

Biographies



Georg Kodek, Justice of the Austrian Supreme Court and Professor of Civil and Business Law, Vienna

Georg E. Kodek studied law at the University of Vienna where he graduated ("doctor juris") with honors in 1987. Furthermore, he holds a LL.M. from the Northwestern University School of Law and interned at the King's County District Attorney's Office, Brooklyn, N.Y.

In 1991, he was appointed a district court judge in Vienna. After serving at the superior court of Eisenstadt and the Vienna Court of Appeals, he was appointed to the Austrian Supreme Court, in 2006.

In addition, he is professor of civil and commercial law at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. He has published extensively in the fields of civil and commercial law, insolvency law and civil procedure law.



Theodoros Kokkalas, CEO, ERGO Turkey and ERGO Greece

Mr. Theodoros Kokkalas completed his undergraduate degree in Economics at the Piraeus University. Successively, he completed his Law Degree at the University of Athens. He also holds an LL.M. degree from the University of Hanover, Germany. He continued his postgraduate studies at INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France in Strategic Management.

He started his career as a lawyer in law firms in Athens and in Germany. Later he stepped into the insurance industry and started working for Gerling-Konzern Allgemeine, where he became the CEO of the Greek Branch as of 1998.

In 2004, Mr. Kokkalas joined the ERGO Group as the CEO of the ERGO Hellas (the Greek subsidiary of the Group). During his term, he managed to grow the company in a sustainably profitable way and brought the company from 17th ranking to number 1 in the country. In 2012, he additionally assumed the CEO responsibility for ERGO Turkey.

He is married with one child.



Professor Kerim Atamer, Member of the Drafting Committee of the new Turkish Commercial Code, Istanbul

Kerim Atamer, born 1965, Dr. iur. Hamburg 1999, is a Professor for Maritime, Insurance and Transport law. He is a member of the drafting committees of, respectively, the new Turkish Insurance Contract law as well as the Turkish General Conditions on Professional Liability Insurance. Kerim co-organized the first international conference on PEICL in Istanbul with the participation of the drafters, and was a speaker at AIDA 2011 in Amsterdam. As a practicing lawyer, he acted, among others, for Claimants in the first-ever mediation in Turkish

Insurance law in what was believed at the time to be the largest insurance claim pursued in Turkey. Kerim widely lectures, publishes and advises on Insurance law and related topics.



Dr Caroline Bell, Legal Director – Client Knowledge Services

Caroline is a Legal Director (Client Knowledge Services) who works in the International Arbitration and Insurance teams of City law firm Addleshaw Goddard.

Caroline has acted for a number of insurance and reinsurance companies, brokers and Lloyd's syndicates on complex disputes, often with a foreign element. She has experience of high court litigation, mediation, ad-hoc and institutional arbitration

Caroline also provides expert advice on coverage issues, policy wordings and regulatory matters. She has spent eight months on secondment at Royal & Sun Alliance working on non-contentious matters, including negotiating affinity deals, TOBAs and delegated authorities.

Caroline is the author of a PhD thesis (written under the supervision of Professor Robert Merkin QC) on the London Market Excess of Loss spiral ("LMX Spiral") that developed during the 1980s/early 1990s within the London reinsurance market. Her thesis analyses reinsurance spirals generally and proposes a new legal analysis of Excess of Loss reinsurance contracts. A summary of her thesis won the "BILA Journal Article Prize 2015".

Caroline contributes articles to the specialised press and she is a regular speaker at international conferences on insurance and reinsurance law. She is the honorary secretary of the British Insurance Law Association (BILA) and she sits on the Scientific Council of AIDA Europe.



Torben Bondrop, Partner, Plesners, Copenhagen

Torben Bondrop is one of Denmark's foremost litigators. His track record as a litigator is outstanding, and he has won 11 consecutive cases before the Danish Supreme Court.

Torben has had a right to appear before the Danish Supreme Court for more than 20 years, and he is also a qualified arbitrator. His high success rate and extensive litigation experience mean that he is in constant demand among Danish and international businesses, and he handles litigation and arbitration proceedings in a range of areas of the law.

Torben specializes in insurance and pension law, but in addition to traditional insurance law, he has been engaged in advisor's professional liability, D&O liability, product liability, general commercial liability and reinsurance, and he has handled a large number of litigation and arbitration proceedings in all of these areas.

In addition, Torben holds positions of trust in the areas of procedural and general insurance law; he is a member of the board of the Danish Supreme Court Bar Association, secretary of the Danish Association of Insurance Law, a member of the board of Foreningen for Erstatnings- og Forsikringsret (FEF) (a Danish association for tort and insurance law), a member of the presidential council of the International Association for Insurance Law (AIDA) and a member of the board of AIDA Europe.

