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Conference
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WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

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

The conference kicks off with a keynote panel of distinguished insurance industry executives who will provide their insights and reflections on key issues facing the industry. We are thrilled to have Matthew Shulman, Chief Executive Officer of Arch Insurance North America, and Scott Kreuzer, PartnerRe's CEO of Property and Casualty for the Americas., participating in this special keynote panel.

The remainder of the conference is equally exciting. Our co-chairs selected the program topics and breakout sessions through the RFP process, reflecting your requests, feedback from prior conferences, and current issues under consideration by the ARIAS·US Board. Our hard-working and creative faculty have put together excellent programming that will include interactive discussions regarding the following topics:

- A View from the Regulators;
- Whether ARIAS·U.S. Should Expand beyond Reinsurance to Handle Direct Insurance Disputes;
- Beyond the Algorithm: AI Risks, Regulation, and the Future of Reinsurance Risk Transfer;
- A report on the new ARIAS Confidentiality Agreement; and
- Ethics.

We also have exciting breakout sessions to choose from:

- Allocation and Reinsurance of Long Tail Claims;
- What you need to know about PRICL (Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law);
- Arbitrator Compensation Issues;
- Property Casualty Loss Reserving Concepts; and
- A networking session curated by the Member Services Committee.

On Thursday night, ARIAS is hosting a public service project at the Marriott Marquis where ARIAS volunteers will build bikes for deserving children in conjunction with Wish for Wheels. The ARIAS bike build will benefit the Sir Isaac Newton Elementary School in Newark, NJ and their second graders. We hope many of you will join in this endeavor.

The conference is a great opportunity for the various constituents of the arbitration process to learn from one another and expand 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,

David Bradford
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Joy Langford
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Chaffetz Lindsey



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We hope you enjoy the conference!



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ARIAS·U.S. Fall Conference 2026 Agenda

New York

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Umpire Masterclass Registration
Playwright Pre-Function, 3rd Floor

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Umpire Masterclass Luncheon
Playwright Ballroom, 3rd Floor

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Women's Resource Committee Event
(Prior registration required)
Sponsored by: Steptoe Chaffetz Lindsey

The Women's Resource Committee will meet for lunch at La Pecora Bianca (359 Columbus Avenue, at 77th Street) at 12:00 PM followed by a 2:00 PM private guided tour at The New York Historical (170 Central Park West, at 77th Street). Founded in 1804, The New York Historical is New York City's oldest museum and one of its leading cultural institutions, exploring more than four centuries of New York and American history through its renowned collections, exhibitions, and educational programs. The tour will be Highlights of the Permanent Collection, which will showcase stories, artifacts, and works that offer a unique perspective on the people, events, and ideas that have shaped New York and the nation.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Umpire Masterclass
Playwright Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Thursday, November 12, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Registration
Astor PreFunction Foyer, 7th Floor

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast
Soho Complex, 7th Floor

8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome



8:35 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

General Session #1: Keynote Panel Session: Counsel's Questions, C-Suite Answers

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Sponsored by: FOLEY & LARDNER LLP | NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Scott Kreuzer, *PartnerRe, Ltd*
Joy Langford, *PartnerRe, Ltd*
Seema Misra, *Arch Insurance North America*
Matthew Shulman, *Arch Insurance North America*

An Executive Conversation on Risk, Claims, Relationships, and the Future of Insurance and Reinsurance.

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

General Session #2: A View from the Regulators

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Bhavna Agnihotri, *Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP*
Eric Dinallo, *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP*
John Finston, *Finston Strategic Consulting LLC*

The discussion of insurance and reinsurance issues with former regulators

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Morning Refreshment Break

7th Floor Foyer

11:05 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

General Session #3: Beyond the Algorithm: AI Risks, Regulation, and the Future of Reinsurance Risk Transfer

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Erin Brewer, *Zurich U.S.*
Tracie Grella, *AIG*
Mina Matin, *Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP*
Jonathan Spry, *Envelop Risk*
Maxine Verne, *Marsh*

Artificial intelligence is transforming underwriting, claims handling, customer interactions, and other core insurance functions. At the same time, regulators are increasingly focused on governance, transparency, accountability, and unfair discrimination in the use of AI systems. As AI-related risks emerge, insurers, reinsurers, brokers, and arbitrators face a fundamental question: are existing insurance and reinsurance frameworks equipped to respond? And if not, what new frameworks must evolve to address AI related risks?

