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WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the ARIAS·U.S. 2025 Fall Conference!

The conference kicks off with a keynote panel of esteemed federal judges who will provide their insights and reflections on arbitration and other topics. We are thrilled to have the Honorable Mary Kay Vyskocil of the Southern District of New York, a former ARIAS·U.S. Chair who brings her background as an insurance and reinsurance litigator; the Honorable Brett Ludwig of the Eastern District of Wisconsin, who also practiced in the field of insurance and reinsurance law before ascending to the bench; the Honorable Nancy Gertner (Ret.) formerly of the District of Massachusetts, an ARIAS·U.S. member with an active arbitration practice; and the Honorable Faith Hochberg (Ret.) formerly of the District of New Jersey and currently has an active commercial arbitration calendar, including insurance arbitrations.

The remainder of the program is terrific too. The program topics and breakout sessions selected by our conference co-chairs reflect your requests and feedback. Our hard-working and creative faculty have put together excellent plenary programming that will include interactive discussions of the following topics:

- Guidelines for use of AI in arbitrations;
- New ideas for the arbitration process;
- Key features of life reinsurance agreements;
- Evidentiary issues in arbitration;
- Insurer insolvency; and
- Creating and sustaining a culture of ethics.

We also have exciting breakout sessions to choose from:

- Increased government interest in insurers' use of driving data and beyond;
- Expert testimony in reinsurance arbitrations;
- Recent discovery trends in coverage litigation regarding reinsurance, reserves, and privilege;
- ASOPs; and
- A networking session curated by the Member Services Committee.

The conference is a great opportunity for the various constituents of the arbitration process to learn from one another and grow their practices. Our hallmark networking events will be available throughout the conference, including at our Thursday night reception. Please also join us for the ARIAS·U.S. Annual Meeting and Election on Thursday afternoon.

All program materials will be provided electronically before the conference.

We look forward to seeing you this fall in New York City!

Sincerely,

Paul Dassenko
Azura Advisors

Sarah Gordon
Steptoe LLP

Shermineh (Shi) Jones
Troutman Pepper Locke LLP

James Liell
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WELCOME TO THE 2025 ARIAS·U.S. FALL CONFERENCE!

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We hope you enjoy the conference!

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Walk-in registrations may be subject to an onsite administrative fee, in addition to the registration fee, at ARIAS-U.S.'s discretion.

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1. Full refunds are available until the deadline specified in the registration materials. Cancellations after that date incur a \$200 administrative fee. Requests must be made in writing to info@arias-us.org. Processing of refunds will usually occur within sixty (60) days after the date of the event. All refunds will be processed in the same method that the payment was received. Failure to cancel by the date set forth in the event registration materials, will result in forfeiture of the entire registration fee.
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In lieu of refunds, ARIAS-U.S. may apply your registration fee to a future event. Processing of refunds will usually occur within sixty (60) days after the date of the event. All refunds will be processed in the same method that the payment was received. ARIAS-U.S. has no obligation to grant any refund requests.

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ARIAS·U.S. Fall Conference 2025 Agenda

New York

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Umpire Masterclass Luncheon

O'Neill, 4th Floor

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Umpire Masterclass

Wilder, 4th Floor

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Women's Resource Committee Event

(Prior registration required)

Join the Women's Resource Committee for lunch at Bocado (located at 1293 Lexington Ave at 87th St) at 12:30 PM, followed by a private, guided tour of the Guggenheim (located at 5th Ave at 88th St) starting at 2:30 PM, which will focus on the museum's highlights and architecture. This event offers an excellent opportunity to connect with peers and enjoy the one of the city's cultural treasures

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Thursday, November 13, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast

O'Neill & Ziegfeld, 4th Floor

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration

7th Floor Foyer

8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

General Session #1: Keynote Panel Session: What I Know Now that I Wish I Knew Then - Insights and Reflections on Reinsurance Arbitrations from the Bench

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

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COUNSELLORS AT LAW

Honorable Nancy Gertner, *United States District Judge (ret.)*

Honorable Faith S. Hochberg, *Hochberg ADR LLC, United States District Judge (ret.)*

Honorable Brett H. Ludwig, *United States District Judge, Eastern District of Wisconsin*

Honorable Mary Kay Vyskocil, *United States District Judge, Southern District of New York*

Our Keynote panel of esteemed federal judges will provide their insights and reflections about arbitration.

