

Kentucky Captive Association 2019 Educational Conference Speaker Biographies



Eric H. Anderson, FCAS, MAAA, ACI, Consulting Actuary, GPW and Associates, Inc.

Following his graduation from ASU in June 2008, Eric joined GPW and Associates, Inc. as an Actuarial Analyst. Following his attainment of Fellowship in the Casualty Actuarial Society in 2015, he was promoted to Consulting Actuary. Mr. Anderson's responsibilities include reserving and pricing focusing on commercial lines, reinsurance and captive insurance. Fields of expertise include developing and pricing enterprise risk captive insurance programs for various types of clients. He also has expertise with various Finance and Insurance (F&I) products including vehicle service contracts, guaranteed asset protection, tire and wheel and other ancillary programs within the F&I space.



Paul Bessire, Vice President, Advanced Analytics, Amend Consulting

Paul Bessire has used data, technology and simulation to become one of the world's foremost authorities at predicting sports. Paul is currently the VP of Advanced Analytics at AMEND Consulting locally where he and team help middle market clients - and some teams like the Reds and University of Cincinnati athletics - make more efficient decisions using data. Paul has been in predictive analytics for 15 years, primarily in sports analysis. Previous to AMEND, he worked for Western and Southern and FoxSports and founded and exited his own company, Prediction Machine, which simulated real-time outcomes of over 100,000 events a year across over 100 leagues in seven different sports.



Lisa Bondurant, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson, Atlanta GA

Over her 30+ year career, Lisa has represented multinational insurance and financial services companies in state and federal courts across the country. Her clients include some of the nation's largest insurance companies, and her experience includes liability and coverage disputes under a myriad of policies and products. Lisa has become a go-to litigator for cases to be mediated or arbitrated. Lisa has published extensively on insurance, financial services and ERISA matters. She has been a frequent speaker on those topics at seminars and conferences.



Russell R. Coy II, Captive Coordinator, Kentucky Department of Insurance

Russ has served as the captive coordinator for Kentucky since 2006. He is responsible for market development, licensing, and regulation of captive insurers. He worked for the Department's Legal Division from 1995 to 2006 where his practice specialized in corporate law, administrative law, financial solvency regulation, insurance rate intervention, and insurer rehabilitation/liquidation law. He served as legislative counsel for the 1998 and 2000 sessions of the General Assembly. Russ holds a J.D. from the University of Kentucky-College of Law and a B.A. in Finance from Transylvania University. He is a native of Richmond, Kentucky.



Stuart Ferguson, CPCU, ARM, KY Captive Association Chairman / The Underwriters Group

Stuart Ferguson, Managing Director of The Underwriters Group and Chair of the KY Captive Association, has spent over 30 years forming, advising, operating and servicing captives in the US, Europe, Scandinavia and offshore. He began his career with American International Group (AIG) in New York in the actuarial department of AIG Risk Management. From 1989 to 1993 he was posted in Paris, France as Vice President of AIG Europe and joined the Underwriters Safety & Claims in 1993. He is a frequent speaker on captives, workers compensation issues, risk retention group management, President of the Kentucky Workers Compensation Research Institute and serves on the National Risk Retention Association's government affairs committee.



KY Representative Adam Koenig

Adam Koenig was elected to the Kentucky State House of Representatives in November 2006. He is Chairman of the Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations Committee, and serves on the Banking and Insurance, Local Government, and Small Business and Information Technology committees and the Budget Review Subcommittee on Personnel, Public Retirement, and Finance. In addition, Adam serves on the Program Review and Investigation Committee. Prior to his election, he served eight years as Kenton County Commissioner and three years as Villa Hills City Councilman. In addition to being a State Representative, Adam is a realtor with Coldwell Banker West Shell.



Charles J. (Chaz) Lavelle, Senior Partner, Bingham Greenbaum Doll, LLP

Chaz is an attorney in the Louisville, Kentucky office of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP, and is listed in Captive Review's Power 50. He was Tax Counsel for two taxpayer victories in captive insurance tax cases in the United States Court of Appeals: Humana (deciding the "brother-sister" issue) and Ocean Drilling (deciding the outside business issue). He has been listed in Best Lawyers for over 20 years and was named Louisville Best Lawyer – Tax or Louisville Best Lawyer – Controversy and Litigation several times. Chaz co-teaches at ICCIE and regularly lectures and writes on captives. His civic and charitable activities include having served as Chair of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.



Wm. John Ryan, Managing Director, Raymond James Investments

John is a financial professional with 25 years of experience as a financial advisor and as an executive in institutional sales and investment banking. He is a Wealth Management Specialist and Raymond James Trust Specialist. He holds Series 7, 9, 10, 31, 63 and 65 licenses, is licensed in life and health insurance and earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University. John is on the board and executive finance committees of the Taft Museum of Art and the Freestore-Foodbank Foundation, on the investment committee of ArtsWave, on the board of the Downtown Council Inc. (DCI) and on the development committee of the Lindner Center of Hope. He is also part of the Cincinnati Regional Business Committee and an Economic & Development Board Member.



Jeffrey K. Simson, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson, Wilmington, DE

Jeff focuses his practice on the formation, regulation and governance of captive insurance companies. Jeff is a founder and director of the Delaware Captive Insurance Association and serves on its legislative and regulatory liaison committees, working closely with regulators. He is a director of the Self-Insurance Institute of America and chairs its Enterprise Risk Captive Advocacy Working Group, which focuses on government advocacy for the captive insurance industry. Jeff also has experience as an entrepreneur, as outside general counsel for small businesses and in business-side positions in financial institutions.