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SUMMARY

- Senior claims manager with 30+ years of experience in the insurance/reinsurance industry with particular expertise in long-tail, complex claims and exposures.
- Critical member of management team at Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation that developed & implemented strategy for one of the largest asbestos, pollution and health hazard assumed reinsurance books in North America.
- Managed and resolved numerous large disputes, coordinated and then managed the claims role in outward collections for APH & other long-tail losses.
- Specialized in commutations of assumed & ceded business.

EXPERIENCE

Litigation Adjusters, Inc.

2019-Present

- Monitor trials and report daily regarding testimony and jury perceptions.
- Attend and participate in Mediations and court ordered Settlement Conferences.
- Audit claim files.

Independent Consultant

2014 - 2019

- Conduct claim inspections/audits, specializing in complex long-tail claims. Report on findings, evaluate issues + potential defenses.

SCOR Reinsurance Company, New York, NY

2011 - 2014

Independent Consultant - Claims

- Managed assumed reinsurance claims on accounts in the discontinued business unit. Specialized in long-tail APH losses.

Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation (“SRA”), Armonk, NY

1989 - 2010

Vice President – Claims & Liabilities

- Manager/Expert in Asbestos, Pollution and Health Hazards (“APH”) Claims Unit of one of the largest global reinsurers.
- Managed claims team that handled 40% of SRA’s assumed reinsurance APH claims & liability exposures, as well as outward retrocession reporting & collection efforts of Claims Department.
- Managed & coordinated assumed & ceded commutations on business with primarily APH exposures/losses.
- Resolved some of the largest reinsurance exposures & disputes via settlements and commutations.
- Managed team handling SRA’s direct insurance business on all asbestos, pollution & health hazard losses during integration of Swiss Re and the former GE Insurance Solutions.
- Assisted in the development of SRA’s Environmental Claims Unit and in building its expertise in identifying, analyzing, evaluating and resolving SRA’s Asbestos & Environmental (“A&E”) exposures.
- Drafted guidelines for SRA’s A&E claims operations, including claims evaluations of present and future exposures.
- Major role in SRA team that developed strategy for A&E claims management and resolution that was presented and accepted by Swiss Re executives. The dedicated A&E department/unit formed as a result was ultimately designated the center of expertise for environmental claims for Swiss Re group companies worldwide.
- Coordinated APH Claims Unit’s work with outside actuarial consultants on periodic analysis of SRA’s ultimate A&E exposures.
- Worked on a number of group-wide initiatives for Swiss Re, including the company’s efforts in establishing a Greenhouse Gas Risk Solutions Unit.

CIGNA / Insurance Company of North America, (“INAPRO”), New York, NY 1988

Claims Analyst – Independent Consultant

- Managed professional liability claims, primarily attorneys’ E&O, throughout the U.S. and Canada. Evaluated, negotiated and disposed of a substantial percentage of caseload.

Trenwick America Reinsurance Corporation, Westport, CT

1988

Claims Officer

- Handled treaty and facultative brokered market reinsurance claims.

Crum & Forster Managers Corporation, NY, NY

1986 - 1987

Claims Specialist

- Managed directors & officers and professional liability claims. Analyzed, evaluated and negotiated complex cases.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, NY, NY

1979 - 1986

Claims Supervisor, Claims Adjuster

- New York Contracting and Claims Offices. Handled general liability, auto & workers compensation claims.
- Suit Unit – Evaluated and negotiated cases in New York Civil and Supreme Courts.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts, History, Columbia College, NY, NY
- Master of Business Administration, International Business, Baruch College, City University of New York, NY, NY
- Associate in Reinsurance
- Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter

ASSOCIATIONS

- CPCU Society and New York Chapter Member
- ARIAS·U.S. (AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Arbitration Society)
- ARIAS Certified Arbitrator
- Association of Insurance & Reinsurance Run-Off Companies (AIRROC)

PUBLISHED ARTICLE

- “Asbestos – ‘Back to the Future’”, Declarations, Summer 2001 (Excess/Surplus Lines Claims Association).

PRESENTATIONS

- “Lead-Based Paint, Emerging Mass Tort Claims”, Casualty Loss Reserve Seminar, September 2007.
- “Reinsurance Commutations – Strategies and Pitfalls”, 8th Cambridge Reinsurance Symposium, October 2004.
- “Sustainability”, Aspen Clean Energy Roundtable IX, March 2002.

- Panel on “Managing Environmental and Transactional Risk through Insurance”, American Corporate Counsel Association Annual Meeting, September 2000.
- “Reinsurance Claims Exposure Evaluation”, DRI Excess & Reinsurance Seminar, November 1996.
- Internal presentations on asbestos, pollution and health hazard claims, collections, commutations and related issues.