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

General Session #2: ARIAS Guidelines for the Use of AI in Arbitrations

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

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

John R. Cashin, *Law Office of John R. Cashin*

Michael Carolan, *Troutman Pepper Locke LLP*

Taylor Hoffman, *Swiss Re*

Under a mandate from the Strategic Planning Committee, a task force was formed to develop guidelines for the potential use of artificial intelligence in ARIAS arbitrations. The task force consists of two outside counsel, two arbitrators, and four in-house counsel. The Guidelines were developed in the months leading up to the 2025 xFall Conference.

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Morning Refreshment Break

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11:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

General Session #3: New Ideas for the Arbitration Process

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Teresa Snider (Moderator), *Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP*

Larry Greengrass, *Arbitrator/Umpire*

Susan Grondine-Dauwer, *SEG-D Consulting LLC*

Connie O'Mara, *O'Mara Consulting, LLC*

Debra Hall, *Hall Arbitrations LLC*

The panel will discuss and debate the options for use of Ground Rules in traditional arbitrations and the use of Pre-Set panels as set forth in <https://neutralarbitrations.com/>

12:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

O'Neill & Ziegfeld, 4th Floor

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1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - Part 1 5 Choices

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Breakout Session A

Avoiding Wrong Turns under Consumer Protection Laws: Increased Government Interest in Insurers' Use of Driving Data and Beyond

Soho/Herald, 7th Floor

Sarah Phillips, Simpson Thacher LLP

Michael Menapace, Wiggin & Dana LLP

Recently, there has been an uptick in lawsuits and investigations brought by state attorney generals and the FTC under consumer protection laws relating to insurers' purchase or collection of consumer driving data. While most of these proceedings have focused on automobile manufacturers, some have targeted insurance companies directly, alleging insurers have used consumer driving data to set premiums without notice or consent. This breakout session will examine the current legal landscape regarding insurers' use of consumer driving data, increased government interest in insurers' use of consumer data, and related considerations for insurance companies that may collect, acquire or use such data.

Breakout Session B

Preaching to the Choir: Presenting, Attacking, and Evaluating Expert Testimony on Industry Custom and Practice in Reinsurance Arbitrations

Duffy/Columbia, 7th Floor

Neel Lane, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

Steve Schwartz, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP

Cindy Koehler, Cindy Koehler Consulting

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Breakout Session C

Discoverability of Information in Coverage Litigation: Recent Trends Regarding Reinsurance, Reserves, and Privileged Communications

Empire/Hudson, 7th Floor

Matthew Cardosi (Moderator), *Robins Kaplan LLP*

Andrew Maneval, *Chesham Consulting, LLC*

Erika Lopes-McLeman, *Dentons LLP*

Jim Dolan, *Enstar US Inc.*

This interactive session will feature a diverse collection of panelists discussing recent case law developments regarding the discoverability of reinsurance, reserves, and privileged communications involving insurers, reinsurers, and counsel. The panel will engage real case scenarios and invite input regarding recent trends, best practices, and downstream impacts on the insurance and reinsurance industries, counsel, and arbitration proceedings.

Breakout Session D

ASOPs: Real Lessons, Not Fables

Chelsea/Gotham, 7th Floor

Lisa Kuklinski, *FTI Consulting, Inc.*

Patrick Gennardo, *Alston & Bird LLP*

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Breakout Session E *(held only during Part 1)*

Member Services Committee (MSC) Targeted Networking Breakout Session

Gramercy/Olmstead, 7th Floor

Leslie Davis, *Troutman Pepper Locke LLP*

Michael Robles, *Husch Blackwell LLP*

New company representatives, lawyers and arbitrators are joining ARIAS all the time. 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.

