

Faculty Biographies

Paul Ablan is managing director-Global Professional Indemnity at The St. Paul. He is based in London and is responsible for the strategic direction and underwriting performance of The St. Paul's professional indemnity business worldwide. Mr. Ablan began his career as an attorney in private practice and joined The St. Paul in 1991. He was certified by the Minnesota State Bar Association in 1990 as a Real Property Law Specialist, is a member of the American Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute. He received the Associate in Risk Management designation in 1993 from the Insurance Institute of America, and in 1995, he attained the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation.

G. Michael Bourgeois is a member of the Louisiana Bar and the American Bar Association. He is the immediate past chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability. He worked as a trial lawyer in Louisiana from 1968 to 1984. From 1984 to 1998, he was the senior claims officer for three E&O insurers, working primarily in the lawyer professional liability field. He is retired but still consults.

Michael D. Elliott joined EWI RE in 1996 as Senior Vice President and Account Executive and was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2000. Mr. Elliott served eight years as a Marine, Aviation, and U.S.L.&H. Underwriter with the Insurance Company of North America. For two years, he was an insurance broker for the firm of Jewett, Barton, Levey & Kern, Portland, Oregon. He also spent two years with SCOR RE as a Reinsurance Underwriter involved with Marine and Aviation Reinsurance. He was Vice President for thirteen years with Sedgwick RE in Seattle, specializing in Worker's Compensation, Professional Liability, General Casualty, Marine, and Aviation reinsurance programs. Mr. Elliott also spent five years with BEP International as a Senior Vice President and Branch Manager in charge of the Seattle Office.

Jutta Kath has been a fully qualified German attorney since 1989 and also received some of her legal training in the United States and is a member of the American Bar Association. Ms. Kath has more than 12 years of experience in the insurance industry, having worked in both primary insurance and reinsurance. In 1998, she joined Converium, where she holds the position of a client relationship manager for the U.S. casualty business Converium and writes through the London Market. She is also the Line of Business Manager for Professional Risks in Zurich. Ms. Kath is fluent in German and English.