Co-moderated by Mina Matin of Norton Rose Fulbright and Erin Brewer of Zurich U.S., this session will bring together perspectives from the insurance, reinsurance, brokerage, and AI risk communities. Through a practical, scenario-based discussion, panelists will examine how emerging AI-related risks, regulatory actions, and operational failures are affecting underwriting and risk transfer frameworks. The panel will also consider the impact on traditional reinsurance issues such as aggregation, follow-the-fortunes, access to records, confidentiality as well as AI governance, claims management, and dispute resolution.



12:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

Soho Complex, 7th Floor

Sponsored by: O'Melveny

1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - Part 1 *5 Choices*

Sponsored by: Kennedys Munich RE

Breakout Session A

Show Your Work: *Allocation and Reinsurance of Long-Tail Settlements*

Odets, 4th Floor

Matt Byers, *ALSTON & BIRD*
Nathalie Dean, *AXA XL*
Andy Meerkins, *Foley & Lardner LLP*

When an insurer settles a complex, long-tail coverage dispute — one involving thousands of underlying claimants, decades of triggered policy periods, and multiple coverage defenses of varying strength — it must then allocate that settlement across its book of policies. That allocation is not merely an internal accounting exercise. It determines which reinsurance treaties and facultative certificates are called upon to respond, in what amounts, and on what basis. The allocation process is one of the most consequential intersections of the P&C insurer-reinsurer relationship. Insurers and reinsurers frequently find themselves at odds not because they disagree about the underlying exposure, but because they lack a shared framework for understanding how settlement dollars were distributed across numerous implicated policy periods — and why. This panel will bridge that gap. Drawing on the ever-increasing examples of long-tail injury claims, the panel will walk the audience through the lifecycle of long-tail injury settlements and the settlement allocation from both the insurer's and the reinsurer's perspective.



Breakout Session B

Why you need to know about PRICL (Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law)

Wilder, 4th Floor

Patrick J. Carty, *Met Life*
John Pruitt, *Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP*

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Breakout Session C

Fundamental Property Casualty Loss Reserving Concepts That Arbitrators Should Know

Empire/Hudson, 7th Floor

Kevin Madigan, *FTI Consulting, Inc.*

Many arbitrations involve disputes about property / casualty loss reserves. Often this is a "dueling actuaries" situation where opposing actuaries use differing methods and / or data and have differing opinions as to the value of the reserves. Often times the issue is not about the loss reserve valuations themselves, but about what to do when the available data requires an estimation / allocation methodology to determine which portion of those reserves are subject to a particular treaty or treaties. This session will be targeted to arbitrators and attorneys, with the goal of providing a high level primer on reserving methods and when their use is appropriate, as well as a discussion of the approaches actuaries typically take to estimate which portion of a portfolio of liabilities is subject to a reinsurance treaty or treaties in the absence of data.



Breakout Session D
Keeping the Arbitration Process Moving: *Addressing Arbitrator Compensation Issues*

Chelsea/Gotham, 7th Floor

Mark Gurevitz, *MG Arbitrator and Mediator Services LLC*
Diane Nergaard, *Eriksen , LLC*
Wesley Sherman, *TransRe*

Arbitrations increasingly face delays and administrative challenges arising from the slow payment or non-payment of arbitrator invoices. These issues can disrupt proceedings, create unnecessary friction among participants, and discourage experienced professionals from serving as arbitrators. This panel will examine the issues surrounding arbitrator compensation and present a proposed agreement between the parties and the arbitration panel designed to establish clear expectations at the outset of an arbitration. The discussion will address provisions relating to retainers, billing and payment requirements, allocation of responsibility for payment, consequences for non-payment, and other practical terms intended to minimize disputes and keep arbitrations on track while preserving the panel's neutrality and independence. The session will feature perspectives from all key stakeholders: arbitrators, company representatives, and attorneys. Together, the panelists will discuss common payment issues, share practical experiences, evaluate the proposed agreement, and explore best practices for improving the efficiency and fairness of the arbitration process.

