

Speaker Biographies

Claire Garrett - Marsh

Claire is an advocate in the Complex Claims and Disputes Team which is part of Marsh's Global Claims Practice. The Complex Claims and Disputes Team focuses on the presentation and negotiation of clients' significant claims, particularly those which are complex from either a coverage or presentation perspective, or have been declined. Members of the team are all English qualified lawyers* and have backgrounds in City law firms which they utilise in order to provide technical and strategic advice and to engage directly with insurers on behalf of the client.

Claire joined Marsh in May 2011. She is a lawyer and spent over nine years at Herbert Smith where she specialised in insurance and reinsurance litigation. Since joining Marsh, Claire has worked with clients from a variety of sectors including legal, commercial and financial institutions including banks, fund managers, private equity institutions and building societies; and across a number of business lines.



*Although members of the team are legally qualified, they do not provide legal advice.

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Robert Barnes - Marsh

Robert is a client executive in Marsh FINPRO's Financial Lines team. Specifically, Robert focuses on advising and structuring management liability insurance solutions (chiefly directors and officers liability) for UK and international commercial clients. Robert currently serves on Marsh FINPRO's Global Advisory Board, a committee of FINPRO specialists from Bermuda, Canada, Europe, the UK, and the US dedicated to promoting and leveraging thought-leadership for the benefit of Marsh's clients.

Robert joined Marsh in 2003 in their San Francisco office, relocating to the London office in 2007. Robert's career in insurance began in 2001 as a management liability underwriter for Royal & SunAlliance in New York.

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Chris Warren-Smith – (formerly of) Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

Chris Warren-Smith was formerly Head of Investigations for Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Chris advised on commercial and international dispute resolution, regulatory enforcement proceedings and corporate investigations across all sectors. He advised clients on a broad range of compliance and regulatory issues including corruption, financial crime and fraud.

Chris practises in the financial services and professional indemnity fields, representing major professional firms and insurers in connection with civil and regulatory proceedings. He has a strong banking and financial services practice through extensive experience representing multi-national corporations, insurers and financial institutions, including particular experience in the investment and wealth management and stockbroking industries.

Chris acts for financial institutions, corporations, professionals and insurers in all forms of mainstream and alternative dispute resolution and regulatory and professional investigations. His experience covers heavyweight litigation, arbitration and judicial review proceedings but also issues arising with a diverse range of bodies ranging from the Treasury Select Committee to the Financial Ombudsman Service. His experience of investigations ranges from the Financial Services Authority and Lloyd's of London proceedings in the UK to those of foreign regulators such as the US Department of Justice and the SEC, and includes regulators and professional bodies in many other jurisdictions throughout the world. He has particular experience in both group actions and litigation funded disputes.

