

# 2022 Fall Conference

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## FACULTY GUESTS

The Harmonie Group & Canadian Litigation Counsel would like to thank the following industry leaders for their participation in our 2022 Fall Conference. We are especially appreciative of them sharing their knowledge and insights into their respective fields and areas of expertise.



## ERIKA SPECIA ANDERSON

### Co-Founder & CEO EMA Risk Services

Erika Specia Anderson is the Co-Founder and CEO of EMA Risk Services and is the Risk Management and Litigation Specialist at EM Anderson Risk Services. She previously held counsel positions at LP Risk, Inc. and Plunkett, Griesenbeck & Mimari Inc. She received her undergraduate degree at Texas Christian University and her law degree at St. Mary's University of Law.



## R. ISAAC BECKLEY, III

### Senior Associate General Counsel Rawlings & Associates PLLC

R. Isaac Beckley III is Senior Associate General Counsel for The Rawlings Company, an industry leader in claims recovery and reimbursement for health plans. Isaac has been with the company for 16 years, and manages workers' compensation litigation services for health plan clients and their self-funded employer group plans. He advises clients on issues with plan language and subrogation strategies for ERISA, FEHBA, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid health plans. He also develops and conducts training for a variety of subrogation topics. Isaac holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and French from Bradley University and earned his Juris Doctor from Ohio Northern University. He lives in Louisville, Kentucky, with his wife and two children.



## NATHAN BROWN

### Senior Attorney The Kroger Co.

Nathan Brown is Senior Attorney for The Kroger Co. where he manages all tort and ADA litigation for Kroger and as well as various other commercial litigation matters. He also provides general legal counsel to its Smith's, King Soopers, Fry's and Dillon's grocery divisions. Mr. Brown also provides legal support to Kroger's Asset Protection team. Prior to joining Kroger, he was an Assistant General Counsel for Walmart Stores, Inc. working in its litigation and corporate practice groups. Mr. Brown earned a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Political Science from Brigham Young University and earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University where he was a member of the BYU Law Review.



## GREG HILL

### Executive Claims Analyst PURE Insurance

Greg Hill is currently working for PURE Insurance, a high-net-worth personal lines carrier, and has spent the last two and a half years there as an executive claims analyst. In Greg's current role, he handles claims from across the country that are high-exposure, complex coverage issues, and/or complex litigation. Prior to his role at PURE, he worked for Nationwide Insurance for 17 years in a variety of roles, spending the last five in their Private Client department. He has strictly handled strictly personal lines issues and litigated files for the last ten years. Mr. Hill has an MBA from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and his undergraduate degree is from Arizona State. Greg currently resides and works from home in Broomfield, CO. His family consists of his wife, Amanda, and his two daughters, ages 15 and 12.



## ONI HOLLEY BROWN

**VP- Deputy General Counsel/  
Chief Litigation Officer**  
Aveanna Healthcare



Oni Holley Brown joined Aveanna Healthcare's Legal Department in April 2019, in the role of Vice President – Deputy General Counsel & Chief Litigation Officer. Aveanna is a leading provider of private duty services, home health care and hospice services, and medical solutions for clients and families in 33 states through a growing network of more than 300 branch offices. Prior to joining the Aveanna team, Oni was Assistant General Counsel for U.S. Security Associates, Inc., a private security company with over 50,000 employees nationwide. Before working at U.S. Security Associates, she spent fifteen years in private practice first at Alston & Bird LLP and later at her own boutique commercial litigation law firm. Oni earned her J.D. from Emory University School of Law.

## STEVE HUTTMAN

**Litigation Counsel**  
Waffle House, Inc.



Steve Huttman is an Atlanta native who is passionate about all things Georgia. After graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in Economics, he attended Georgia State University College of Law. Prior to joining Waffle House, Steve worked in private practice as an insurance defense attorney. He has had many titles at Waffle House, and his current role as VP of Litigation includes managing and assisting outside counsel through all phases of litigation. He and his wife, Veronica, have two young sons who keep them both quite busy at their Atlanta home.