Education

Qualified Arbitrator, by the General Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society, May 2006

Admitted to the Supreme Court, 1992

Admitted to the bar, 1987

Master of Laws, University of Copenhagen, 1984



Dr Ottó Csurgó, Partner, Cseri & Partners Law Offices, Budapest

Otto Csurgó is partner and head of the practice areas Insurance and Tort Law at Cseri @ Partners Law Offices in Budapest.

Following 25 years work in higher management positions at different international and local insurance companies (Colonia, AXA, Groupama, CIG) in Hungary and in the CEE, CIS regions, he turned back to the legal field and joined the Cseri & Partners Law Offices in 2014.

Otto Csurgó has specialised in insurance and tort law and in addition to the traditional praxis in defence side, he is working as a consultant in different insurance related projects.

He has conducted a large number of court and arbitration proceedings, also acts as arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Otto Csurgó is co-chairman of the AIDA Hungarian National Chapter, member of the AIDA Europe Committee, and member of the board at the Hungarian Lawyers' Mutual Insurance Association.

He also lectures insurance law at the Institute for Postgraduate Studies in Law, Budapest.

He speaks English, German, Russian and Hungarian.



Christian Felderer, Vice-Chairman, AIDA Europe

Until his retirement in September 2014, Christian Felderer served as CEO of *SCOR Services Switzerland Ltd.*, *SCOR's Swiss based Hub Operation*. Next to this, he was the General Counsel for the Hub and responsible for the handling of all corporate legal and regulatory affairs of SCOR's Swiss based legal entities.

Additionally, at the level of the SCOR Group, he was responsible, as *General Counsel SCOR Global P&C*, for all of SCOR's global P&C insurance and reinsurance transactional legal matters.

Mr. Felderer has more than 35 years' of experience in the insurance and reinsurance industry. Prior to the responsibilities at SCOR, as General Legal Counsel for the *Converium* Group, until 2007, and previously as Senior Legal Counsel for Zurich Re. Between 1990 and 1997 Mr. Felderer had various management

responsibilities within the Zurich Group's International Division, including the establishment and management of the Captives and Financial Risk Management Department and the management of the Claims organization of the Zurich Group's International Division. He had started his business career with the Zurich Insurance Group as an underwriter in the International Division's Casualty Department. He holds a law degree from the University of Zurich and is admitted to the Zurich Bar.

He is currently a member of the AIDA Presidential Council (*Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances*) and the Vice-Chairman of AIDA Europe. In addition, since 2015, he chairs the Reinsurer Advisory Group for the *Project on Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law (PRICL)*, which is an international project for the elaboration of a uniform set of reinsurance contract principles, involving an international faculty of insurance law professors in cooperation with representatives from the global insurance and reinsurance industry.



David Hertzell, Former Law Commissioner and Consultant to BLM Law and Mactavish, London

David Hertzell was Managing Partner of city law firm DAC until 2006. He was appointed a Law Commissioner in 2007 until 2014. He previously chaired the Airmic (the UK risk managers association) Captive Insurance Focus Group, is an Airmic Board member and was a member of the BSI drafting committee on risk management. He is currently president of the British Insurance Law Association and Chair of the CII Professional Standards Board. He chaired the government Taskforce on insurance fraud. He is a pension fund trustee and sat as the independent member on the audit and risk committee of the Judicial Appointments Committee. As Law Commissioner David was responsible for various commercial and common law reform projects, including the reform of insurance contract law, the law relating to the supply of goods and services and the fiduciary duties of investment intermediaries.



Dr. Stephan Korinek, Head of Division, Austrian Financial Market Authority

- born in 1972 in Vienna
- studies of law at the University of Vienna and at the University of Leiden (NL), graduation 1996; doctor iuris (doctoral theses: "Legal Supervision of Insurance Companies") in 1999
- 1996 to 2000 teaching and research assistant in the civil law department of the University of Vienna
- 1999/2000 practice at law courts
- 2000/2001 associate of CMS Strommer Reich-Rohrwig Karasek Hainz (law firm)
- 2001/2002 legal division E-Control (electricity market supervision)
- since October 2002 head of division ("Prudential Supervision of Insurance and Pension Companies") in the Austrian Financial Market Authority

Some core areas of work:

- Team Governance: licensing, outsourcing, fit&proper, compliance, administrative procedures
- Team Business Conduct: information requirements, conflict of interests, insurance mediation
- Transposition of Solvency II Directive, project leader within FMA

(Former) member of international working groups: eCommerce (EC), insurance mediation (CEIOPS), PRIPs (3L3)

Publications in the field of civil law and supervisory law

Lecturer at universities and seminars

Member of the Regulatory Commission of E-Control since March 2016



Joachim Krane, Partner, BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr, Munich

Joachim Krane is admitted as a lawyer to the bar in Munich since 1995 and specializes in tort and contractual liability law (in particular product liability and recall, D&O, E&O, post M&A disputes), insurance contract and regulatory law, compliance, international law, advisory client care and management / monitoring of large losses. He also has many years of experience in product design for corporations and medium-sized companies, alternative risk transfer solutions, mediation and international arbitration, reinsurance and excess insurances as well as handling cross-border claim complexes.

