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Conference  
Program



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# WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the ARIAS·U.S. 2026 Spring Conference!

We are extremely excited to be in Nashville with “y’all.” The Conference begins with our Keynote, Jordan Keller, a founding partner of Keller Turner Andrews & Ghanem, PLLC. Mr. Keller will welcome us to Nashville and the music industry, and share his experiences as an entertainment industry lawyer who grew up in the music business. He will also discuss the relationship between insurance and the music business and how the insurance industry can help entertainers.

This Spring’s program addresses a varied group of subjects designed to give participants an opportunity to reflect on various insurance and reinsurance issues and issues concerning the arbitration process. Our hard-working and creative faculty have put together terrific programming that will include:

- A View from the Center Chair: Umpire Experiences, Opinions, and Answers;
- New York Labor Law, Trip ‘N Falls & Residential Claims, Oh My! A Rico Conspiracy Driven By Litigation Funding;
- From Algorithms to Arguments: Arbitrating with Generative Artificial Intelligence;
- Reinsurance of Captives: Key Concepts, Potential Pitfalls & Notable Claims;
- Reinsurance Implications of Settlement of High Risk, Multi-Party Sexual Molestation Claims; and
- Corporate Counsel Speaks: Ethical Accountabilities for the Arbitral Process.

The breakout sessions will likewise be informative and compelling covering emerging risks (Data Centers, GLP-1s, Space Risks & Tort Reform); reinsurance exposures in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine; expert reports that will hold up on cross; and the impact of natural catastrophes and reinsurance on the insurance market.

As always, the conference will provide a unique opportunity to learn from and interact with in-house counsel, outside counsel, arbitrators, and other participants in the arbitration process.

All program materials will be provided electronically before the conference and in the App.

Finally, the conference will be conducted under 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).

We hope you enjoy the beautiful City of Nashville!

Sincerely,

**Susan Claflin**

Claflin Consulting Services LLC

**Kyley Davoodi**

Clyde & Co US LLP

**Frank DeMento**

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**Joshua Schwartz**

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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 receptions. Western-themed dress is appropriate for the Wednesday 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 and in the Meeting App.

**BREAKOUT SESSION ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:** Breakout Session rooms are included in the program on pages 9-12 and on the Meeting App.

**CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:** Continuing legal education (CLE) credits will be awarded for the State of New York and Pennsylvania and are pending for Illinois. The maximum amount of credits available is: 8 Areas of Professional Practice and 1 Ethics Credit. Sign-in and sign-out sheets are only for attorneys who wish to receive CLE Credit. CLE Certificates will be based solely upon these sheets and the CLE Attestation form that you will receive via email with the survey at the end of the conference. You must sign in and out each day to receive credit for the sessions you attend. There will be sign in and out sheets on tables inside the General Session. CLE Certificates will be emailed once all the CLE Attestation forms are received and reviewed. CLE Certificates will not be issued until after the deadline for submission. It is imperative that CLE Attestation forms are returned on or before the deadline to avoid additional cost to ARIAS. If you do not timely submit your CLE Attestation Form, you will not receive your CLE Certificate on time. If you do not meet the deadline, you may be required to fill out an additional form and reimburse ARIAS for any CLE Board filing charges.

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We hope you enjoy the conference!

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All attendees, including speakers, presenters, moderators, and facilitators, must register for ARIAS-U.S. events. Name badges are required for access to all sessions, networking events, and functions.

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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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ARIAS-U.S. secures a block of rooms at a reduced rate at each conference venue. *You must register for the conference first, then you will be provided the housing link to secure your hotel accommodations.* Only the official ARIAS-U.S. housing link should be used to book accommodations. Using unauthorized booking methods may impact ARIAS-U.S.'s ability to meet its housing commitment, resulting in financial penalties. Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and early registration is recommended.

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4. Attendees are strongly encouraged to purchase travel insurance, as ARIAS-U.S. is not responsible for any third-party cancellation policies.
5. Tickets purchased for networking or other social or recreational activities and events occurring at the event are non-refundable.
6. Should ARIAS-U.S. cancel an in-person event, ARIAS-U.S. will refund all registrants' registration fees. Notifications regarding program cancellations will be sent to the registrant's email address on file. ARIAS-U.S. is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of any cancellation or rescheduling.

