

## 2022 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS



**Craig A. Allen** is an Actuary and Forensic Economist at TD&P Consulting. His expertise in forensic economics is built on a foundation of comprehensive experience in professional liability insurance. For more than 12 years, Mr. Allen served the legal profession of Ontario, Canada as Vice President and Actuary at LAWPRO, the profession's liability insurer of its 20,000 lawyers in private practice. Litigation support was among Mr. Allen's contributions, in applying his analytical and data management capabilities to the resolution, financial reporting, risk management, and funding of a \$300 million portfolio of 3,500 complex malpractice claims.

Inspired by his service at LAWPRO, Mr. Allen has since worked with insurers and lawyers in independent practice, providing expert testimony and consulting services in forensic economics and actuarial science.

Since 2005, Mr. Allen has been extensively involved in the National Association of Forensic Economics (NAFE), where he has made some 25 presentations at association conferences. In 2014, he was elected to a three-year term as NAFE's Eastern Vice President. During his term, he organized seminar sessions that covered the commercial backdrop of litigation, including liability insurance and litigation lending.

Since 2015, he has been chair of the Actuarial Evidence Committee of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, where he has authored a number of the institute's submissions to governments and has built bridges between property-casualty insurance actuaries and those actuaries who provide expert testimony and litigation support. He serves as a Trend Advisor for the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS).

Mr. Allen is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. He holds a degree in mathematics and a diploma in urban land economics from the University of British Columbia.



**Deborah Bjes** is Head of Small and Mid-Sized US Lawyers North America at Swiss Re Corporate Solutions in Chicago, Illinois.

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**Lisa Curshellas** is a partner at Cunningham Meyer & Vedrine who practices in Cook County and surrounding counties. For more than 20 years, Lisa has defended high exposure cases with catastrophic damages in a broad spectrum of civil litigation, including commercial litigation, health care litigation, long-term care/nursing home litigation, and professional liability.

Throughout her career, Lisa has handled all aspects of cases ranging from pre-suit investigations to trial. Her attention to detail, commitment to a cohesive defense, and ability to step back and see the big picture have helped her win numerous summary judgments and obtain dismissals for her clients prior to trial.

In addition to handling lawsuits, Lisa also counsels physicians and other licensed professionals in appearing before and defending matters against the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

Lisa is a member of several bar associations and other professional societies. She frequently presents on various topics including the importance of documentation, how to avoid being sued, litigation 101 for resident physicians, nurses, and senior leadership, preparing for and surviving depositions, and multiple mock trials. She also presented a lecture on the fundamentals of audit trails at Law Day for Chicago Healthcare Risk Management Society (CHRMS), as well as to a large multi-specialty physician group.

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**Constance A. Endelicato** is an accomplished trial lawyer with more than 30 years of litigation experience in defending professional liability claims. She defends physicians, hospitals, skilled nursing and long-term care facilities, as well as legal and accounting professionals, among other service providers. She also assists physicians in Medical Board of California licensure matters, as well as long-term care facilities in licensure matters and closure plans. She defends skilled nursing facility employers in wrongful termination and discrimination actions. She is experienced in handling class actions, mass tort litigation, appellate, and federal matters. She is admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of California.

Ms. Endelicato is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management and holds Advocate Ranking in the American Board of Trial Advocates. She is the past Chair of the American Society for Health Care Risk Management's Education Development Task Force and a current member of the Chapter Leadership Task Force. She is also a Past President of Southern California Association For Healthcare Risk Management.





Ms. Endelicato has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for her work in litigation-healthcare. Ms. Endelicato was one of 30 professionals across the nation to be honored as a recipient of the Business Insurance and CLM Women to Watch Award. Additionally, Ms. Endelicato has been named by the Los Angeles and San Francisco legal newspaper, *The Daily Journal*, as one of the Top 100 Women Lawyers in California. She has been honored by *Los Angeles Business Journal* as one of the Top 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers. She has been recognized by *Los Angeles Magazine* as one of the Top Women Attorneys in Southern California. She also received *Lawyer Magazine's* Legal Award for Elder Abuse Litigation and Women in Law Award for Private Commercial Litigation. Most recently, she received the Women's Influence & Power in Law Award for Lifetime Achievement. In addition to her awards and achievements in the legal field, Ms. Endelicato was recognized by *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2019 Women's Council & Awards Banquet for her outstanding achievement in her philanthropy efforts.