Mr. Krane worked for many years in various technical and management positions in the insurance industry in the areas of industrial and commercial insurance and reinsurance, most recently at Swiss Re Corporate Solutions and XL Insurance as Head of Claims and Member of the Board of Management. Mr. Krane started his

career at Allianz Insurance in corporate and international liability, and GE Insurance (formerly Frankona Reinsurance) as Head of Claims. He was for 12 years a member of the Liability Loss Commission of the German Insurance Association (GDV) and is active in various international industry bodies and associations.

Since 2013 Mr. Krane is a Partner at the law firm of Bach Langheid Dallmayr in Munich. He has done insurance, advisory or litigation work with internationally leading insurers and reinsurers, as well as Fortune 500 corporations, and is regarded as an opinion leader in the industry.



Professor Rob Merkin QC, University of Exeter; Special Counsel, DLA Piper.

Rob has been on the AIDA Presidential Council since 1993 and a Vice-President of AIDA since 2010. Rob has written a number of texts on insurance and reinsurance law generally, and also on marine and motor insurance. He teaches at Exeter University, and has visiting professorships at the Universities of Queensland, Sydney, Hong Kong and Auckland. Rob was consultant to the English and Scottish Law Commissions during their 10 year review of insurance law, and was Special Adviser to the UK Parliament during the passing of the Insurance Act 2015.



Dr Stefan Mueck, Chief Technology Officer Cognitive Solutions Team, Financial Services Europe, IBM Deutschland GmbH, Cologne

Dr. Stefan Mueck, IBM Distinguished Engineer, is the Cognitive Solutions CTO for Insurance in Europe. He led numerous innovation, strategy and first-of-a-kind projects with globally leading companies in Germany, Switzerland and Europe. He advises on digital transformation in support of new business models, products, services and the required organizational transformation. Beyond Finance, he also worked for leading companies in Automotive, Travel and Transport and Telecommunications. Stefan holds a Dr. degree in Mathematics and has more than 20 years of consulting, research and innovation management experience.



Professor Stefan Perner, Chair, Financial Market Law, Department of Civil Law, University of Linz, Linz

Stefan Perner (b. 1980) graduated from the University of Vienna in 2002. In the same year, he joined the University of Vienna Law Faculty where he took the doctor juris degree in 2004 with a dissertation on the majority of creditors in Austrian Civil Law. Together with two colleagues, he published a leading text book in the field of civil law in 2007. In 2009 he became assistant professor, in 2011 he was appointed associate professor of Civil Law at the Viennese Law Faculty.

In 2013 Stefan Perner became professor of Private Law at the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Klagenfurt, in 2015 he was appointed professor at the University of Linz where he holds the chair of Financial Market Law at the Department of Civil Law.

Stefan Perner is the author, or editor, of numerous books and articles in the field of Civil Law, Private Insurance Law and European Law.



Paolo Rainelli, Assistant Professor – Department of Management and Production Engineering, Politecnico di Torino, Turin

Paolo Rainelli is assistant professor of business law at the Politecnico of Turin, Department of Management and Production Engineering, where he teaches Business Law and Innovation and International Transactions Law. He regularly lectures at the LLM in International Trade Law (organized by the ILO International Training Center) and at the Post-graduate School for Legal Professions at the University of Turin.

He graduated with honors from the Law School of the University of Turin in 2000. He received an LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School of New York in 2005, where he was Fulbright Scholar and Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and a Ph.D. in Business Law at the Bocconi University of Milan in 2006. He was visiting fellow at the University of Oxford, Georgetown University of Washington and the Max Planck Institute of Munich, where he completed the GWU Munich IP Law Summer Program.

He is member of AIDA, of the American Bar Association and of the European Corporate Governance Institute. He also sits on the executive committees of AIDA Italia and AIDA Piemonte Valle d'Aosta and on the scientific committees of AIDA Lombardia and NED Community. He is member of the Turin Bar since 2003, was admitted to practice before Italian Higher Courts in 2015 and has been affiliated with the law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton.



Chris Rodd, formerly Technical Counsel, IAG Insurance (Australia), Melbourne

Chris is an Insurance Law Consultant who has worked as a lawyer in the insurance industry and legal profession for over 35 years.