## LESLIE LEAZER

**Senior Vice President of Claims  
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Leslie Leazer is currently the Senior Vice President of Claims and Litigation for Knight-Swift Transportation in Phoenix, Arizona. She possesses 36 years of experience in the insurance industry, primarily handling Commercial Auto Liability. She has additional, prior experience with self-insured companies as well as extensive expertise in coverage issues. Prior to her employment with Knight-Swift Transportation, Mrs. Leazer was the Claims/Litigation Manager at Knight Transportation Co., Inc., Swift Transportation Company, Inc., Budget Rent-A-Car and Midland Risk Insurance Company. She also worked at Transamerica Insurance Company, American Family Insurance and Scottsdale Insurance Company. Mrs. Leazer grew up in Chicago, Illinois and attended college at Bradley University. She has been married to her husband Gregory Leazer for 30 years and they have one son, named Sean.

## RICHARD MCABEE

**Chief Marketing Officer**  
Carl Warren & Company, LLC.



Richard has over 30 years' experience in the insurance industry working in third-party administration, claims management, independent adjustment, and insurance carrier environments. Richard began his career at Carl Warren as a Branch Manager, where he developed and supervised Public Entity, Private Sector, captive and insurance programs in California. Richard has held the positions of Assistant Vice President and Director where he developed Carl Warren's marketing group, client service department, carrier and broker relations groups. Prior to joining the Carl Warren team, Richard began his insurance career as a multi-line adjuster for Safeco Insurance Companies. During his career at Safeco Insurance Companies, Richard led the eastern region in number of claims closed and subrogation recoveries. He received his undergraduate degree from University of Nebraska. Richard is an active member of the International Toastmasters, AZ PRIMA, Tennessee PRIMA, US Lacrosse and the National PRIMA planning committee.

## MISTI RAMIREZ

**Co-Founder & COO**  
EMA Risk Services

Misti Ramirez has been the Co-Founder and COO of EMA Risk Services since September 2020. Ms. Ramirez previously held the position of Transportation Specialist Lead at Gallagher Basset/National Transportation Adjusters.



## JOHN REITWIESNER

**VP - Head of Claims**  
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John Reitwiesner has over 29 years of litigation and claim management experience. He is Vice President and Head of Claims for Core Specialty Insurance, responsible for the management and oversight of all claims for a variety of programs. Prior to joining Core Specialty, Mr. Reitwiesner served as Vice President, Head of Claims (US) for StarStone Insurance and litigated for both the plaintiffs' and defense bars with a variety of specialties. Mr. Reitwiesner has developed coverage analyses for domestic and international excess and reinsurance providers in diverse industries. He has conducted auditing services, analyzed risk exposure, insurance reserves, claims administration, underwriting and efficacy of defense counsel on both a domestic and international basis. He has experience in multi-jurisdictional litigation and in negotiating favorable settlements for high exposure claims and effectuating constructive resolution of cases with institutional and individual clients. Mr. Reitwiesner also has a full working knowledge of insurance industry standards, practices and regulatory requirements as they relate to his ability to successfully manage insurance company claims operations.



## SAMUEL J. WEISGARBER

**Senior Litigation Examiner,**  
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Samuel "Sam" J. Weisgarber serves as the Senior Litigation Examiner in Sentry Insurance's Major Case Unit. He maintains a national claims practice focused on complex litigation, catastrophic personal injury litigation, and coverage litigation arising out of Sentry's nationally recognized dealership operations, industrial and consumer manufacturing, and construction and environmental lines of business. Sam is also a leader in Sentry's panel evaluation and performance improvement initiatives as well as a leader in Sentry's build-the-bench initiatives, focused on recruiting, attracting, and retaining the next generation of insurance leaders. In 2022, Sam was appointed by Sentry's Executive Management team to be Sentry's representative on the American Property & Casualty Insurance Association's (APCIA) Litigation Forum where insurers have a dialogue on litigation outcomes and panel management. Sam holds his Juris Doctor from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and his undergraduate degree from Otterbein University. He lives in Madison, WI and outside of work enjoys traveling and cheering on the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide!



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