Ms. Endelicato was nominated into membership of the exclusive International Association of Defense Counsel where she is an active member of the Medical Defense and Health Law Committee and has held the position of Vice Chair of Publication, Vice Chair of Webinar, and is the current Vice Chair of Programs and Projects. She was also nominated into membership of Litigation Counsel of America. Ms. Endelicato has also acted as the Medical Defense Committee Vice Chair of Webinars for Claims and Litigation Management Alliance and is the current Co-Chair of the Medical/Healthcare Committee. Ms. Endelicato is a frequent panelist at national healthcare conferences and is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management. Over the past numerous years, she has received the designation of Super Lawyer in Southern California by *Los Angeles Magazine*, Super Lawyer in

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	<p>Orange County by <i>Orange Coast Magazine</i>, and Top Lawyer by <i>Pasadena Magazine</i>. She also holds an AV-Preeminent Rating which is the highest rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell.</p>
	<p><b>W. M. Bains Fleming, III</b> has tried more than 25 cases in court across the state of Alabama. At home in the courtroom, he has a wide-ranging practice that includes the defense of medical malpractice claims, catastrophic person injury, and wrongful death claims along with toxic and mass tort litigation. He also handles product liability, premises liability, transportation, and construction litigation matters.</p> <p>Mr. Fleming also serves a mediator. He mediates cases ranging from small property damage claims to wrongful death cases and multi-party complex cases. He is registered on the Alabama State Court Mediator Roster. Mr. Fleming is a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent rated attorney. He has been consistently named to the <i>Super Lawyers</i>® list as a Mid-South Rising Star in the practice area of Personal Injury – Medical Malpractice Defense from 2016 to 2019. He was named in <i>B-Metro's Magazine's</i> Rising Star Lawyers and Attorneys of Note in 2014.</p> <p>Mr. Fleming is an active member of International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) where he serves on a number of Committees including the steering Committee for the medical liability track of IADC's Professional Liability Roundtable. He is a graduate of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy.</p> <p>Mr. Fleming is the past President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Alabama Defense Lawyers Association (ADLA). Since 2014, Mr. Fleming has served on the faculty of the ADLA's Bibb Allen Memorial Trial Academy. He was selected to participate in the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum Class 9 in 2013. He is a participant in the Birmingham Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyer Program and was named to the Alabama Bar's Pro Bono Honor Roll from 2008-2011.</p> <p>In the community, Mr. Fleming is a member of the March of Dimes Golf for Babies Tournament committee. He served the Chairman of the Rotaract Club of Birmingham Foundation. Prior to his work with the Club's Foundation, he served two terms as the Club's Service Director. He is a recipient of Rotaract's Directors Award, the Charles A. Collat, Sr. Distinguished Service Award, and a Paul Harris Fellow. Mr. Fleming was a member of the Leadership UAB Class of 2013 and the 2010 MS Leadership Class. He is the recipient of the Birmingham Urban League Young Professionals Leadership Empowerment Award.</p> <p>Mr. Fleming is also a coach for Samford University's Cumberland School of Law's nationally ranked Mock Trial team. In 2011, Mr. Fleming was recognized by Cumberland during the law school's National Pro Bono Week.</p>

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	<p><b>Abtin Foghi</b> is an Executive Claim Specialist with HDI Global SE Canada, with expertise covering liability, property, and financial lines (Directors and Officers, Professional Engineers, Employment Practices Liability, E&amp;O, Fidelity and Financial Institution Bonds, Surety Bonds, Kidnap and Ransom, Trade Credits, and Product Recall.)</p>
	<p><b>Richard Frese</b> is an actuary in the Chicago casualty practice of Milliman. He joined the firm in 2002. Richard's expertise in property and casualty primarily involves loss reserving and forecasting for self-insured clients in the area of medical malpractice and workers' compensation liability. He also has extensive experience in commercial lines, including workers' compensation, professional liability, general liability, auto liability, and property insurance. His clients include captives, Fortune 500 corporations, healthcare institutions, privately held companies, public entities, and risk-retention groups.</p>
	<p><b>Colleen Graham</b> is a Claims Consultant at Coverys. She is a dedicated and highly experienced Professional and General Liability Claims Manager with an emphasis in medical malpractice. She has more than 30 years' experience in the insurance industry managing litigated and non-litigated claims with exposures in the millions including excess policies. Her experience also includes claims handling physicians, allied health professionals, long term care, ambulatory/surgery centers, hospitals, dentists/oral maxillofacial surgeons, etc.</p>
	<p><b>John T. Harding</b> is a partner who co-chairs the Insurance and Reinsurance Group at Sulloway &amp; Hollis, PLLC, a New England firm with offices in Concord, NH, Boston, MA, Providence, RI, and Portland, ME. John's practice is concentrated in the areas of insurance coverage litigation and advice, reinsurance disputes and arbitrations, and "bad faith" litigation. John has more than 30 years of experience in representing domestic and foreign insurers on a national basis in coverage disputes under CGL, excess, umbrella, commercial property, homeowners, auto and other specialized policies, and extensive experience in the trial of complex coverage cases. John serves as the current Chair of IADC's Insurance and Reinsurance Committee.</p>