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### Additional Policies

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In the event of any change to the ARIAS-U.S. Registration Policies, Terms and Conditions, notice of any changes will be posted on the ARIAS-U.S. website. Any changes to these Terms will become effective when we post the revised Terms on the ARIAS-U.S. website. Your use of the ARIAS-U.S. website following these changes means that you accept the revised ARIAS-U.S. Registration Policies, Terms and Conditions.

# ARIAS·U.S. Spring Conference 2026 Agenda

## Nashville, TN

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### Wednesday, April 29, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Registration

Griffin Pre-Function North, 2nd Floor

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### Women's Resource Committee Networking Event – Ryman Auditorium Tour

(Prior registration required)

Sponsored by:



11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### Networking Lunch ( including MSC Ambassador program participants)

Griffin E, 2nd Floor

Sponsored by:



1:15 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

#### Welcome

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

**Larry P. Schiffer**, *Executive Director, ARIAS-U.S*  
**2026 Spring Conference Co-Chairs**

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### Keynote Speaker: A Brief Look at the Intersection Between Entertainment and Insurance

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

Sponsored by:



#### Jordan S. Keller

Jordan Keller, a prominent entertainment and music industry lawyer based in Nashville, will provide a welcome to Nashville, along with his thoughts on the relationship between insurance and the entertainment/music industry.

2:05 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

### **General Session #1: A View from the Center Chair**

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

**Ann Field** (Moderator), *AON*  
**Susan Grondine-Dauwer**, *SEG-D Consulting, LLC*  
**Frank Lattal**, *Lattal ADR*  
**W. Marc Wigmore**, *Avalon Consulting, LLC*

This interactive session provides a unique opportunity to hear the Umpire's perspective on a number of pressing issues, including what makes for (in)effective attorney and witness presentations, how to draw the lines with advocate arbitrators in hearings and in deliberations, the utility of ex parte communications from the umpire's perspective, the effectiveness of visual argument versus "old school" presentation styles, the use of witness evidence in legacy (re)insurance disputes, whether summary judgment is worth the expense, along with whatever the audience would like to ask the panelists.

3:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.

### **Refreshment Break**

3:35 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

### **General Session #2: Part 1: NEW YORK LABOR LAW, TRIP 'N FALLS & RESIDENTIAL CLAIMS, OH MY! A RICO CONSPIRACY DRIVEN BY LITIGATION FUNDING**

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

**Joshua Schwartz** (Moderator), *Premia Holdings, Inc.*  
**Christopher Celentano**, *Sompo*  
**Stephen Dzury**, *Premia Re US*  
**Daisy Khambatta**, *Kennedys*  
**Don Orlando**, *Tradesman*  
**Kirk Willis**, *The Willis Law Group*

While we are all familiar with historic tales of exaggerated injuries in construction and residential tort claims, the past decade has seen a sea change in the volume of potentially fraudulent claims in the New York City court system. This increase has been referred to by one commentator as a "Fraudemic" and is driven by Third Party Litigation Funding (TPLFs). The TPLFs have ties to organized crime and gangs who terrorize immigrant populations, as well as the plaintiffs' bar and the doctors performing the unnecessary surgeries. This five-part presentation will explore how a number of plaintiffs' law firms, doctors and TPLFs are taking advantage of the tort system through ginned up tort claims and what insurers are doing to combat this fraud. It begins with a brief overview of NY Labor Law, followed by a presentation by Tradesman's Don Orlando on how the fraudsters operate and what has been done to combat it, including Federal law enforcement. Kirk Willis, CEO of the Willis Group, will then address the work his law firm has done in fighting the fraud through investigatory work and civil RICO lawsuits. Premia's Steve Dzury will discuss a shocking example of TPLFs charging exorbitant interest rates and blocking a settlement. Can a \$28k loan balloon to over \$1M? The session concludes with a discussion regarding Risk Transfer in these disputes amongst insurers and whether there is a role for ARIAS arbitrators to fill in these disputes.