Breakout Session E *(only Part 1)*
Member Services Committee (MSC) Targeted Networking Breakout Session

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Leslie Davis, *Troutman Pepper Locke LLP*
Michael Robles, *Husch Blackwell LLP*

New company reps, 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 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

7th Floor Foyer



4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

General Session #4: The New & Improved ARIAS Confidentiality Agreement

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

Jennifer Cavill, *Chubb*
Paul Dassenko, *AzuRe Advisors, Inc.*
Thomas Kinney, *Troutman Pepper Locke*
Adam Russ, *Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, PC*

The ARIAS Forms & Procedures Committee is submitting a revised Confidentiality Agreement for approval this fall. The form raises several interesting questions that this panel will address. Confidentiality is one of the hallmarks of arbitration. With repeat players in the small reinsurance arbitration community, how is confidentiality used, both defensively and offensively? What considerations should practitioners attend to when drafting the agreement? Arbitrators are not "parties" to the Confidentiality Agreement, but "subject" to it; how does that interplay with the Hold Harmless concept? How do the new AI Rules come into play? How does the agreement work in court when a party seeks to confirm or vacate an award or to appoint an umpire?

5:20 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Elections

Astor Ballroom, 7th Floor

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

7th Floor Foyer

Sponsored by: Simpson Thacher

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The ARIAS Bike Build Event

Columbia/Duffy, 7th Floor

The event will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis in the Columbia/Duffy Room, making participation easy and convenient. Together, we'll assemble bicycles that ARIAS will arrange to be delivered to second-grade students at Sir Isaac Newton Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey. A few hours of your time can help create a truly memorable experience for a child.

No special skills are required. Just bring your enthusiasm and willingness to be part of something special. We expect many attendees will come directly from the cocktail reception, so business attire is perfectly fine.

This event is open to all conference attendees, but advance registration is requested. Additionally, ARIAS members are welcome to invite colleagues affiliated with their firms or companies even if those individuals are not registered for the conference to register in advance for the bike build. Food and refreshments will be provided.



Friday, November 13, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast
Soho Complex, 7th Floor

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Newer Arbitrator and Mediator Breakfast
Soho Complex, 7th Floor

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration
Astor PreFunction Foyer, 7th Floor

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Technology 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: Beyond the Treaty: Should ARIAS Expand Beyond Reinsurance to Handle More Arbitrations of Direct Insurance Disputes
Astor Ballroom, 7th floor

Steven Brodie, *Carlton Fields*
Elaine Caprio, *Caprio Consulting*
Peter A. Halprin, *Haynes Boone's Insurance Recovery Practice Group*
David W. Ichel, *X-Dispute LLC*

The session will discuss whether ARIAS should expand its focus beyond arbitration of reinsurance disputes to more frequently handle arbitrations of complex direct insurance disputes. The session will provide an honest examination from policyholder, insurer, and arbitrator perspectives of the opportunities, risks, and practical challenges with this potential expansion. Topics of discussion during the session would include:

- Policyholder, insurer, and arbitrator perspectives on arbitration of complex direct insurance disputes as an alternative to litigation.
- Is arbitration well-suited for complex direct insurance disputes and why?
- Has arbitration been more successful in reinsurance than in complex direct insurance disputes and, if so, why?
- Concerns regarding neutrality, efficiency, and expertise.
- Whether ARIAS could or should have a larger role in complex direct insurance dispute resolution going forward.



9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

General Session #6: Back by Popular Demand: *Rapid Fire Case Presentations*

Astor Ballroom, 7th floor

Josh Abrams, *Arch Insurance*
Conor Brady, *Steptoe, LLC*
Michael Catina, *Zurich U.S.*
Jack Lucy, *Choate, Hall & Stewart, LLP*
Allison Scott, *Chaffetz Lindsey*

This session was such a success in years past, we are bringing it back for 2026! Hear from presenters as they compete to convince the audience that they have found the most important case in insurance and reinsurance law decided in the past year. Each presenter will be given five minutes to provide a snapshot of their case and the reason it is the most important. There will be some time for audience questions, and then the audience will vote on the most important case presented.