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**David Hatem** is a partner in the Boston-based law firm Donovan Hatem LLP. Nationally recognized for his expertise in representing engineers, architects, and construction management professionals, he leads the firm's Professional Practices Group which serves design and construction professionals. He is regularly called upon by this country's leading architect-engineering firms to provide risk management strategies and solutions, especially on major subsurface projects.

Throughout his career, David has dominated the representation of consulting engineers and construction managers, providing legal advice to design and construction management professionals on major Boston-area construction projects. For more than 20 years, David has taught Legal Aspects of the Engineering Process at Tufts University School of Engineering. He also teaches Legal Aspects of Civil Engineering at Northeastern University Graduate School of Engineering. He frequently lectures on issues of professional liability and risk management for design and construction management professionals, and he has authored numerous related articles. His most recent book, in which he was a contributing author and co-editor, is *Public-Private Partnerships and Design-Build: Opportunities and Risks for Consulting Engineers*, published in 2016. He is also a chapter contributor and co-editor of both *Megaprojects: Challenges and Recommended Practices*, which was published in 2010 by the American Council of Engineering Companies, and the second edition of *Design-Build Subsurface Projects*, published in 2010 by the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration.

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**Aref Jabbour**, Senior Jury Consultant, is focused on ensuring IMS’s attorney clients mitigate their risks during trial. He is a clinical psychologist and researcher skilled at writing probative questions for jury research exercises, including community attitude surveys, focus groups, and mock trials, that elicit the precise information attorneys need to prepare for trial. He distills the research data and provides clients with actionable strategies they can immediately employ. Aref also prepares both expert and fact witnesses to deliver understandable and effective testimony. His expertise has been called upon in hundreds of jury research exercises and trials in venues throughout the country.

A jury consultant for 14 years, Aref applies his expertise to civil and criminal cases in the areas of product liability, patent infringement, white-collar crime, toxic tort, catastrophic injury, complex business litigation, and medical malpractice. In particular, Aref has considerable experience working on personal injury cases for gas and electric utilities across the country. Significant cases he has worked on include *Oracle v. Google*, *In Re High Tech Employee Antitrust Litigation*, and *Motorola v. Samsung*.





Aref received his PhD and MS in clinical psychology from Pennsylvania State University. He has published and presented numerous works, including “How Jury Research Can Make a Difference,” “Choosing the Right Corporate Representative: Perspectives From a Trial Consultant,” “The Art of Storytelling,” and “Your View Into the Minds of Jurors in Utility Cases.” He has presented at AEGIS Insurance Services claims seminars, the TEAMHealth Defense Attorney Seminar, the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association, the Defense Research Institute (DRI) Product Liability Seminar, the DRI Retail and Hospitality Seminar, the DRI Construction Law Seminar, the DRI Drug and Medical Device Subcommittee Meeting, the International Association of Defense Counsel Annual and Midyear Meetings, and the Trial Attorneys of America Annual Meeting.



**Sylvia F. James** serves as Winston & Strawn’s Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer. In this role, Sylvia collaborates with key stakeholders to develop and implement the firm’s diversity and inclusion strategy and initiatives; works with the talent management team to enhance the hiring, advancement, retention, and promotion of diverse lawyers; serves as a liaison to clients and external organizations dedicated to fostering diversity in the legal profession; conducts diversity training; and advises on internal and external diversity-related communications.

Prior to joining Winston, Sylvia served as the diversity lead for a national law firm. In addition, she practiced law as a labor and employment attorney for more than a decade.

