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### **AIDA EUROPE CONFERENCE, HAMBURG 2008**

in association with the Insurance Committee of the IBA "INSURANCE & REINSURANCE LAW IN EUROPE: NEW CHALLENGES"

### PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Present and future risks the latest developments and the next big claims.
- Class actions will Europe have to face a US-style litigation culture in the future?
- Principles of European Insurance Contract Law panel discussion on the work of the Innsbruck Group.
- European Intermediaries Directive the changing role of brokers.
- Cross border multi-jurisdictional disputes and how to manage them.

### INCLUDING PRE-CONFERENCE AIDA WORKING PARTIES ON:

- Reinsurance: mock arbitration with arbitrators from civil law and common law jurisdictions.
- State Supervision: integration of the banking and supervisory divisions in Europe and transfers of insurance and reinsurance portfolios in Europe.
- Life Pension and Collective Insurance: group personal pension: the extent and formation of group personal insurance, and the duty of insurers to provide information.
- **Distribution of Insurance Products:** dealing with consumer insurances, reinsurance intermediaries, conflict of interest, distance selling, and alternative distribution channels and group insurances.
- New Technologies, Prevention and Insurance: The influence of ITT, genetics and nanotechnology in risk analysis, description of insurance risk and claims management; and, prevention in insurance policies.

### Special keynote addresses from:

Wilhelm Zeller Chairman of the Executive Board, Hannover Re Dennis Mahoney Chairman, Aon Global

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Robert Hammesfahr, Managing Director, Claims and Liability Management, Swiss Re

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Louise Jenkins, Allens Arthur Robinson (Melborne)

Professor Gerard Kamphuisen, Radboud University Nijmegen

Joachim Krane, Chief Claims Officer, XL Services

Professor Jerome Kullmann, Paris Dauphine University and Director of the Insurance Institute of Paris

Christian Lahnstein, Munich Re

Jonathan Post, XL Insurance General Counsel for Global Programmes

Professor Robert Merkin, University of Southampton and Consultant to Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP.

Ioannis Rokas, IKRP Rokas & Partners (Athens)

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### "INSURANCE & REINSURANCE LAW IN EUROPE: NEW CHALLENGES"

A one-day conference organised by AIDA Europe, in association with the Insurance Committee of the IBA, to look at the issues facing the European Insurance and Reinsurance Markets now and in the future, and how the legal sector can support the industry in preparing to meet the challenges ahead.

There are a number of challenges currently facing the market. The insurance and reinsurance industries are more than ever tied to the wider financial services sector, with many hedge funds and investment banks having invested heavily in the insurance and reinsurance sector in recent years. The financial markets have until recently been strong; however the US sub-prime lending crisis precipitated а wider market slowdown. As the full extent of the "credit crunch" becomes known a search for scapegoats is likely to ensue, and corporate defaults and bankruptcies are usually followed by directors and officers, and errors and omissions actions as shareholders, regulators and customers alike look for individuals and institutions be accountable for financial imprudence or miscalculation. What are the legal implications for insurers and reinsurers?

There seems to be some appetite at the European Commission level to create a reaime for multi-party litigation "collective redress" relation in competition/anti-trust cases. Similarly a number of European countries have recently proposed or adopted legislation to allow multi-party legislation. Will the turbulence in the financial markets encourage US-style class actions to be brought in Europe? Is there scope for shareholders or other stakeholders to bring multi-party claims? Will policies cover fines and penalties, fraud and punitive damages if investigations reveal financial misdemeanours?

One need only to look at the events of 2007 to see that the threat of climate change apparently continues apace. Recent years have seen severe

hurricanes, flooding and wild fires occurring across the globe, and there is an apparent acceptance by the industry that climate change is a reality, and a recognition that human activity contributes to it. As a result there are now a number of legal actions in a range of jurisdictions focusing on climate change issues. For example, against public bodies, as well as carbon emitters. There are difficulties with these actions, principally in the areas of causation and foreseeability, and questions about when the loss took place. These situations will continue to develop and it is possible that and reinsurers will insurers exposures to claims arising from climate change both as a natural catastrophe and as a man-made problem.