10:35 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Morning Refreshment Break

7th Floor Foyer, 7th Floor

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session #7: Ethical Considerations Related to, inter alia, the Use of AI in Mass Tort Insurance Coverage Litigation

Astor Ballroom, 7th floor

Elizabeth P. Mazzocco, *Foley & Lardner LLP*
Eileen R. Ridley, *Foley & Lardner LLP*
Angela Rockwell, *Bates White*

This presentation will cover ethical issues related to insurance and reinsurance coverage for mass torts. Mass tort claims tend to be numerous, highly sensitive, and high stakes due to their potential dollar value. The use of AI to assist in claims analysis, claims valuation, policy review, document discovery, and other areas raises new and complex ethical questions we will explore. We will also delve into ethical questions related to mass tort (re)insurance coverage as it pertains to the cedent/reinsurer relationship, the tripartite relationship between the insurer, insured, and defense counsel in mass tort coverage litigation, and ethical issues that can arise in the settlement of mass tort claims. Examples of such issues include duties to ensure the accuracy of AI analysis, adherence to confidentiality obligations and protective orders when using AI to review claims en masse, preservation of the attorney-client privilege in connection with AI-based claims analysis and communications related thereto, possible conflicts of interest in the tripartite relationship, and issues related to the duty of good faith between reinsurers, cedents, and insureds in mass tort coverage litigation and settlement.

12:05 p.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Astor Ballroom, 7th floor

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In addition to practicing law, John has had three positions in the public sector. His first position was with the California Department of Insurance where he served as Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel. John was active with the NAIC, as well, where he served as chair of the Reinsurance Task Force and chair of the Receivership Task Force. He was on the negotiation team for the US/EU covered agreement, as the designated reinsurance expert for the state regulatory team. John also served as the Executive Deputy Superintendent for Insurance at the New York Department of Financial Services from October 2022 through December 2023. During his tenure at the DFS John was a member of the working group that developed the NAIC model bulletin on Artificial Intelligence and participated in the development of the DFS guidance on AI. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation from 2013 to 2021, where he was the designated reinsurance and regulatory expert on the board.



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For many years Adam represented the world's largest international auction house. He has represented auction houses, investors, collectors, estate and trust fiduciaries, art advisors, artists, and galleries in connection with all aspects of fine art disputes and transactions. In addition to his litigation and ADR practice, Adam also advises and represents clients in connection with commercial and business transactions, including corporate formation, acquisition and governance, purchases and sales of artworks and commercial assets, and insurance agency and claims administration agreements.

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In 2008, Insurance Day magazine voted Jonathan 'Young Broker of the Year'. Jonathan has contributed to numerous articles on the topic of InsurTech and ILS and is the author of the market overview in 'The Handbook of Insurance-Linked Securities" published by Wiley Finance in July 2009.
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MAXINE VERNE

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Maxine Verne, is currently a Managing Director and Global Contracts Consultant for Marsh Re. She previously served as general counsel of the SCOR Group's Americas Hub, with regulatory and compliance oversight for the SCOR insurance and reinsurance operations in the US, Canada and Latin America for 23 years (having been Associate General Counsel prior to that). Maxine then became SCOR Group Special Counsel, Reported Concerns. Before joining SCOR she was senior counsel at The Home Insurance Company. Prior to joining The Home, she had served as counsel to a reinsurance intermediary, Cole, Booth, Potter, Inc. (formerly Sten-Re Cole and Associates) and a national insurance broker, Reed Stenhouse. Ms. Verne is also an Adjunct Professor of Risk & Insurance at St. John's University Greenberg School of Risk Management and serves as an elected member of the Board for the Town of Washington, NY. She has been an attorney in the insurance industry since 1981.

