insurance and reinsurance related operational and legal roles at Liberty Mutual Insurance for over twenty-five years, including Vice President and Director of Ceded Reinsurance.

Elaine was a Board member of ARIAS·U.S. from 2005 through 2012, and served as Chairman from 2011 through 2012.



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## **MARK CHUDLEIGH**

*Bermuda*

Mark is the lead partner of our Bermuda office and specialises in commercial and corporate litigation and arbitration that involves the insurance, financial services, and private client sectors.

He maintains an international practice and frequently represents clients on multi-jurisdictional matters, particularly involving the United States, having been admitted as an attorney in the State of California in 1998. After practicing at two leading firms in London (including as managing partner) he established the Bermuda law firm, now known as Kennedys Chudleigh Ltd., in 2006.

Mark's commercial litigation practice includes corporate, insolvency, trusts, professional liability, contract disputes and insurance matters.

Mark's insurance practice covers almost all classes of insurance and reinsurance business, including general liability (particularly the "Bermuda Form"), professional liability, construction defect, directors' and officers' liability, financial institutions, product liability, property, environmental liability, energy, marine, satellites and space. He has particular expertise in relation to offshore professional risks in British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, including financial institutions, fund managers and administrators, captive managers, trust companies, accountants, law firms and construction professionals. Mark is also a member of our Caribbean practice team.

Mark contributed to Kennedys' 'Global forecast 2024: Evolving insurance risks' report, published in January 2024.

Mark also contributed to the fourth edition of Kennedys' Global Legal Handbook, one of our most popular guides, which outlines the main legal and procedural issues that case handlers may encounter when dealing with claims across 53 jurisdictions globally.



## **FRANCISCO E. COLÓN-RAMÍREZ**

*Colón Ramírez LLC*

2017 to present: Founder and lead trial attorney  
*Colón Ramírez, LLC – San Juan, Puerto Rico*

I have served as counsel in over two hundred and fifty federal court cases (and hundreds of local court cases), have participated in over a dozen federal court trials, and have tried to verdict before a jury over ten cases (and have tried a multitude of local court cases as well). My practice includes class actions, mass torts, product liability, medical malpractice, and professional liability,

among others, as well as coverage matters in various lines of business. I am admitted to practice in the federal and local courts of Puerto Rico, the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and Washington, D.C.

Over the last years I have handled an increased amount of class action cases in both local and federal court.

2008 to 2017: Litigation Chair

*Colón & Colón, P.S.C. – San Juan, Puerto Rico*

For eight years I led a litigation team of attorneys, with very successful results in trial and on appeals in lawsuits arising from personal injury, premises liability, products liability, medical devices, medical malpractice, intellectual property, aviation and maritime incidents, class actions, mass torts, directors' and officers' liability, professional liability, errors and omissions, financial institution and bonds, insurance (regulatory and coverage), and others. My experience extends to clients afforded defense counsel by insurers, as well as clients who retained clients themselves independently within SIR and excess insurance programs, in a variety of industries including aviation, transportation, energy, hospitality, health care, maritime, and others. In addition to supervising the litigation team I also handled my own case load and was responsible for drafting motions, taking depositions, reporting to clients and insurers, etc. I have also first-chaired over ten federal jury trials, all of which produced results that validated our client's decision to proceed to trial, half of which were defense verdicts. During my tenure I have also won every case on appeal I have defended before the First Circuit.

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Luis served from 2005 to 2008 in the US House of Representatives, holding the roles of vice-president of his House Republican freshman class and later as vice-chair and then chair of the Congressional Hispanic Conference during the 109th and 110th Congresses, respectively. Additionally, he served as co-chair of the Congressional Friends of Spain Caucus. In 2007, he was appointed as the Republican minority's ranking member on the Natural Resource Committee's Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs. He also served as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure, International Relations, and Education and Workforce committees.



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- Bruce served as lead counsel to Commercial Union Insurance Company in a federal court trial which resulted in the first judicial determination that the reinsurance doctrine of “follow the settlements” applies to the cedent’s decision to allocate the settlement among insurance policies potentially implicated by the underlying claims.
- Bruce served as co-lead counsel to a number of insurance and reinsurance companies against a California-based pool manager which was part of the Mission Insurance Group in a consolidated arbitration seeking rescission based on fraud and misrepresentation, and in resisting efforts of the liquidator of Mission Insurance Company to collect reinsurance balances flowing from their pool participations. These proceedings spanned a 10-year period.