2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - Part 2 4 Choices

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3:55 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Afternoon Refreshment Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

General Session #4: Life's Different: A Discussion of Key Provisions and Unique Features of Life Reinsurance Agreements

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Thomas Kinney, *Troutman Pepper Locke LLP*
Christopher R. Bello, *General Re Life Corporation*

A viewpoint-diverse panel of industry experts will guide the audience through key provisions common to most life reinsurance agreements. The goal will be to educate the audience on what makes life reinsurance agreements different, and to highlight provisions that are frequently at issue in arbitrations, including but not limited to: rate increase provisions, recapture clauses, termination provisions, and access to records / reporting provisions.

5:20 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Elections

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Future Leaders Committee Networking Reception

Astor Ballroom Pre-Function, 7th Floor

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6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

Astor Ballroom Pre-Function, 7th Floor

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Friday, November 14, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast

O'Neill & Ziegfeld, 4th Floor

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration

7th Floor Foyer

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Newer Arbitrator and Mediator Breakfast

O'Neill & Ziegfeld, 4th Floor

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Law Committee Meeting

Gramercy/Olmstead, 7th Floor

Technology Committee Meeting

Duffy/Columbia, 7th Floor

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

International Committee Meeting

Empire/Hudson, 7th Floor

8:20 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.

Welcome Back

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

General Session #5: A Practical and Simple Way to Handle Evidence in Arbitration

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Jonathan Bank, *Umpire, Insurance/Reinsurance Consultant*

James E. Fitzgerald, *Fitzgerald Legal Consult, P.C.*

David Ichel, *X-Dispute LLC*

Seema Misra, *Arch Insurance Group, Inc.*

Dealing with evidence and evidentiary objections in arbitration poses challenge for participants in the arbitration process. Litigants and arbitrators alike are often not comfortable dealing with objections. Our panel of experienced counsel and arbitrators will conduct an interactive discussion on how to develop a simplified and more efficient approach to best handle evidentiary issues in arbitration.

9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

General Session #6: Perspectives on Insurer and Reinsurer Insolvency from Across the Industry

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Andrew Meerkins, *Foley & Lardner LLP*

Dustin Plotkin, *Oliver Wyman LLC*

Steven Rosenstein, *AIG, Inc.*

Insurer insolvencies are, unfortunately, a fact of life, but they pose a variety of challenges for policyholders, insurers, and reinsurers. This session describes some of the processes and nuances associated with insurer insolvencies as well as trends and recent developments.

10:35 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Morning Refreshment Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session #7: Ethical Practice: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Ethics

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Suman Chakraborty (Moderator), *Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.*

Allison Miller, *Steptoe LLP*

Glenn Jones, *Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett LLP*

Jennifer Kenedy, *Troutman Pepper Locke LLP*

Acting ethically is not just about what we do when confronted with an ethical issue – it is also how we infuse our practice and thinking with a culture of ethics. In this session, the ARIAS Ethics Committee will welcome ethics and compliance counsel from leading law firms to discuss how they integrate ethics into law firm practice. The Panel will explore the key ethical issues lawyers face and what lessons the arbitration community can take from the rules, structures and approaches law firms use.

12:05 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Sarah Gordon, *Steptoe LLP*

BIOGRAPHIES



JONATHAN BANK

Umpire, Insurance/Reinsurance Consultant

In his more than 50 years of corporate and private practice, Jonathan has been involved in all phases of insurance and reinsurance transactions including numerous insurance insolvencies representing liquidators for many of the largest US and foreign insurance restructurings. He has been involved in numerous arbitrations/litigations as both counsel and an arbitrator/umpire.

He was previously the General Counsel of Argonaut Insurance Company, the Senior Vice President of Tawa Associates Ltd, a company formed to acquire, restructure and manage 'run-off' insurance companies and the Insurance Practice Leader of PricewaterhouseCoopers' US insurance/reinsurance regulatory and restructuring practice.

