



PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE CONFERENCE

7 - 9 JULY 2025

ROBINSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

THE CONFERENCE

This is the twenty-seventh Conference arranged with support from the Professional Indemnity Forum. The event will once again cover a wide number of issues including:

- A review of recent issues and expectations for the future.
- Emerging issues facing the professions and the insurance market.
- Regulatory, legal and coverage developments in individual professions.
- Significant legal decisions that are impacting on the professions' exposures and a look forward to what the next year may bring.

Following each presentation, time is set aside for delegates to discuss points and there will also be opportunities for participants to partake in the Symposium and raise issues for further discussion.

WHO IS THE CONFERENCE FOR?

This Conference will be of interest to anyone involved in Professional Indemnity Insurance, including underwriters, claims managers, risk managers, lawyers and brokers.

THE PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY FORUM

PIF was formed many years ago by leading underwriters in the London Market with a view to improving levels of knowledge in the market as a whole. PIF is now a Committee of the International Underwriting Association of London Ltd (IUA). Membership is open to all IUA members together with invited underwriting representatives from other syndicates and companies. PIF presents a forum for discussion of issues of interest to the PI Market. It also seeks to promote sound principles for best practice, provide education to its members and formal liaison with other professional bodies. This Conference gives the members of PIF the opportunity to further its aims and to involve others in the industry who have an interest in Professional Indemnity Insurance.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Programme will include:

AN OVERVIEW OF ISSUES FACING THE MARKET

Chris Head, Senior Underwriter, Professional Indemnity, Axis Capital

ESG PROFESSIONALS - LIABILITIES AND INSURANCE

Nathan Modell and Nathan Penny-Larter, Partners, Beale & Co

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY LAW AND A VIEW OF THE FUTURE

Simon Wilton KC, Hailsham Chambers

AUDIT REFORM AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BILL

Ed Anderson, Partner, Browne Jacobson

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL

Jonathan Sachs, Partner, Broadfield Law

THE RISK LANDSCAPE FOR INSURANCE BROKERS AND THEIR PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURERS

James Thompson, Partner, Mills & Reeve

Liam Burnett, Partner, Mills & Reeve

DEVELOPMENTS IN CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS' LIABILITY

Anna Laney KC, Crown Office Chambers

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE POST-GRENFELL

Samantha Peat, Group Board Advisor, Meridian Risk Solutions

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY WORDINGS PANEL

A DISCUSSION WITH LEADING PRACTITIONERS ON ASPECTS OF POLICY COVERAGE

IFAs - RISKS, LIABILITIES AND CLAIMS

James Hall, Barrister, Gatehouse Chambers

Lucy Tolond, Partner, DWF

Paul Freeman, UK Underwriting Manager, Liberty Specialty Markets

SETTLEMENTS WITHOUT TEARS

Richard Liddell KC, 4 New Square

SYMPOSIUM

OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS (EX PIF CHAIRMEN) WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION ON ISSUES RAISED BY DELEGATES

Paul Freeman, UK Underwriting Manager, Liberty Specialty Markets

Russell Newell, Director of Underwriting Strategy, Collegiate

Rob McTaggart, Deputy Chief Underwriting Officer - Financial Lines, London, Europe & Middle East at Starr Underwriting Agents

CHAIRPERSON



DEBORAH HALL has been a professional presenter for over 30 years. She was trained by BBC TV as a journalist and read the Local and National News on BBC-1. She was a News Anchor on BBC World (total 12 years). She is a very experienced Conference Chair, fronting nearly 100 conferences for the London insurance market, including all the Professional Indemnity Conferences. She still presents TV programmes and webcasts for businesses. Deborah coaches MBA students at Durham University and is the staff trainer for London Business School. She is the in-house trainer for various law firms and insurance brokers and underwriters. As a coach on the Civil Service Learning Panel, she has worked with Directors at the Departments of Health, Business Innovation & Skills, Work & Pensions and HM Treasury. Deborah has worked extensively in Europe over 25 years as media trainer for the European Centre for Disease Control and is the media consultant on the scientific side of Bill Gates/WHO's programme to vaccinate the world's poor (since 2000), training over 1000 delegates from 92 countries.

PRESENTERS



ED ANDERSON is a Partner in Browne Jacobson. He specialises in defending complex claims against professionals, including lawyers, accountants, brokers, actuaries, IFAs, architects and surveyors. Ed also represents insurers in high value coverage disputes in all classes of business, including FI, D&O, Public Liability, Political Risk and W&I.



PAUL FREEMAN is UK Underwriting Manager at Liberty Specialty Markets. He has been Chairman of the Professional Indemnity Forum. He has been involved in Professional Indemnity Insurance for many years, working in claims, broking, and underwriting. He has now been with Liberty for over 10 years.



JAMES HALL practises from Gatehouse Chambers. James specialises in professional negligence, commercial litigation and property disputes. His professional negligence work relates primarily to the financial services and property sectors though he also deals with a wide variety of claims arising from transactions, projects and misconduct of litigation. He deals with a variety of commercial claims with a focus on disputes connected with his professional negligence practice, such as insurance disputes.



CHRIS HEAD is a Senior Professional Indemnity Underwriter at Axis Capital. Chris initially worked as a claims handler at RSA Group in Manchester, before moving into underwriting, which has been his main role for the last 16 years, including working at RSA Group, AmTrust and Canopus before his current role at Axis. He has an economics degree, is ACII qualified and is the current Chairman of PIF.