Insurers and reinsurers will continue to face exposures from existing problems, for example, from asbestos related claims and terrorism. In the asbestos-related deaths are predicted to peak in 2015 and the Government has enacted legislation to make it easier for claimants to pursue negligent employers. How will these existing exposures continue to develop? It is difficult to predict what the "next asbestos" will be, however insurers and reinsurers will to the continue remain wary of development of nanotechnology, toxic mould and mobile phone technology. How can the industry deal with the next big claims?

The conference will aim to promote discussion, inform and enable sharing of opinions on these and other key challenges facing the insurance and reinsurance industry in Europe today. Specialist speakers will also be giving talks on how the US and Bermuda views Europe, the work of the Innsbruck Group Restatement of European the Contract Law and the changing role of the broker under the European Intermediaries Directive. An interactive question and answer session will look at cross border multi-jurisdictional disputes, the issues involved, and tips on how to manage them.





### Thursday 22 May 2008

Morning:

### AIDA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 08:00 - 12:15

Location - Offices of HanseMerkur, Siegfried-Wedells-Platz 1, 20354 Hamburg

### Afternoon:

### AIDA EUROPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 13:15 - 14:00

Location - Offices of HanseMerkur, Siegfried-Wedells-Platz 1, 20354 Hamburg Welcome Address: Professor Carlos Ignacio Jaramillo, President, AIDA

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS - 13:00 - 16:30**

Location - Offices of HanseMerkur, Siegfried-Wedells-Platz 1, 20354 Hamburg

AIDA WORKING PARTIES under the auspices of the Institute of Insurance Science, Hamburg University (Attendance is free to all Conference delegates)

AIDA's Presidential Council has created several Working Parties for the purpose of carrying out research in specific fields of insurance law and related matters. Anyone who is interested in the study of insurance law is welcome to attend these sessions.

- Reinsurance Working Party 14:30-17:30: Chair, Colin Croly, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP. Location: Gästehaus der Universität Hamburg, Rothenbaumchaussee 34, 20148 Hamburg
  - Mock Arbitration, with panel of arbitrators from civil law and common law jurisdictions.
- **Distribution of Insurance Working Party** 14:00-16:30: Chair, Professor Dr Ioannis Rokas, IKRP Rokas & Partners (Athens). **Location:** Offices of HanseMerkur
  - Consumer insurances representative power and imputed knowledge, reinsurance intermediaries, conflict of interest, distance selling collaboration between intermediaries, and alternative distribution channels and group insurances.
- State Supervision of Insurance Working Party 14:30-17:00: Chair, Professor Dr Gerrit Winter, Hamburg University. Location: Offices of HanseMerkur Integration of the banking and insurance supervisory divisions in Europe and transfers of insurance and reinsurance portfolios in Europe.
- Life Pension and Collective Insurance Working Party 16:30-18:30: Chair, Professor Bill Dufwa, Stockholm University. Location: Offices of HanseMerkur Group personal insurance: the extent and formation of group personal insurance, and the duty of insurers to provide information.
- New Technologies, Prevention and Insurance Working Party 14:30 17:00: Chair, Joaquin Alarcon, Alarcon and Associates
  The influence of ITT, genetics and nanotechnology in risk analysis, description of insurance risk and claims management; and, prevention in insurance policies.

### Evening:

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - 17:30 - 19:00**

Location: Offices of HanseMerkur

Location - Park Hyatt Hamburg, Bugenhagenstrasse 8, Hamburg 20095

### PRE-CONFERENCE DRINKS RECEPTION - 18:00 - 20:00

Location - Park Hyatt Hamburg, Bugenhagenstrasse 8, Hamburg 20095 All conference delegates are welcome to attend.



