RICHARD C. MASON

OBJECTIVE

Serving the policyholder and insurer community by providing superior ADR services and legal consulting services.

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

PRACTICE

Mediation and Arbitration of complex insurance and reinsurance disputes. Litigation practice concentrated on complex insurance coverage litigation and reinsurance arbitration, focused on D&O and professional liability claims, mass tort, long-term exposure, sexual abuse claims, and accident & health reinsurance disputes.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation. As court-appointed *Judge Pro Tem*, Commerce Court, Court of Common Pleas, Phila. Pa. (2010-Present): court appointed to mediate approximately 6-10 disputes per year. As litigator (1996-2020): participated in approximately 10-15 mediations per year (approximately 200 total), primarily in complex, high-stakes insurance disputes

Arbitration. As attorney, arbitrated more than ten reinsurance and insurance disputes. Have served as a party-appointed arbitrator.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Vice Chair, Excess, Surplus Lines & Reinsurance Committee,

American Bar Association (TIPS Section) (past Chair)

Past Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, American Bar

Association (TIPS Section)

Judge Pro Tempore, appointed by Philadelphia Court of Common

Pleas (Commerce Court Mediation Program)

Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

Accredited Continuing Legal Education Provider, Pennsylvania CLE

Board

Past Editor-in-Chief, TORT & INSURANCE LAW JOURNAL (ABA's leading insurance law journal)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Note: my articles have been cited by the New York Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, federal courts in Connecticut, Michigan, and New Hampshire, and by numerous peer-reviewed journals, including 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.

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

"Reviver Statutes Open Window for Older Sexual Abuse Claims," BUSINESS INSURANCE (Feb. 1, 2015)

"Risk of discovery of sensitive communications can be managed by demonstrating the 'common interest' between insurer and reinsurer," BEST'S REVIEW (June 2013)

"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)

"Insurance Coverage Allocation," MEALEY'S REPORTS: INSURANCE LITIGATION (January 2000)

"Application of the Absolute Pollution Exclusion to Toxic Tort Claims," 33 TORT & INS. L. J. 749 (Spring 1998) (co-author)

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SELECTED SPEAKING AND TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS

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)

Coverage for False Claims Act Litigation Under Professional Liability Insurance Policies, New York Annual E&O Seminar (2015)

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

"Legal Developments Related to Hurricane Sandy," Reinsurance Association of America Spring Meeting (Faculty) (May 2013)

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

Mediating the High Profile Controversy, ABA National CLE Forum (Moderator)

Insurance Coverage for Sexual Abuse Claims, ABA-TIPS Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee 25th Annual CLE Seminar (March 2013) (moderator)

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

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

The Arbitration Process – In Need of Reform or Still Working?, 17th Annual Insurance Insolvency & Reinsurance Roundtable (March 2010) (faculty)

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

Perjury in Arbitration, 2009 ARIAS-US Annual Meeting) (faculty)

COMMUNITY

Council Member, Langhorne Borough Council (Chair, Environmental

Advisory Council)

Board Member, Langhorne Borough Rotary
Member, Langhorne Borough Historical Society

HOBBIES

Golf, Hiking, Cycling