Ms. Verne served as an active member of the Law Committee of the Reinsurance Association of America, for which she has twice served as Chair. She has actively represented her companies at the NAIC and has co-chaired several prominent reinsurance conferences and has often been a speaker on reinsurance related issues. In connection with some of her speaking engagements she has published articles on such topics as "Regulation of Reinsurance" and "The Doctrine of Utmost Good Faith".

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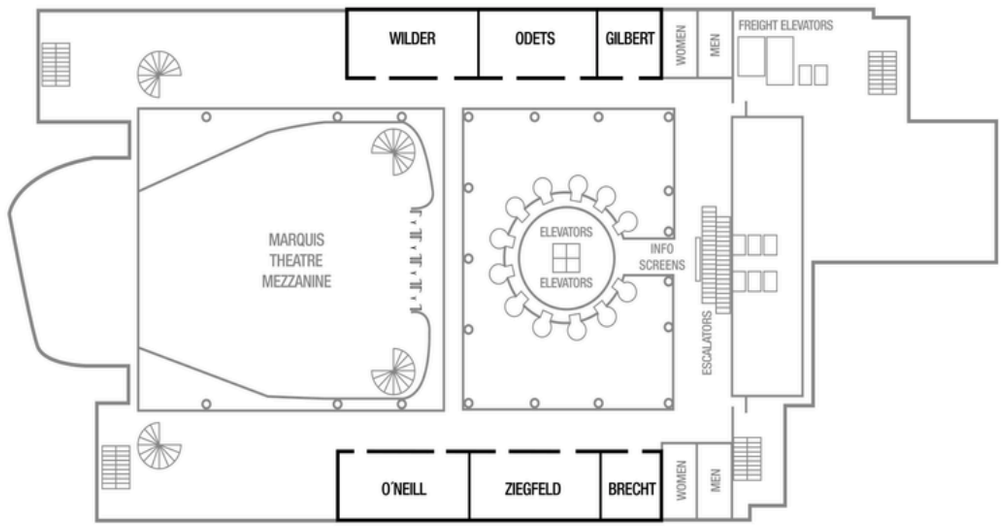
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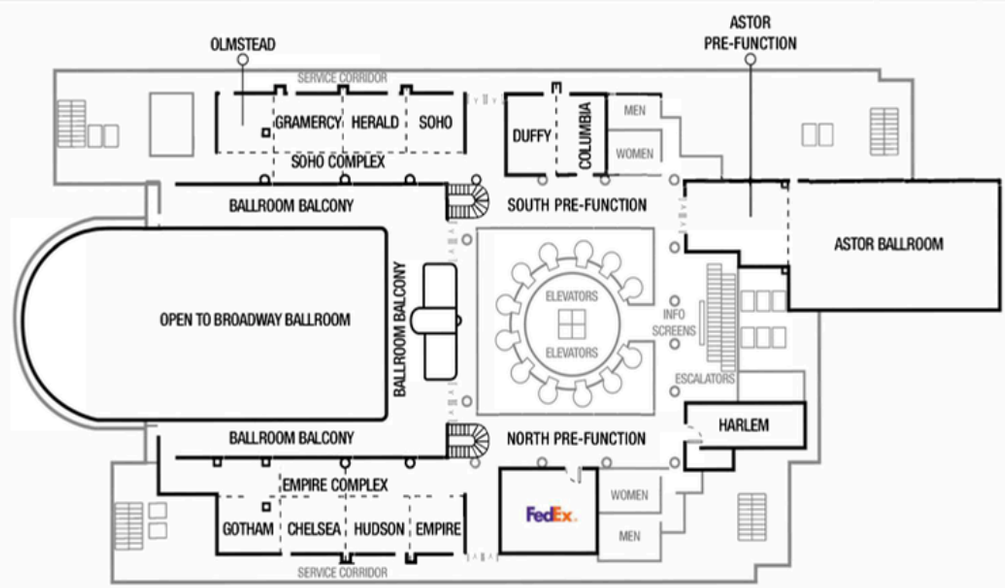
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POLICY STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES CONCERNING ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE

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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