### Friday 23 May 2008 - AIDA EUROPE CONFERENCE, Park Hyatt Hamburg (www.hamburg.park.hyatt.com)

8.15-8.45

**Registration and Coffee** 

8.45-9.15

Welcome addresses

- Chairman of Conference Colin Croly, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP
- Professor Dr Robert Koch -Hamburg University, Institute of Insurance Science
- Senator Dr Michael Freytag City of Hamburg Government

9.15-9.45

Keynote addresses

facing Challenges the Insurance industry/Reinsurance industry in Europe today.

Speaker:

Wilhelm Zeller, Chairman of the Executive Board,

Hannover Re

9.45-10.15

The view from 'across the pond': How the US and Bermuda view Europe. How does this affect

Europe?

Speaker:

Dennis Mahoney, Chairman, Aon Global

10.15-11.20

Panel Discussion:

Present/Future risks - the latest developments and next big claims. The legal issues involved, and what does the industry have to do to prepare. itself.

- Sub-prime
- **Asbestos**
- Climate/Natural Catastrophes
- Other 'future' risks e.g. nanotechnology
- Regulation
- Eastern Europe Markets

Chair:

Mikael Rosenmejer, Plesner Svane Gronborg

Panel:

John Arpel, Principal, Allianz Risk Transfer

Robert Hammesfahr, Managing Director, Claims and

Liability Management, Swiss Re

Joachim Krane, Chief Claims Officer, XL Services

Leonid Zubarev, Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna

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Christian Lahnstein, Munich Re

11.20-11.40

Coffee



11.40-12.10

**Principles of European Insurance Contract Law** 

Panel discussion on the work of the Innsbruck Group

Panellists:

Professor Jerome Kullmann, Paris Dauphine

University and Director of Insurance Institute of Paris

Professor Diana Cerini, University of Milan

Professor Helmut Heiss, University of Zurich

12.10-13.10

Class Actions. Will Europe have to face a US-style

litigation culture in the future?

Panel Discussion:

Chair:

Jan Heuvels, Ince & Co

Panel:

Jean Alisse, Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP (Paris)

Jorge Angell, L C Rodrigo

David Greenwald, Jenner & Block (Chicago)

Truiken Heydn, Teclegal

Jonathan Post, XL Insurance

13.10-14.20

Lunch

14.20-14.50

European Intermediaries Directive. The changing

role of the broker.

Speaker:

Professor Robert Merkin, University of Southampton

and Consultant to Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP

14.50-15.15

Tea

15.15-17.15

Cross border, multi-jurisdictional disputes and

how to manage them.

Using two case studies, a panel of lawyers from a range of European jurisdictions will lead a discussion session which will highlight the pitfalls involved in

cross-border multi-jurisdictional disputes.

Interactive question and answer sessions:

Chair:

Katy-Marie Wilson, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP / Stefan

Speyer, Deputy Director at Group Legal Services

Allianz SE

Panel:

Christian Bouckaert, Bouckaert Ormen Passemard

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Topics to be covered will include:

- Drafting Choice of Law and jurisdictions provisions
- Dealing with jurisdictional disputes
- A comparative review of how courts will interpret the same wording in differing jurisdictions
- Anti-suit injunctions
- Forum shopping

### 17.15

### Chairman's closing remarks

Saturday 24 May Elbe Cruise 09:30 - 11:30

Please join us on a cruise to discover Hamburg from the water. Return coach transfer from the Park Hyatt Hamburg to the boat (departing 9.00) and on board refreshments will be provided.

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AIDA ("Association International de Droits de Assurances"), the International Insurance Law Association; was established in 1960. It brings together insurance law associations ("Chapters") from more than 80 countries worldwide, with the aim to educate; research and develop insurance law through conferences, reports, research papers and academic studies, and particularly through the work of its Working Parties and its World Congresses.