Published decisions in matters in which Bruce served as lead counsel include:

- *Commercial Union v. Seven Provinces Ins. Co.*, 9F. Supp.2d 49 (D. Mass. 1998, aff’d 217 F.3d 33 (1st Cir. 2000); cert. den. 531 U.S. 1145 (2001)
- *National Union v. American Re-Insurance Company*, 441 F. Supp. 2d 646 (SDNY 2006)
- *Utica Mutual Ins. Co. v. Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.*, 381 F. Supp. 3rd 185 (NDNY 2019) aff’d 7F. 4th 50 (2d Cir. 2021)
- *Pacific Reinsurance Management Company v. Ohio Re*, 935 F.2d 1019 (9th Cir. 1991)

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Formerly, Andrew was President, COO, and Board Chair of the First State Insurance Company and New England Reinsurance Corp., with responsibility for run-off operations at The Hartford Financial Services Group. He was also responsible for reinsurance collections and commutations in The Hartford's Ongoing and Run-Off Segments. He managed Horizon Management Group, New England Insurance Company, the Hart Re Company, Downlands Liability Management Ltd. (UK), and the Excess Insurance Co., Ltd. (UK). He served on the Creditors Committee of the KWELM and Bermuda Fire & Marine Schemes of Arrangement and as Chair of the Creditors' Committee for a company Commutation Plan in Rhode Island. Prior to his tenure at The Hartford, Andrew was a partner in the New York City law firm of Mound, Cotton, Wollan & Greengrass. He has lectured frequently on reinsurance, run-off operations, arbitration, and negotiation topics. Andrew served as the co-founder and founding Board Chair of the Association of Insurance and Reinsurance Run-Off Companies (AIRROC). He has been admitted to the practice of law in New York (1981) and Massachusetts (1995).



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Cia's cases have touched on all the major controversies to hit the insurance and reinsurance industry from Covid-19 to asbestos, construction losses to finite risk, environmental contamination to surety, as well as losses arising from the 9/11 attacks. She has first chaired insurance and reinsurance-related disputes in state and federal court as well as in domestic and international arbitration. In addition, Cia is regularly asked by her insurance clients to advise on current issues and industry wide events. Cia also has extensive experience in disputes over arbitrability and enforcement of arbitral awards, including successfully resisting enforcement of a US\$ 2.8 billion foreign arbitral award. Cia's current insurance related work includes representing an insurer in coverage litigation over policy holders' alleged MTBE contamination in New York and New Jersey state court, representing a ceding company seeking to collect reinsurance for defense costs advanced under D&O cover for errors and omissions in the design and construction of a highway project, representing a ceding company seeking to collect reinsurance arising out of construction related losses, and providing advice on Covid-19 cessions. Recent wins include successfully moving to dismiss a declaratory judgment action in the Southern District of New York and successfully arguing for affirmance of that ruling by the Second Circuit, and successfully moving for summary judgment in a reinsurance arbitration seeking to enforce a facultative certificate covering construction related losses. Cia also has an active international arbitration practice.

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In his legal practice, he has worked extensively with both local and stateside insurers and reinsurers, and have worked in the organization and authorization of several local reinsurers. He is a board member of the Puerto Rico International Insurers Association, whose members are International Insurers and Reinsurers authorized pursuant to the Puerto Rico International Insurers and Reinsurers Act.