Jonathan has spoken at many conference/seminars sponsored by, among others, the RAA, the Guernsey Captive Forum, the IRU, and the Excess/Surplus Lines Claims Association. He organized/chaired/co-chaired multiple Mealey's Insurance Insolvency and Reinsurance Roundtable conferences, as well as Mealey's Run Off Conference. He co-chaired the Educational Session of the 2007 AIRROC/Cavell Commutations Event.

Jonathan has testified before the Finance and Insurance Committee of the California Assembly on Reinsurance. He is a Certified Arbitrator/Umpire of ARIAS·U.S. and a panel member of the American Arbitration Association.

Jonathan is a past member of the Board of Directors of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd, Security Capital Assurance, Ltd (now Syncora Holdings, Ltd) and PXRE Reinsurance Company.



CHRISTOPHER R. BELLO

General Re Life Corporation

Christopher R. Bello serves as Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel for General Re Life Corporation. He has practiced law for 38 years and is licensed in the State of Connecticut. Chris joined General Reinsurance Corporation in 1996 as an Assistant General Counsel. He has also served as General Counsel of General Re New England Asset Management. Prior to joining General Re he practiced law with Bello, Lapine and Cassone for 13 years as a litigator and appellate attorney. In 1988 he joined the United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corps and was called to active duty in 1990 in support of Operation Desert Storm and served in Saudi Arabia until April 1991. He was Honorably Discharged as a Captain from the Army in 1996. His current practice includes life and property/casualty insurance and reinsurance regulation, litigation and arbitration, life and disability reinsurance claims, treaty wording, contract matters, corporate governance, intellectual property matters and information technology contracts.



ELAINE CAPRIO

Caprio Consulting and Coaching L.L.C.

Elaine Caprio is an ARIAS-U.S. arbitrator and mediator with thirty-five years of experience as a re-insurance company executive, officer and attorney. Through Caprio Consulting, which Elaine founded in 2014, she has served as an arbitrator or umpire in over 65 matters involving contract, consumer, banking, insurance and reinsurance disputes. Elaine is currently the Chief Reinsurance Officer for R&Q Re (in Liquidation), where she is responsible for managing the valuation of proofs of claim, as well as recovering outwards reinsurance. Before forming Caprio Consulting, she 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 currently serves as a Board Member of AIRROC, where she leads the governance committee. Elaine was honored as a Woman to Watch by Business Insurance magazine, and as an Influential Woman in Re/Insurance by Intelligent Insurer magazine.

**MATTHEW CARDOSI***Robins Kaplan LLP*

Pragmatic and good-humored, Matt advises domestic and international commercial property insurers in high-stakes claims, litigation, and industry regulation. Matt brings a commonsense approach to matters nationwide, advising clients on a variety of catastrophic losses spanning the gamut from wildfires and explosions to hurricanes, named storms, and floods.

Most recently, Matt has been and continues to be an integral component of the nationwide team representing insurers in COVID-19 business interruption claims and litigation under various commercial property forms. This includes numerous summary judgment victories and precedent-setting wins for the insurance industry in the Oklahoma and New Hampshire Supreme Courts.

Beyond his core commercial property practice, Matt also represents insurers in claims and litigation arising under builder's risk and third-party liability policies, as well as affirmative recovery efforts, including subrogation and indemnification actions.

Matt has also represented clients in a wide range of general commercial litigation, intellectual property, and regulatory matters in state and federal courts nationwide. Matt served as a judicial law clerk to the justices of the Rhode Island Superior Court before entering private practice.