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### **Welcome Reception ( including MSC Ambassador program participants)**

Griffin E, 2nd Floor

Step into an unforgettable evening where Southern charm meets Western flair. This themed reception invites you into a warm, rustic atmosphere filled with stylish cowboy boots, signature hats, and a lively, welcoming vibe perfect for mingling and connection.

Enjoy live entertainment from a talented 3-piece band from Belmont University, setting the tone with a mix of country favorites and soulful sounds throughout the evening.

Adding a unique touch, the Wildflower Brim Company will be on-site offering custom Western hat styling, allowing you to create a one-of-a-kind piece that reflects your personal style.

As a special perk, the first 100 paid registrants will receive a transferable \$85 voucher toward their custom hat, redeemable at the Wildflower Brim Company booth at the reception.

This reception blends great music, fashion, and Western-inspired fun into one memorable experience.

# Thursday, April 30, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

## Breakfast

Griffin E, 2nd Floor

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## Registration

Griffin Pre-Function North, 2nd Floor

8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

## General Session #4: Corporate Counsel Speaks: Ethical Accountabilities for the Arbitral Process

**Susan Mack** (Moderator), *Law Offices of Susan E. Mack, P.A.*

**Patricia Fox**, *PTF Arbitration & Expert Services LLC*

**Steve Najjar**, *Hannover Life Re*

**Joshua Schwartz**, *Premia Holdings, Inc.*

**Alysa Wakin**, *Odyssey Reinsurance Company*

Senior corporate counsel will share how they view their ethical obligations for the conduct of all participants in the arbitral process. Focusing on ARIAS·U.S. member feedback from the 2024 Ethics Committee survey as well as their own experiences, the panel members address how situational leadership can resolve problems arising from difficult arbitral situations. The audience is invited to frequently participate.

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

## Breakout Sessions - Part 1 **5 Choices**

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### Breakout Session A

## The Impact of Natural Catastrophes and Reinsurance on the United States' Property and Casualty Market

Griffin G, 2nd Floor

**Fred E. Karlinsky**, *Greenberg Traurig, P.A.*

**John Finston**, *Finston Strategic Consulting LLC*

**Aimee Hoben**, *The Hartford*

This presentation explores how natural catastrophes and the evolving reinsurance landscape are shaping the U.S. property and casualty insurance market. We will examine recent trends in catastrophe frequency and severity, their impact on underwriting and pricing, and the critical role of reinsurance in maintaining market stability. Additionally, the discussion will highlight regulatory considerations and emerging challenges for insurers and reinsurers in a changing risk environment.

### Breakout Session B

## Emerging Risks - 2026 Edition

Griffin F, 2nd Floor

**Frank DeMento** (Moderator), *TransRe*

**Rosehana Amin**, *Clyde & Co*

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**Michael Muscarella**, *TransRe*

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### **Breakout Session C**

#### **Understanding the Russian Leasing Litigation and its Ramifications**

Griffin H, 2nd Floor

**Nicole Guerin** (Moderator), *AXIS Capital*

**Mark Meyer**, *HFW*

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### **Breakout Session D**

#### **Preparing an Expert Report that will hold up on Cross**

Arlington, 2nd Floor

**Leslie Davis**, *Troutman Pepper Locke*

**Larry Greengrass**

**Ronald Klein**, *Obtutus Advisory*

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### **Breakout Session E**

#### **Member Services Committee Networking Event**

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

**Michael Robles**, *Husch Blackwell*

Member Services Committee (MSC) Targeted Networking Breakout Session - new company representatives, lawyers, and arbitrators are always joining ARIAS-U.S. Developing connections with those new members can be challenging. This is your opportunity to build and diversify your network by engaging with ARIAS-U.S.' 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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### Social Activities

The social activities include pre-registered Line Dancing at 3:30 pm at The Stage on Broadway. The Honky Tonk Highway will commence at 1:30 pm at Layla's Honky Tonk. All venues are on Broadway between 5th & 3rd Avenues. Those who wish to participate will meet at Layla's. This is a pay your own way bar crawl. The schedule is below:

<b>1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	Layla's Honky Tonk
<b>2:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.</b>	Robert's Western World
<b>3:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.</b>	The Stage on Broadway <i>Line Dancing for those who pre-registered</i>
<b>4:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.</b>	Honky Tonk Central

