

RICHARD C. MASON

OBJECTIVE

As Member of MasonADR, LLC, to successfully serve the mediation, arbitration, and legal consulting needs of the policyholder and insurer business community.

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

Complex insurance coverage litigation and reinsurance arbitration, with a concentration in directors and officers and professional liability insurance claims, mass tort, long-term exposure, sexual abuse claims, and accident & health reinsurance disputes.

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation

As court-appointed Judge Pro Tempore, Commerce Court, Court of Common Pleas, Phila., Pa. (2009 – present): court-appointed to mediate approximately 6-8 disputes per year.

As litigator (1996-2020): have participated as advocate 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

Certified Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
Past Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, American Bar Association (TIPS Section) (currently vice-chair)
Past Chair, Reinsurance Committee, American Bar Association (TIPS Section) (currently vice-chair)

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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)

SELECTED
PUBLICATIONS

Note: my articles have been cited by the New York Court of Appeals, 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.

"Cedent-reinsurer Information Sharing," ARIAS-US Quarterly (4th Quarter 2021)

"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)

"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**

“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)

“Coverage for False Claims Act Litigation Under Professional Liability Insurance Policies,” New York Annual E&O Seminar (2014)

“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)

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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, Langhorne Borough

Board Member, Langhorne Borough Rotary (Paul Harris Fellow)

Member, Langhorne Borough Historical Society

HOBBIES

Golf, Hiking, Cycling