Anyone who belongs to their national insurance law association is a 'member' of AIDA. You do not need to belong to AIDA or a Chapter to attend any AIDA events - delegates who are interested in insurance law are always welcome. Similarly, the AIDA Working Parties, though limited in membership, open all of their meetings to free attendance by anyone who is interested. All of the national associations have their own activities, including regular seminars and conferences. In addition AIDA holds regular events, including, every 4 years, a World Congress. Regional groupings of the national associations such as CILA, and now AIDA Europe are also active. AIDA events, and those of its regional groupings are primarily designed to bring together academics, lawyers and professionals from the insurance markets worldwide, to generate discussion and debate, to further the study, understanding and development of insurance law.

For further information about AIDA including details of all the National Chapters, future AIDA events, and to register to receive the AIDA Newsletter, AIDA Mail, please visit the AIDA website: www.aida.org.uk.

### **AIDA Europe**

AIDA Europe was established in Rome in 2007. Its aim is to bring together the National Associations in Europe, as a regional grouping, to further the goals of AIDA on a regional basis. AIDA Europe Hamburg 2008 is the inaugural AIDA Europe event, hopefully the first of many. AIDA Europe is delighted to be working closely with the Insurance Committee of the IBA (International Bar Association) in this event.

### Insurance Committee of the IBA

The objective of the Insurance Committee of the International Bar Association is to encourage the global exchange of knowledge and experience in connection with the law of insurance/reinsurance as well as industry practice and to provide opportunities for professionals working in this area both in the law and in the industry to meet and foster relationships.



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He is actively involved in corporate law matters, particularly in companies' acquisitions, and advises on all areas of insurance and reinsurance from regulatory issues connected with the licensing of insurance and insurance brokerage companies to the winding-up of insurance companies, handling of claims, policy drafting, as well as litigation and arbitration related to all the above matters. He has frequently acted as expert in Spanish law before foreign courts, especially English and US courts, and as party counsel in domestic and international arbitrations. He was nominated in the 2001 Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers; the 2002 and 2006 Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers and the 2006 Guide of Experts in Commercial Arbitration, of the Expert Guides Series published by Legal Media Group. He has also been nominated in The International Who's Who of Commercial Litigators 2004 and 2006 editions published by Law Business Research Limited. He speaks Spanish and English fluently.



John Arpel

### Principal of Allianz Risk Transfer, Zürich

John Arpel has been Principal of Allianz Risk Transfer since 1997. John began his career at Lloyds of London as an underwriter and broker and since this time, has accumulated a wealth of experience at many of the world's leading reinsurance companies. John is a qualified mediator and lectures in Western and Central Europe on insurance and risk management topics including alternatives to traditional cover, mainly for Management Centre Europe and Chartered Insurance Institute. John has also written various articles and papers on reinsurance, risk management and dispute resolution and was winner of the 1993 Morgan Owen prize for best research paper.



### Christian Bouckaert

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### Bach, Langheid & Dallmayr

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### Professor Helmut Heiss University of Zurich

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### Christian Lahnstein Munich Re

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Since 1990 Legal Counsel at the Central Legal Department of the Allianz Group in Munich (now Group Legal Services of Allianz SE).

Main areas of work: Insurance Supervisory Law including cross border provision of services, branch offices and restructurings, Insurance Contract Law, namely in property, including International cases and political risks, Issues of Choice of Law, Jurisdiction and Arbitration.

Law studies in Munich and in Louvain-la-Neuve/Belgium. Attended Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris.



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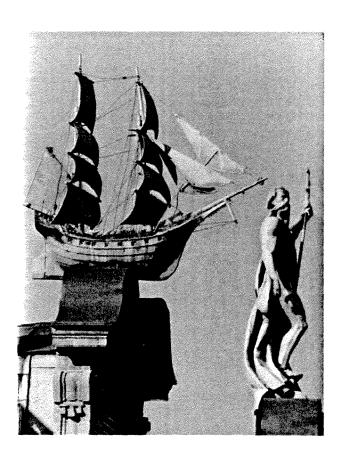
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### Dear Delegate

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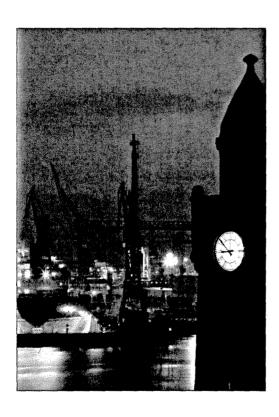
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### Plesner welcomes you to the first AIDA Europe Conference

Dear delegates

Plesner heartily welcomes you to the AIDA Europe Inaugural Conference in Hamburg.