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

### Reception

Griffin E, 2nd Floor

Sponsored by: **Simpson  
Thacher**

## Friday, May 1, 2026

**7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

### Breakfast

*(includes Newer Arbitrator/ Mediator Breakfast)*

Griffin E, 2nd Floor

**7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### Registration

Griffin Pre-Function North, 2nd Floor

**8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**

### **General Session #5: From Algorithms to Arguments: Arbitrating with Generative Artificial Intelligence**

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

**Joshua Polster**, *Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP*

**Taylor Hoffman**, *Swiss Re Group*

**Josh Shettle**, *Enstar*

**James Calvert**, *Troutman Pepper Locke LLP*

This session will discuss uses of generative AI in arbitration and litigation. The Panel will provide an overview of recent court decision concerning insurer usage of generative AI and lessons that can be learned from this first wave of case law. The Panel will then address how generative AI is transforming the litigation and arbitration process, including during the disclosure and discovery phase and at the final hearing.

**9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.**

### **Refreshment Break**

**10:05 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.**

### **General Session #6: Reinsurance and Captives: Key Concepts, Potential Pitfalls & Notable Claims**

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

**Kyle Davoodi** (Moderator), *Clyde & Co US LLP*

**Mark Chudleigh**, *Kennedys*

**Ellen Kennedy**, *United Educators*

**Daryn Rush**, *Chubb*

**Christine Russell**, *Chubb Bermuda*

This session will explore the nature of the captive arrangement, including the reasons companies utilize captives, how reinsurance with captives can differ from traditional reinsurance arrangements, and various pitfalls to watch out for.

**11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.**

### **General Session #7: Reinsurance Implications of Settlement of High Risk, Multi-Party Sexual Molestation Claims**

Griffin ABCD, 2nd Floor

**Joseph J. Schiavone**, *Saiber LLC*

**Andrew Maneval**, *Chesham Consulting, LLC*

**Michael Kuehn**, *Riverstone*

**Jeffrey Rubin**, *JM Rubin Consulting*

The focus of the interactive discussion would be settlements, and consequent reinsurance recoveries, related to high risk, multi-party sexual molestation claims involving multiple perpetrators, multiple victims, multiple defendants, and multiple insurers (and their reinsurers). The discussion would explore the tension between the need to resolve these claims and the differing financial outcomes depending on how coverage is accessed and losses are allocated. Of particular interest is the question of exhaustion of coverage through layers of insurance where there are contentious issues related to the number of occurrences and trigger of coverage.

**12:10 p.m. – 12:25 p.m.**

### **Closing Remarks**

**Sarah Gordon**, *Steptoe*

## BIOGRAPHIES



### **ROSEHANA AMIN**

*Clyde & Co.*

Rose is a Partner in London at Clyde & Co. She has extensive experience representing insurers and reinsurers on contentious matters in complex international arbitrations and litigation across multiple jurisdictions. She has advised on high-value and complex international coverage matters with a particular focus on international casualty and Bermuda Form claims, including disputes involving catastrophic environmental incidents, product liability and mass tort claims in jurisdictions including the UK, Bermuda, and Australia.



### **CHRISTOPHER CELENTANO**

*Sompo Claims, North America*

Christopher Celentano is Senior Vice President, Chief Technical Officer for Sompo Claims, North America. He is responsible for the technical and financial governance of claims across product lines, and shaping department claims strategy. Before joining Sompo, Chris spent a decade at Chubb in senior claims leadership roles managing high-severity claim portfolios worldwide. Earlier in his career, he practiced law at an international law firm focusing on insurance coverage.



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Because his late father, Jack Keller, was a songwriter, Jordan has always been attuned to the needs and desires of entertainers, songwriters, and producers, and has marshaled his firm's resources to address them. The Firm attempts to be accessible to its clients, whereas most attorneys today are not. To provide effective and affordable legal services to composers, authors, publishers, producers, and artists, Jordan is willing to challenge the mega music corporations if necessary.

