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**95th ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
and
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Marriott Harbor Beach Resort • Fort Lauderdale, FL

January 21 – 23, 2026

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:00 am LEA 5K Run/1 Mile Walk to Benefit STEM Education Programs

9:00 am LEA Annual Golf Tournament

Jacaranda Golf Club
9200 West Broward Blvd.
Plantation, FL 33324

8:00 – 5:00 pm Speaker Ready Room Available

11:00 – 6:00 pm Registration Desk Opens

6:00 – 9:00 pm 95th Anniversary Celebration

(Open to All Registered Attendees. Name badges are required for admittance into LEA events.)

Thursday, January 22, 2026

***All meetings will be held in the Grand Ballroom unless otherwise noted.
There will be a brief pause in between each session.***

8:00 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 5:00 pm Registration Desk Open

8:00 – 12:00 pm Speaker Ready Room Available

8:30 – 9:00 am LEA Members Meeting

8:30 – 8:35 am Welcome/Anti-Trust Admonition Policy

Costantino Suriano, Esq., Partner
Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass LLP

8:35 – 8:45 am Opening Remarks & Introductions of Incoming Officers & Directors

Jose Mogartoff, LEA President
Director of Energy & Marine Claims
Zurich NA

Incoming President Remarks

Marisa Jelicks – Sr Litigation Examiner
Liberty Mutual

8:45 – 8:50 am Golf Report

Paul Aviles
Allied World Assurance Company (USA) Inc.

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| 8:50 – 9:00 am | Program Overview Steve Yeo, Group Head of Claims <i>Lancashire Insurance Group</i> |
| 9:00 – 10:00 am | Keynote Presentation <i>AI and the Insurance Industry - Complexity Experts in a Complex World</i> <i>AI is hitting the Insurance and Reinsurance Industries hard, fast, and wide. This creates unique once-in-a-lifetime challenges and opportunities. The objective is to see and understand these challenges and opportunities with greater clarity.</i> |
| Presenter | Alexander Bard <i>Cyber Philosopher</i> |
| 10:15 – 11:15 pm | Building Effective Carrier-TPA Partnerships: Hard Truths and Must Have Strategies <i>This session will examine how carriers and third-party administrators can work together more effectively to deliver excellent customer service in claims. Through discussion and real-world examples, the panel will highlight what great partnerships look like, why they matter, the barriers that often stand in the way, and how those barriers can be overcome.</i> |
| Moderator | Janine Powell, Claims Director <i>Lloyds Market Association</i> |
| Participants | Larry Milburn, Chief Operating Officer <i>Crawford and Company</i> Trevor Self, Head of Claims, Property Group & Reinsurance <i>Beazley</i> Jenny Neale, Senior Executive, Claims <i>Lloyd's Market Association</i> Neil Goodman, President SDA <i>Sedgwick Delegated Authority</i> |
| 11:15 – 11:30 am | Networking Break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 pm | Navigating Arbitration in Insurance Contracts <i>Arbitration is often viewed as a more efficient alternative to litigation, leading insurers to include mandatory arbitration clauses—frequently with New York law and forum provisions—in their contracts. Some U.S. states have passed laws invalidating such clauses, but their enforceability depends on the specific statutory and contractual language, as well as the interaction between the Federal Arbitration Act and the McCarran-Ferguson Act. When a non-U.S. insurer is involved, the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards limits states' ability to apply their own laws. Recent federal and state court decisions have highlighted these differences, with mixed outcomes for insurers.</i> |
| Moderator | Samuel Weiss, Counsel <i>O'Melveny & Meyers LLP</i> |
| Presenters | Katy Bryde, ESQ. Vice President, Claims <i>Old Republic</i> Vicki Burns <i>Independent Claims Consultant, Auditor, Arbitrator</i> |

