# RICHARD C. MASON

OBJECTIVE

As Member of MasonADR, LLC, to successfully serve the mediation, arbitration, and legal consulting needs of the professional, consumer and business communities.

**WORK HISTORY** 

MASONADR, LLC, MEMBER

2021 - present

COZEN O'CONNOR, SHAREHOLDER (PHILADELPHIA OFFICE)

1996 - 2020

PALMER, BIEZUP & HENDERSON, ASSOCIATE (PHILADELPHIA OFFICE)

1991 - 1996

**EDUCATION** 

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., 1991 (WITH HONORS)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY AT MARYLAND

BA, 1987

**BAR ADMISSIONS** 

Pennsylvania (1991); New York (1998)

PRACTICE

Complex insurance coverage litigation and reinsurance arbitration, with concentrations in directors and officers and professional liability insurance claims, property insurance, construction defect, sexual abuse claims, and accident & health reinsurance disputes. In addition, have advised clients regarding insurance regulatory matters, including licensing of insurers and agents.

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation

As court-appointed Judge Pro Tempore, Commerce Court, Court of Common Pleas, Phila., Pa. (2009 – present): court-appointed to conduct approximately 6-8 judicial settlement conferences per year. Currently serving as a private commercial mediator, primarily assisting parties in resolving insurance coverage disputes.

#### **Arbitration**

As attorney, arbitrated numerous reinsurance and insurance disputes. Have served as a party-appointed arbitrator.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Certified Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

*Vice-Chair*, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, American Bar Association (TIPS Section) (former Chair))

*Vice-Chair*, Reinsurance Committee, American Bar Association (TIPS Section) (Former Chair))

Serves as Judge Pro Tempore, appointed by Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (Commerce Court Mediation Program)

Past Editor-in-Chief, Tort & Insurance Law Journal (ABA's leading insurance law journal)

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# SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Note: my articles have been cited by the New York Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, federal courts in Connecticut, Louisiana, Michigan, and New Hampshire, and by numerous peer-reviewed journals, including Harvard Law Review, Couch On Insurance, Williston On Contracts, Connecticut Insurance Law Journal, University OF Pennsylvania Business Law Journal, Boston University Law Review, UCC Law Journal, Vanderbilt University Law Review, and the British Journal of American Legal Studies.

"In Arbitration, Consider the Influence of State Laws," Law360 (May 23, 2023)

"Establishing a Record of Good Faith in Mediation," Law360 (March 21, 2023)

"Cedent-Reinsurer Information Sharing: Law and Practice," ARIAS-US Quarterly (1st Quarter 2022)

"A Uniform Mediation Act Primer," Law360 (March 30, 2022)

"Wendy's Case Offers Cautionary Tale on Mediation Privilege, Law360 (August 23, 2021)

"The False Claims Act and Professional Liability Insurance Policies," PLUS JOURNAL (Apr. 2015)

"Arbitration of Life and Health Reinsurance Disputes," ARIAS-US QUARTERLY (2012)

"Liability Insurance Coverage for Clergy Sexual Abuse Claims," 17 CONN. INS. L.J. 355 (Spring 2011) (co-author)

"Perjury in Arbitration," 17 ARIAS-US Quarterly 18 (2010)

An Arbitration Panel's Authority to Award Punitive Damages, Legal Fees, and Costs," RUTGERS CONFLICT RESOLUTION LAW JOURNAL (Spring 2009) (co-author)

"Cross-Examination without a Comfort Blanket," Vo. 15 No. 3 ARIAS-US Quarterly (3d Quarter 2008)

"Civil Liability for Aiding and Abetting," THE BUSINESS LAWYER (May 2006)

"Fundamentals of Insurance Coverage Allocation," Mealey's Reports: Insurance Litigation (January 2000)

# SELECTED SPEAKING AND TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

SELECTED SPEAKING "Recent Developments in Molestation Claims," 2022 ABA-TIPS Section Conference (Faculty)

"Cyber Risks and Reinsurance," 2016 (Re)insurance Claims Congress (Faculty)

"Sexual and Physical Abuse Claims in the United States," 2015 International Alliance of Asbestos & Pollution Re-insurers (IntAP) Technical Meeting in Munich, Germany (Faculty)

National ADR Forum, ABA-TIPS (April 2013) (Program Co-Chair)

"Sexual Molestation Risks Impacting Reinsurers," AIRROC Summer Conference (July 2013)

"Mediating the High-profile Controversy," ABA National CLE Forum (Moderator)

"Liability Exposures of Educational Institutions," Re Claims Conference (2012)

"Sexual Molestation: Insurance and Reinsurance Coverage," HB Litigation Conferences (Fall 2012)

"Time-based Defenses Under E&O Policies," New York Annual E&O Seminar (2011)

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"The Arbitration Process – In Need of Reform or Still Working?," 17th Annual Insurance Conference (2011)

Insolvency & Reinsurance Roundtable (March 2010) (faculty)

"The Role of Actuaries in Life, Health and Disability Insurance and Reinsurance, as Arbitrator, Witness, and Client," 36th Annual TIPS Midwinter Symposium (January 2010) (Moderator)

"False Testimony and Other Misconduct in Arbitration," 2009 ARIAS-US Annual Meeting) (faculty)

"Building a Better ADR Clause," American Bar Association Annual Meeting (August 2008)

"Arbitration Procedure and Practice," ACI Reinsurance Arbitration Seminar, New York, N.Y. (September 2006)

"Reinsurance Claims Seminar," Mealey's Seminar, Boston Mass. (September 2004).

## **COMMUNITY**

Council Member, Langhorne Borough Council

Chair, Environmental Advisory Council, Langhorne Borough

Board Member, Langhorne Borough Rotary (Paul Harris Fellow)

Member, Langhorne Borough Historical Society

### **HOBBIES**

Golf, Hiking, Cycling