

2021 FALL CONFERENCE

September 30 – October 2

Westin Kierland
Resort & Spa

Scottsdale, AZ



FACULTY GUESTS

The Harmonie Group & Canadian Litigation Counsel would like to thank the following industry leaders for their participation in our 2021 Fall Conference. We are especially appreciative of them sharing their knowledge and insights into their respective fields and areas of expertise.



CEDAR ABADIE

Executive Litigation Manager Knight-Swift Transportation

Cedar Abadie joined Swift, the nation's largest common carrier, in fall 2020 following a dozen years of private practice with large firms and as a solo practitioner, and six years as associate general counsel for a smaller trucking company. Cedar occupies a new capacity within the Knight-Swift claims structure, managing a team of high-level examiners and paralegals addressing exclusively catastrophic and other complex matters across the country.



DOUG BELL

President & Chief Executive Officer Repwest Insurance Company

Doug was promoted to President of Repwest in February 2013. Previously, Doug held the role of Vice President of Underwriting and U-Haul Insurance Programs, and in 2012 also served as the company's Chief Financial Officer. Prior to 2002, Doug served as the Director of Marketing. Doug worked in the insurance industry for over 27 years in a number of roles, including Chief Financial Officer, Director of Product Development and Marketing, and Senior Audit Manager.



HOWARD BRYSON

Vice President Claims Citadel Risk Management, Inc.

Howard Bryson is a claims professional with 40 years of experience in both personal and commercial auto lines. He began career as a claims adjuster for Prudential Property and Casualty handling property damage and bodily injury liability claims. In addition, he worked as a field Homeowner property appraiser and a field Casualty adjuster. He started with AMIC in January 2016 as a Manager. Mr. Bryson was promoted to AVP of Claims and then VP of Claims. He has nearly 31 years as a Supervisor and Manager, leading claims professionals in achieving superior customer service and financial results.



BRADLEY A. CARL

Vice President & Assistant General Counsel Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.

Brad Carl is VP and Assistant General Counsel for Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., a position he has held since December 2012 when Clean Harbors acquired his former company, Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. He held the same positions at Safety-Kleen from 2002 until the acquisition. He manages all non-environmental litigation and disputes for the company, including extensive experience with class actions, development and management of a national counsel program for products liability claims, and support of insured claims under the company's Risk Management program.



JOHN D. CLAUSEN

Managing Counsel, Claims Metromile Insurance Company

John Clausen has been with Metromile since August 2016 working as the Managing Counsel for Claims and Litigation. In this position, he is responsible for leading Metromile's claims legal function, including coverage, litigation against Metromile, claims counseling, and claims compliance. He is currently looking at state expansion and growth and how it impacts the growing claims and legal teams. He graduated from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale with a B.S. in Finance in 1991, followed by a J.D. from University of Nebraska College of Law in 1994.



TIMOTHY DILLON

Vice President of Claims Avant Specialty Claims

Timothy Dillon started with Avant Specialty Claims in 2019. Prior to that, he worked as the Head of Claims at JLT Reinsurance for two years, before which he owned his own business doing performance and quality audits for carriers, TPAs, and the self-insured. He earned his BA from Wilkes University and his MBA from Eastern University.



FLOYD KONET

Risk Manager Risk International

Floyd has 35+ years of risk management experience. His career started as a state trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and from there, he worked for two insurance companies in the areas of underwriting and claims. In November, he will be starting his 9th year working as an outsourced risk manager and risk consultant with Risk International Services, Inc. He leads the Shared Services Division of Risk International, which includes a team of risk management professionals serving as full risk managers, multi-line claims professionals, OSHA and EH&S professionals as specializing in toxic tort claims and insurance policy archaeology / insurance policy reconstruction.



ALYSE M. ZADALIS

Counsel – Dispute Resolution Team Black & Veatch

Alyse joined Black & Veatch's Legal, Risk Management & Government Affairs team in 2019, and currently works as counsel as part of the Dispute Resolution team supporting claims and litigation company wide. Prior to joining Black & Veatch, she was an associate at a national law firm, and focused on complex multi-district litigation and regulatory issues faced by the pharmaceutical industry. Alyse is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law and is active in leadership positions with the Mid America LGBT Chamber of Commerce.