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| | <p>Mark Handy, President <i>MV Handy Consulting</i></p> |
| <p>12:30 – 1:30 pm</p> | <p>Lunch <i>(Open to All Registered Attendees. Name badges are required for admittance into LEA events.)</i></p> |
| <p>1:30 – 2:30 am</p> | <p>Keynote Presentation The Evolution of Property Underwriting and Property Loss Adjustment <i>This session will explore how property insurance and loss adjustment have evolved over the past 50 years, shaped by global markets, technology, and major industry events. It also looks ahead to the trends and innovations influencing the next phase of development.</i></p> |
| <p>Presenter</p> | <p>Dorian Grey <i>Retired Global Underwriter</i></p> |
| <p>2:45 – 3:45 pm</p> | <p>The Path to Getting It Right: Subrogation Stories, Insights, and Solutions <i>Subrogation often requires input from external vendors, including engineers to determine root cause, legal counsel to establish liability, and investigators to identify the liable parties. However, when these resources are not utilized effectively, costly errors can occur. This session moves beyond generic advice on hiring experts or involving counsel earlier. Instead, it will focus on how adjusters and examiners can recognize key indicators that signal when and how vendor involvement is necessary—and how to maximize the value of these resources once engaged. The session will emphasize property subrogation, with a particular focus on energy, construction, and commercial property claims.</i></p> |
| <p>Moderator</p> | <p>James Kitts, Partner <i>Liblong Digambar PC</i></p> |
| <p>Participants</p> | <p>Amanda Sorsak, Head of Claims, Canada <i>Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance</i></p> <p>Jeremy King, Executive Vice President <i>King International</i></p> <p>Paul Okrutny, CEO <i>Mitigateway</i></p> |
| <p>3:45 – 4:00 pm</p> | <p>Networking Break</p> |
| <p>4:00 – 5:00 pm</p> | <p>Disaster Fraud: Legal, Technological, and Carrier Perspectives on Combating Abuse After Catastrophes <i>This panel brings together three unique perspectives to explore how the insurance industry can better detect, prevent, and respond to fraud in the wake of disasters. Together, the panel will discuss how law, technology, and carrier strategies must converge to safeguard policyholders, reduce systemic risk, and ensure fair and timely disaster recovery.</i></p> |
| <p>Participants</p> | <p>Matthew Monson, Founder <i>The Monson Law Firm</i></p> <p>Chris Troy, President <i>Novadata</i></p> |

Ari Cantu, Assistant Vice President, Property & Inland Marine Claims
Crum and Forster

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Cocktail Reception

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Friday, January 23, 2026

7:30 – 11:45 am

Registration Desk Open

7:30 – 8:30 am

Breakfast

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8:30 – 9:30 am

Keynote Presentation

Find A Way Every Day

Guided by his life philosophy, “Find A Way” Merrill Hoge played in the NFL for 8 years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears. He worked at ESPN for over 20 years. He survived improper care of head trauma that ended his career, cancer, and open-heart surgery! These successes and challenges have helped Merrill inspire others to persevere in the face of adversity along with achieving success.

Speaker

Merril Hoge

Former NFL Athlete; ESPN Analyst; Author; Cancer Survivor

Most Important title: “Dad”

9:40 – 10:40 am

What’s an Occurrence Got to Do with It? A Case Study in Adjusting Remarkably Complex Builder’s Risk Claims

The intent of this course is to provide the audience with the lessons learned from a seasoned claims team on a massively complex Builder’s Risk claim involving 45+ dates of loss, late notification of loss, no agreement on the number of occurrences and a DSU claim submitted nearly two years after project completion.

Moderator

David Matias, Managing Director
McLarens Spain

Participants

Julie Kimmens, Head of Technical Risk Claims
Starr

Bill Webster, Partner
Robins Kaplan

Jeremy Rose, Managing Director
J.S. Held

10:40 – 11:00 am

Networking Break

11:00 – 12:00 pm

Mining Losses in Latin America

Mining losses in Latin America can be of significant value and can impact the Global Commodities Market. This course aims to demonstrate the issues within these types of losses and how the Commodities Markets can be affected.

Participants

Steve Clayton, Senior Executive International Adjuster
Sedgwick

David Cooper, Group Director
Cooper Bros

Andrew Greenland, Principal
Baker Tilly

Javier Guardia, Head of Claims- International West
(US, Bermuda, and Latin America)
Liberty Specialty Markets

Edmundo Laporte, Expert
High River Services

12:00 pm

Conference Adjournment

Program Committee:

Steve Yeo – Group Head of Claims
Lancashire Insurance Group

Niacole Borecki - National Director of Strategic Growth
Halliwell Engineering

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