Initially in private practice in a large national law firm, Chris joined Commercial Union Insurance (now CGU) in 1989. During his 27 years with the company he held a number of positions including National Claims Manager, Head of the companies Internal Dispute Resolution Department and finally as Technical Counsel. Chris has been State President of AILA, National President, and is now Australia's representative on the AIDA Presidential Council. Recipient of the prestigious, Australian Insurance Law Prize in 2013, Chris has been since 2010 a lecturer in insurance law at Monash University and a Senior Fellow in the Faculty. He is also a member of the AIDA Working Parties on Climate Change and Insurance and Alternative Dispute Resolution

A member of the US based organisation FDCC (Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel), Chris is currently Chairman of the International Committee of FDCC.

Since retiring from CGU in May 2016 Chris has concentrated on working as a consultant in the insurance industry primarily focussing on insurance related mediation.



Rolf Staub, General Counsel for Group Reinsurance, Zurich Insurance Company, Zurich

Rolf Staub is the General Counsel for Group Reinsurance at Zurich Insurance Company. He is also a member of Zurich's Global Underwriting Committee for insurance products and as such has a broad exposure to the impact of digitalization on insurance propositions. He is a member of the Zurich Group legal executive team.

Rolf Staub has more than 25 years of experience in structuring and negotiating complex (re) insurance agreements and overseeing and managing corporate and regulatory projects. He has held various senior positions within the insurance industry both in Switzerland and in New York.

Rolf Staub is a member of the AIDA Swiss Chapter Organizing Committee and a frequent lecturer at insurance industry events. He also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Zurich based Art and Design School F+F.



Richard Traub, Partner, Traub, Lieberman Strauss & Shrewsberry LLP, New Jersey

Richard K. Traub is a founding partner of Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP and practices in the firm's insurance coverage, construction litigation, cyber and privacy, and mass tort areas. Mr. Traub is the co-managing partner of the firm and has been so since its inception. Under his guidance, the firm has grown from its original four members to its current national status with almost 100 lawyers in seven regional offices.

He has authored or contributed to four books and has published numerous articles and papers dealing with insurance coverage, nanotechnology, environmental forensics, technology, climate change, cyber and risk assessment, and construction defect litigation.

Mr. Traub has served as Director of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, and is the current Dean of its Litigation Management College Graduate Program. He currently serves on the Presidential Council of AIDA (Association Internationale de droit Assurances) and is Chair of the US Chapter; He is a past member of the Board of Directors of USLAW as well as past Chair of its Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Section; he is a member of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys; a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel; a member of the International Association of Claims Professionals currently serving on its Education and Training Committee; and has been named as a "SuperLawyer" in New York and New Jersey for Insurance Coverage multiple times was so again in 2016.

He is admitted to practice in the States of New York, New Jersey and Florida, the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, the District of New Jersey, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.



Prof. Dr. Samim Unan, Legal Advisor, Istanbul

Born in Ankara 1955.
Graduated in 1981 from Faculty of Law, University of Istanbul
LLM in 1982 (University of Istanbul)
Doctor in 1986 (University of Istanbul)

Assistant Associate Professor in 1988 (University of Istanbul)
Associate Professor in 1995 (University of Istanbul)
Professor in 2000 (University of Istanbul)

Teaching transport law and insurance law at the University of Galatasaray since 2002

Works as part time legal consultant for

- Anadolu Anonim Türk Sigorta Şirketi (Non Life)
- Ak Sigorta A.Ş. (Non Life)
- Coface Turkey (Credit insurances)
- Cygna Finans (Life and pensions)
- AvivaSA (Life and Pensions)

Past President of the Turkish Insurance Law Association (TILA = Turkish AIDA)

Past President of the Turkish Maritime Law Association.

Member of the Presidential Council of AIDA (International Insurance Law Association)

Author of books, articles mainly about insurance law.



Bart van der Sloot, Researcher at University of Amsterdam, Institute for Information Law; General Editor of the European Data Protection Law Review

Bart van der Sloot specializes in the area of Privacy and Big Data. He also publishes regularly on the liability of Internet Intermediaries, data protection and internet regulation. He currently works at the [Institute for Information Law of the University of Amsterdam](#). Bart formerly worked at the Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR) (part of the Prime Minister's Office of the Netherlands) to co-author a [report on the regulation of Big Data in relation to security and privacy](#). In that context, he served as the first editor of a [scientific book](#) with contributions by leading international scholars and as the first author of an [international comparative study on the regulation of Big Data](#). Bart van der Sloot has [an extensive list of publications](#), including books, book chapters and articles in national and international journals, magazines and newspapers. He has given some [100 lectures and presentations](#). Bart van der Sloot is the general editor of the international privacy journal [European Data Protection Law Review](#). Bart van der Sloot is also the coordinator of the [Amsterdam Platform for Privacy Research \(APPR\)](#), which consists of about 70 employees at the University of Amsterdam who in their daily teaching and research activities focus on privacy-related issues.