**MICHAEL CAROLAN***Troutman Pepper Locke LLP*

Michael is a Partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Insurance & Reinsurance Litigation Practice Group. Over his career, Michael has represented company and intermediary clients across the life, health, and property/casualty markets in a wide range of reinsurance, insurance, and commercial disputes involving issues such as yearly renewable term reinsurance premiums, catastrophe reinsurance, aggregation of losses, underwriting practices and claims management, recapture, allocation, follow the fortunes and follow the settlements, rescission, fraud, misrepresentation, and sunset and commutation clauses. These matters relate to a variety of underlying exposures and business lines, including 9/11, sexual abuse/molestation, COVID-19, mass torts, construction defects, hurricanes, wildfire, variable annuities, individual life, long-term care, and more. Michael's experience includes mediation and litigation in both state and federal courts and arbitration in a variety of U.S. and international settings.



JOHN CASHIN

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United States District Judge, Southern District of New York

Mary Kay Vyskocil was sworn in as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York in 2020. She previously served for almost four years as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Vyskocil practiced general commercial litigation for almost thirty-three years at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, where she had a diverse practice handling complex commercial cases, including major insurance and reinsurance disputes. During her career, she tried dozens of cases, argued scores of appeals and handled numerous arbitrations in state and federal courts throughout the US and in the UK.

While in private practice, Judge Vyskocil was active in ARIAS, serving as a Director from 2007 to 2013 and as Chair from 2012-13. She received numerous professional recognitions including: ranked as a "Top Ten Women Litigators in U.S." (Benchmark Litigation); "Top Women in Law Award" (NYLJ); top 15 female litigator (Law360); Global Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyer of the Year (Legal 500); Women in Business Law Awards – Best in Insurance & Reinsurance and Lifetime Achievement; MVP Award (Law360); and first-tier rankings in Chambers, Legal 500, Who's Who Legal and America's Leading Business Lawyers. Judge Vyskocil is the co-author of the leading treatise, *Modern Reinsurance Law & Practice*, 3d ed. (Thompson Reuters 2015).

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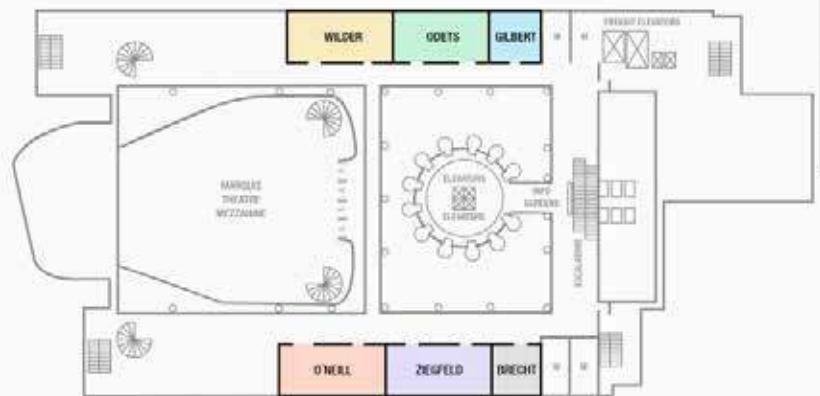
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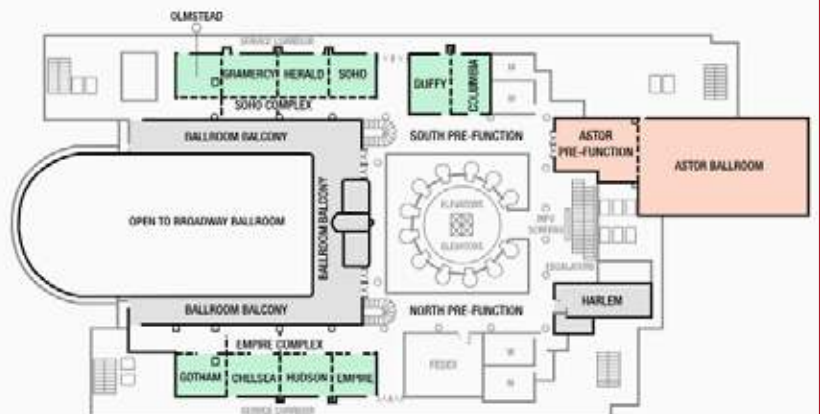
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THE ARIAS-U.S. 2025 FALL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE ARIAS-U.S. ANTITRUST POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES CONCERNING ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE