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	<p><b>Mackie LeFevre-Snee</b> is a Senior Claims Technical Specialist at QBE North America, focusing on latent injury and legacy claims, and holds a Texas All-Lines Adjuster License. Prior to joining QBE, Mackie worked for a decade as an attorney representing insurance companies in coverage disputes over long-tail products liability and environmental contamination claims throughout the Midwest and northeastern United States.</p>
	<p><b>Thomas F. Lysaught</b> provides leadership and strategic vision for the auto, general liability, latent injury, and professional liability claim technical operations for QBE North America. In addition to leading that organization, Tom routinely engages with actuarial, claims legal, litigation management, and underwriting relative to business strategies and sensitive matters, providing claims technical insights, support, and trends to internal stakeholders. Tom has more than 35 years of experience in the insurance industry. He is a licensed Illinois attorney and a life-long resident of the Chicago area.</p>
	<p><b>Brook Mallak</b> is a claim attorney with Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company in Minneapolis, MN.</p>
	<p><b>Melissa Dorman Matthews, Chair of the Professional Liability Roundtable</b>, is a member of Steptoe &amp; Johnson PLLC and focuses her practice on professional liability, product liability, employment, personal injury, commercial litigation, and premises liability. Melissa has more than 27 years of experience and has tried cases all over Texas and beyond.</p>
	<p><b>Judge Brigid M. McGrath</b> has served the legal community with passion and dignity for 34 years. She spent more than 20 years as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge, serving 17 years in Law Jury and on a Commercial Calendar. She has handled complex commercial cases, including legal, architectural, and accountants' negligence, construction defect, employment, insurance coverage, partnership, and intellectual property cases. Judge McGrath is also experienced in personal injury cases such as medical malpractice, toxic tort, and product liability. Known for her diplomatic and observant style, she masters the facts of each case before her to identify the root causes of disputes, deconstruct conflict between divergent parties, and guide them toward settlement.</p>



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The **Hon. Marguerite A. Quinn** is a Circuit Judge for the Illinois Circuit Court of Cook County. She initially was appointed as an Associate Judge in 2007 and was re-appointed in 2011 and 2015. She was elected as Circuit Judge in 2016. Judge Quinn is currently assigned to Trial Section of the Law Division. The Judge earned her B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1981. She completed her J.D. at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1985 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1986.



**Alice M. Sherren** is a claim attorney with Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company where she directs the defense of legal malpractice claims and advises attorneys facing ethical or disciplinary complaints. Alice frequently develops and presents continuing legal education presentations and writes articles for various publications on risk management and ethics matters.



**Rob Smith** is a shareholder of Lorance Thompson, PC. He has been fortunate to have a career path that continually evolves. After starting out working on personal injury litigation all over south Texas and learning to try lawsuits, he returned to Houston with an abundance of courtroom experience. He grew into working on larger and more complex litigation matters. Success in the courtroom generated client confidence to work on their contracts and transactional matters. He also became Board Certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization along the way. He finds that the most rewarding part of practicing law is getting to know his clients, their goals and challenges, and ultimately partnering together towards a solution. Solving legal problems is a team effort, and he understands the importance of active communication with his clients and others involved. Efficient, cost-effective solutions result when counsel understands the client's business and personal goals. He wants to help solve your legal problem as efficiently as possible.



**Doug Vaughn, Chair of the Medical Liability Roundtable**, is a civil litigation partner in the Gulfport, Mississippi office of Deutsch Kerrigan. He has been named by *Best Lawyers* as a "2022 Lawyer of the Year" (Product Liability – Defense) and is a past President of the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association. Mr. Vaughn has chaired the IADC's Medical Defense and Health Law Committee and Medical Liability Roundtable events in New York and Chicago. In addition to his medical malpractice defense and other personal injury defense practice, he handles business litigation and insurance coverage.

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**Meera Wagman** is a Managing Director, based out of New York. Secretariat specializes in providing independent expert advice on construction projects in the areas of programming/scheduling (delay and disruption), contract review, cost/damages, and productivity/inefficiency.

Ms. Wagman has more than 20 years of experience in the construction industry specializing in the areas of dispute resolution, delay and disruption analyses, scheduling, claims, cost analyses, project controls, as well as construction and project management. She has provided services to owners and contractors across a wide range of projects including oil refineries, airports, petrochemical plants, power/nuclear plants, medical facilities, distribution centers, government buildings, military projects, commercial, and high-rise residential buildings. Ms. Wagman has consulted on many complex construction projects throughout the world including high profile disputes such as the Panama Canal and the Burj Khalifa.

Ms. Wagman has been appointed as an independent expert on matters of delay and disruption on construction disputes in arbitration, litigation, adjudication, and formal settlement negotiations. Prior to consulting, Ms. Wagman worked as a project engineer for a large construction management firm working on various multi-million dollar projects in the US. Ms. Wagman received a BS in civil engineering from Cornell University.