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ANNA LANEY KC practises from Crown Office Chambers and is a leading construction barrister, specialising in technically complex infrastructure, engineering and related insurance disputes. During the course of her career, she has acted on a diverse range of projects including power and water stations, windfarms, airports, sports stadiums, bridges, luxury homes and mixed-use developments; and has represented employers, developers, contractors, architects, engineers, surveyors and insurers thereby acquiring a holistic understanding of the construction industry.



RICHARD LIDDELL KC practices from 4 New Square. He is an experienced commercial advocate. His practice encompasses all areas of commercial disputes with a particular emphasis on construction and engineering, insurance, international arbitration, professional liability and sports law. Many of his cases have an international dimension and he is frequently instructed in commercial and construction disputes in the Middle East before the DIFC Courts (where he has rights of audience) and in arbitration claims. In addition to acting as an advocate and adviser, Rick is also regularly appointed as Arbitrator.



NATHAN MODELL is a partner in Beale & Co. He specialises in contentious construction matters and has advised a range of clients including architects, engineers, contractors, solicitors, professional indemnity insurers and other commercial organisations. Nathan has experience of all construction claims, ranging from small fee claims to high profile construction and engineering disputes both in the UK, Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia and South East Asia. Before joining Beale & Co, he spent six years in the insurance team of an international ratings agency where he provided bespoke credit and financial analysis of Lloyd's Syndicates, non-life, life and composite insurers to a variety of financial institutions. He is a member of the Society of Construction Law.



RUSSELL NEWELL is Director of Underwriting Strategy at Collegiate Underwriting. He has a degree in Economics from LSE and is ACII qualified. He has been underwriting since 1984 at Aegon, Sorema / Trenwick, Canopus and AmTrust. He is an ex-Chairman of the PI Forum (PIF), regularly speaks at the PI Conference supported by PIF and he co-wrote the chapter on IFAs for the Insurance Institute of London Professional Indemnity book. Russell was also instrumental in the establishment of the PIF 'test' a market recognised set of exams relating to PI.



NATHAN PENNY-LARTER is a Partner in the London office of Beale & Co. He specialises in handling the defence and coverage aspects of claims against directors and officers ("D&O"), financial institutions and educational institutions as well as claims against technology professionals such as software developers, IT professionals and other technology providers. He has an established professional negligence practice, managing claims against Construction Professionals in particular, but also defending those made against Solicitors, Accountants, Surveyors and Insurance Brokers. He has over 15 years' experience in dealing with professional indemnity matters.



JONATHAN SACHS is a partner in BDB Pitmans. He has over 30 years' experience as a specialist claimant professional negligence lawyer dealing with both individual and group claims. He has won cases at the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and High Court and has also gained many settlements for his clients through mediation. Jonathan has a calm approach to litigation and because of his experience he will often know and have a good relationship with his opponents. He also conducts fraud claims often with an international element and has experience of all injunctive and enforcement applications. In addition, he has a general corporate commercial practice.

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ROBERT MCTAGGART is Deputy Chief Underwriting Officer - Financial Lines, London, Europe & Middle East at Starr Underwriting Agents. He is a past chairman of the Professional Indemnity Forum. He has over many years' insurance underwriting and broking experience. Robert started his insurance career at Windsor's Insurance Brokers and moved into underwriting in 2005. He previously worked as underwriter at Norwich Union and Mitsui Syndicate 3210 before heading up the Professional Indemnity team at AVIVA before moving to his current role in 2017.



LUCY TOLOND is a Partner in the insurance team in DWF. Lucy acts on behalf of a wide range of professionals, but has particular expertise in dealing with claims against accountants, insolvency practitioners, tax advisers, financial advisers, insurance brokers and mortgage intermediaries. Recently, she led the defence of over 200 mis-selling claims against a mortgage advice network arising from historic sales of interest-only mortgages. In recent years, Lucy has developed particular expertise in dealing with claims against professionals relating to tax advice, tax relief and tax avoidance schemes, including Employee Benefit Trusts and other disguised remuneration schemes, and Collective Investment Schemes. She also has experience dealing with various disciplinary and regulatory matters including before the ICAEW and the Financial Ombudsman Service.



SIMON WILTON KC practices from Hailsham Chambers. He has advised and appeared in cases involving all kinds of professionals including solicitors, barristers, surveyors, valuers, accountants, professionals acting as expert witnesses, financial advisers, construction professionals, insurance brokers, and professional trustees. Typical cases include lenders' claims against solicitors or valuers or mortgage brokers, claims against lawyers arising from mishandled litigation or transactional work or wills and probate, claims arising from poor financial advice or dubious investment or tax avoidance schemes promoted by financial advisers or accountants.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DATES

7th - 9th July 2025

7th July - Registration from 4.00 pm, dinner at 6.00 pm followed by Punting on the Cam

8th July - Registration from 8.00 am

8th July - Conference commences at 9.00 am

9th July - Conference Close 3.30 pm

VENUE

The Conference will be held at Robinson College, Cambridge

FEES

The fee for the two-day Conference is £995.00 + VAT. The fee includes accommodation for 2 nights, refreshments, breakfasts, lunches, dinner, banquet and any conference documentation.

ACCOMMODATION

Student Single Study "en-suite" bedrooms located in the College building

SOLICITORS REGULATORY AUTHORITY CPD SCHEME

This Conference qualifies towards Continuing Professional Development

CII CPD SCHEME

This Conference may be used for the purpose of CPD

BOOKINGS

To book places for the Conference, please email: tony.gregory@imc-seminars.com
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PLEASE NOTE

Joining instructions will be emailed to all delegates prior to the Conference. If you do not receive these, please contact us to ensure we have registered your booking. It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to change the speakers and/or alter the content and timing of the programme.

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