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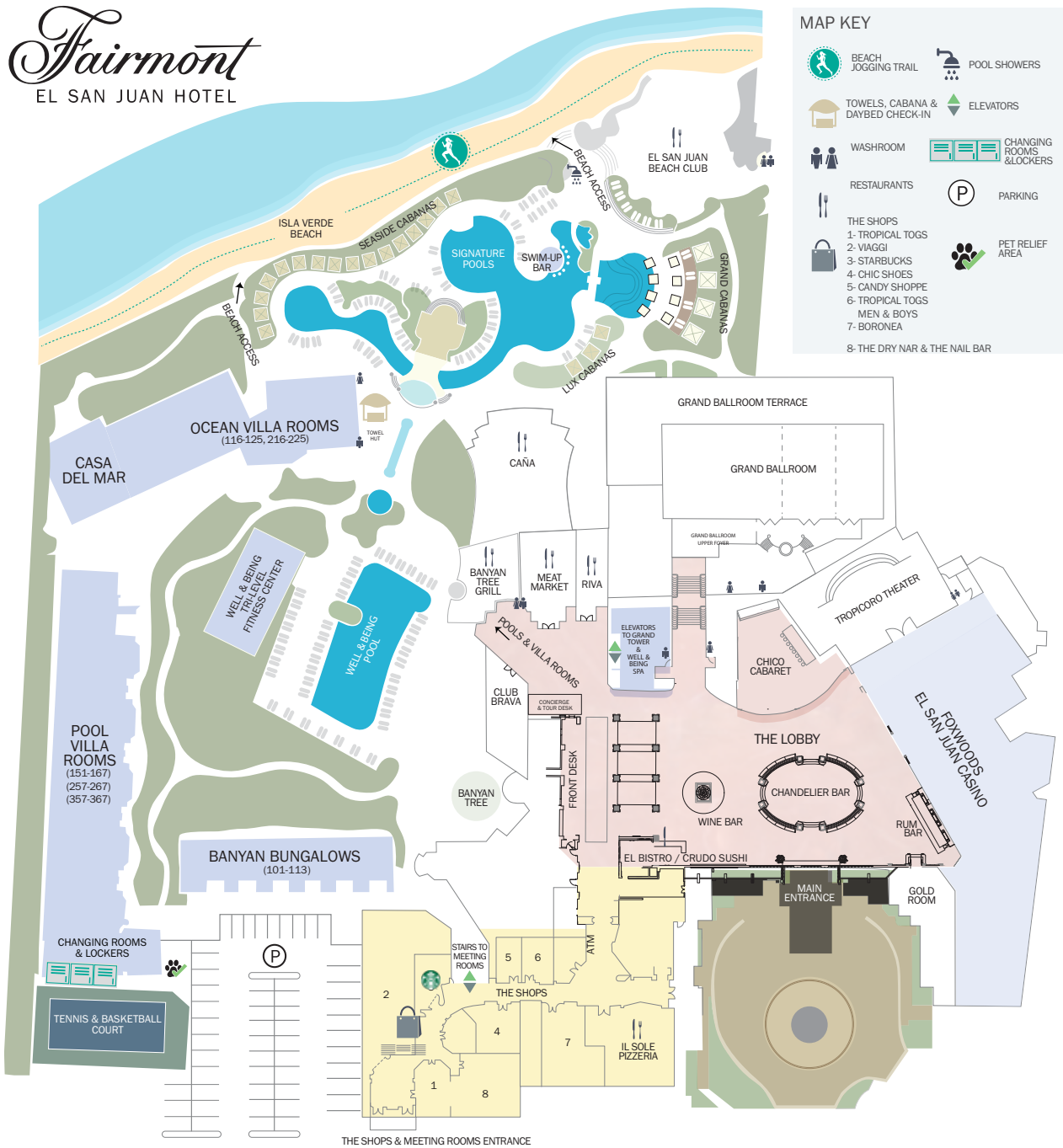
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### The Policy of ARIAS·U.S. Requires Full Compliance with the Antitrust Laws

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### Guidelines to Ensure Antitrust Compliance

Many ARIAS·U.S. members are skilled in the legal process and may be expected to understand their responsibility under the antitrust laws. Nonetheless, it is useful to state, as a reminder, some basic guidelines that will minimize potential antitrust risk.

1. ARIAS·U.S. members may freely discuss matters that are not competitively sensitive, such as legal developments, ethical principles, procedures, laws that affect the industry, ways to make proceedings more efficient, and technical problems involved in arbitration or litigation. It is permissible, for example, to draft sample arbitration clauses that parties may select on a voluntary basis.
2. ARIAS·U.S. meetings and activities shall not be used as an occasion to reach or attempt to reach any understanding or agreement among competitors -- whether written or oral, formal or informal, express or implied -- to coordinate their activities with regard to billing, collections, premiums, terms or conditions of contracts, territories or customers. Thus, for example, competing cedents (or competing reinsurers) should not agree with one another that they will require use of a particular arbitration clause, and especially should not agree that they will boycott parties that reject the clause.
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  - (a) ARIAS·U.S. activities and communications shall not include discussion among competitors to coordinate their activities with respect to billing practices, collection activities, premium setting, reserves, costs, or allocation of territories or customers.
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4. A written agenda shall be prepared in advance for every formal ARIAS·U.S. meeting. Where practical, the agenda shall be reviewed in advance by counsel. The written agenda shall be followed throughout the meeting. Where minutes are kept, the minutes of all meetings shall be reviewed by counsel (if possible) and, after such review, shall be distributed to all members of the body holding the meeting. Approval of the minutes shall be obtained after review at the next meeting.
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6. If a member suspects that any unlawful agreements are being discussed, the member should leave the discussion immediately and should consult counsel.
7. Questions concerning these Guidelines may be directed to the Chairman of the Law Committee of ARIAS·U.S.



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