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RICHARD C. MASON

OBJECTIVE As Member of MasonADR, LLC, to successfully serve the mediation, arbitration, legal consulting, and expert witness 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)

LAW 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 settlement conferences. Currently serving as a private commercial mediator, primarily assisting parties in resolving insurance coverage disputes.

Arbitration
Member, American Arbitration Association, Roster of Arbitrators.
Member, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Panel of Arbitrators.
As attorney-advocate, arbitrated numerous reinsurance and insurance disputes.

EXPERT ENGAGEMENTS

Cepeda v. CSAA General Insurance Co., No. 3-23-cv-3572 (C.P. Phila.)
Ott v. Progressive Garden State Insurance Company, No. CAM-L-958-22 (N.J. Super.)
Lindsey v. Allstate Indemnity Co., No. 2:23-cv-00942 (C.P. Phila.)
Palgutt v. Great Northern Ins. Co., No. 2:22-cv-0375 (C.P. Phila.)
Keebler v. American Family Connect Prop. & Cas. Co., No. 2:20-cv-502525 (C.P. Phila.)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Arbitration Association (AAA), Roster of Arbitrators
Member, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Panel of Arbitrators
Vice-Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, American Bar Ass'n (TIPS Section) (former Chair)
Vice-Chair, Reinsurance Committee, American Bar Ass'n (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)

**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.

"The Remarkable Story of Uber's Fight to Enforce Class Action Waivers and the Unforeseen Consequences that Ensued," Dispute Resolution Newsletter (1st Quarter 2024)

"Strict Duty to Indemnify Decision Bucks Recent Trend," Law360 (January 2024)

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

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

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

"Nevada Case Highlights Settlement Authority Dilemmas for Cos.," Law360 (May 2022)

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

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

"Insurers Have Cause for Optimism in Labor Cost Rulings," Law360 (June 2021)

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

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

"Recurring Issues in Life, Annuity, and Health Reinsurance," ARIAS-US QUARTERLY (2011)

"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)

"Courts Reallocate Risks to Insurers," *BEST'S REVIEW* (December 1998)

"The Absolute Pollution Exclusion: Will Courts Choose Construction or Deconstruction?," *33 TORT & INS. LAW J.* 749 (1998)

**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)

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)

"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

Member, Environmental Advisory Council, Langhorne Borough

President, Langhorne Borough Rotary (Paul Harris Fellow)

Member, Langhorne Borough Historical Society

HOBBIES

Golf, Hiking, World History