Jordan's legal expertise and understanding of his clients' businesses and objectives in this digital age enable him to provide practical advice to support prudent decision-making. His established history and reputation in the entertainment and media industry allow his experienced team of attorneys to add knowledge, depth, and insight for every client, case, and transaction. He has over a decade of industry insider experience and long-standing, high-level relationships in the advertising and entertainment industries, which give him access to resources in those communities that are critical to his clients' success.



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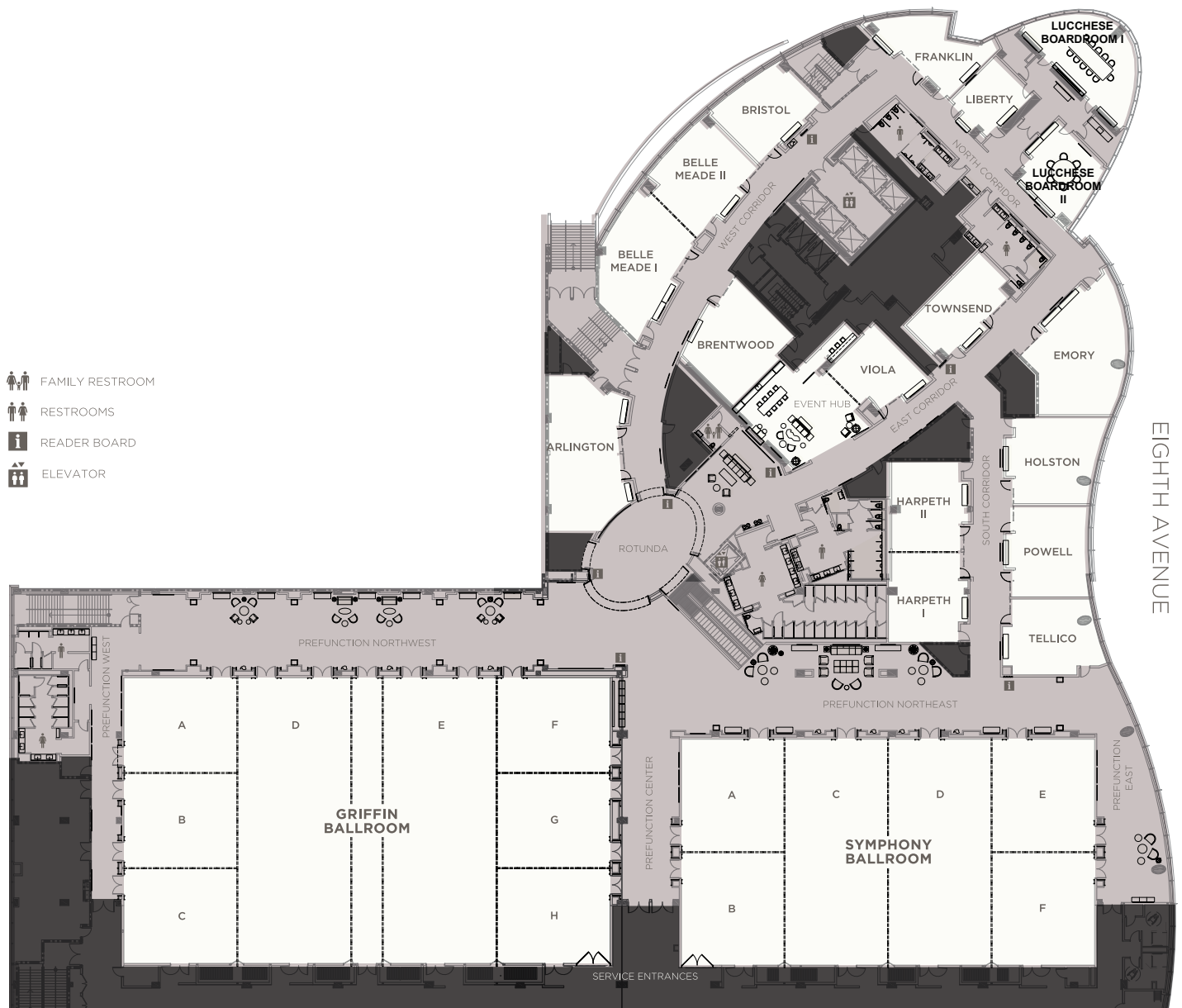
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## POLICY STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES CONCERNING ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE

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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