ARIAS-U.S. is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes improvement of the insurance and reinsurance arbitration process for the international and domestic markets. ARIAS-U.S. provides initial training, continuing in-depth conferences and workshops in the skills necessary to serve effectively on an insurance/reinsurance arbitration panel. In addition, ARIAS-U.S. certifies a pool of qualified arbitrators and serves as a resource for parties involved in a dispute to find the appropriate persons to resolve the matter in a professional, knowledgeable and cost effective manner.

ARIAS-U.S. members include representatives of insurance companies, reinsurance companies, law firms and independent contractors with experience in the field. Some of the participants in ARIAS-U.S. meetings may be in competition with one another. For this reason, ARIAS-U.S. wishes to state unequivocal support for the policy of competition served by the antitrust laws.

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

ARIAS-U.S. is firmly committed to free competition. In particular, ARIAS-U.S. stresses that members have and retain full and exclusive authority for making their own decisions in arbitrations or litigations in which they are involved, as well as in all of their business activities. ARIAS-U.S. does not in any way serve to facilitate agreements among competitors to coordinate their activities with respect to billing practices, collections, underwriting, or any other competitively sensitive activity of insurers or reinsurers. Rather, ARIAS-U.S. exists solely in order to provide educational and informational assistance in connection with the dispute-resolution process of arbitration or litigation.

Although the activities of ARIAS-U.S. are not intended to restrain competition in any manner, it is always possible that meetings involving competitors could be seen by some as an opportunity to engage in anti-competitive conduct. Good business judgment requires making substantial efforts to safeguard against any appearance of an antitrust violation -- both because ARIAS-U.S. has a firm commitment to the principle of free competition, and because the penalties for antitrust violations are severe. Certain violations of the Sherman Act, such as price fixing, are felony crimes for which individuals may be imprisoned or fined. In recent years, corporations have paid hundreds of millions of dollars in fines for these antitrust offenses. In addition, class actions and other treble damage claims by private parties are very expensive to litigate and can result in large judgments. Penalties might be imposed upon ARIAS-U.S., its individual and corporate members, and their individual representatives if they were adjudged to have violated the antitrust laws in connection with their ARIAS-U.S. activities. Members should not count on an antitrust immunity simply because insurance is a highly regulated industry.

It is the responsibility of every member of ARIAS-U.S. fully to comply with the antitrust laws in all ARIAS-U.S. activities. In order to assist members in recognizing situations that may raise the appearance of an antitrust problem, the meeting chair shall furnish at each meeting a copy of this Policy Statement and the following Guidelines.

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.

3. The best way to guard against the appearance of such an agreement is to avoid any discussion of subjects that might raise concern as a restraint on competition. Accordingly, ARIAS-U.S. meetings and activities shall not be used as the occasion for competitors to exchange information on any competitively sensitive subjects, including the following:

(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.

(b) ARIAS-U.S. members shall not use the occasion of any ARIAS-U.S. activities to discuss coordinated actions involving other competitors, suppliers or customers. Such discussions could be misconstrued as an agreement to boycott third parties. For example, if a member decides it will decline to pay certain types of billings from a customer, the member should not discuss this decision with a competitor, because a common plan on such a subject could be considered an unlawful conspiracy or boycott. Accordingly, ARIAS-U.S. members should not discuss any proposal: to coordinate policies or practices in, billings or collections; to prevent any person or business entity from gaining access to any market or customer; to prevent any business entity from obtaining insurance or reinsurance services or legal or consulting services freely in the market; or to influence the availability, terms, provisions, premiums or other aspects of any reinsurance policy or line of insurance.

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.

5. Members are expected to observe the standards of conduct stated above in all informal discussions that take place at the site of ARIAS-U.S. meetings, and in all communications concerning ARIAS-U.S. business.

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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