We hope that we will have an opportunity to see all of you at the pre-conference drinks reception hosted by Plesner. The reception takes place on

Thursday, 22 May 2008 from 18:00 to 20:00 at Park Hyatt Hamburg, Bugenhagen Straße 8.

It has been exiting to see the number of delegates who have registered for this first AIDA Europe Conference. We hope that the creation of AIDA Europe will strengthen the ties between the National Sections of AIDA and the world organisation of AIDA.

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### Hamburg May 23, 2008

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# of the Internal Insurance Market Shortcomings

■ 2003 Action Plan (COM)

because products are designed in accordance "firms are unable to offer, or are deterred from offering, financial services across borders, with local legal requirements"

"the same problems occur particularly with insurance contracts"

# Insurance Contract Law within the CFR-Project

### CFR R

= a set of non-binding Rules with Comments and Notes

■ 2004 Communication (COM)

common reference framework these two areas should 'Two types of contract which were concretely specified Commission expects that in the development of the Were ... consumer and insurance contracts. The receive special attention".

## The CFR

# and the Internal Insurance Market

- CFR of European Insurance Contract Law = PEICL
- = important step
- comparative analysis
- European concept
- model law for national legislators (England, Switzerland)
- Insufficient for making the internal insurance market function
  - → Optional Instrument
- = Insurance Contract Law which applies upon a choice of the parties

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# of an Optional Instrument Advantages

- possibility to develope and distribute European insurance policies
- = risks and costs of dealing with 27 different legal systems can be avoided
- the market decides
- = costs of transition are only incurred by those who want to use the optional instrument
- leaves national law untouched
- = no break with national legal traditions

# of an Optional Instrument Characteristics

- replaces all mandatory national law
- applies also to contracts which are exclusively connected to one member state
- grants high level of policyholders' protection
- forbids a mix of national law and the optional instrument

## Optionality under Art. 1:102 PEICL

"opting in, Art. 1:102 s. 1 PEICL no "opting in" either

PEICL apply **NO LAW MIX** National law applies

# Mandatory Rules

(Art. 1:103 PEICL)

 Absolutely mandatory (Art. 1:103 para. 1 PEICL)

"Articles [ \_\_\_are mandatory"

Relatively mandatory (Art. 1:103 para. 2 sent. 1 PEICL)

"derogation is NOT to the detriment of the policyholder, the insured or beneficiary"

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## Exceptions

under Art. 1:103 para. 1 sent. 2 PEICL

## Special Risks

- Marine & Aviation Insurance
- Credit & Suretyship
- = Art. 5 (d) (i) and (ii) First Non-Life Directive

### Large Risks

- = Art. 5 (d) (iii) First Non-Life Directive
- (see also Art. 14 no. 5 Brussels I)

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(Art. 1:105 PEICL)

- Lex generalis (art. 1:105 para 2 PEICL)
- PECL ↔ CFR of European Contract Law
- General Principles common to the laws of the Member States
- Lex specialis (art 1:105 para 1 sentence 2 PEICL)
- mandatory branch rules of the (national) law applicable
- only as long as there are no branch rules in the PEICL

# Interpretation

Autonomous Interpretation (art. 1:104 PEICL)

■ Preliminary Rulings of the ECJ (art. 234 EC)

# Perspectives?

■ Art. 3 Rome I is insufficient

→ see also Recital 13 Rome I

Recital 14 Rome I indicates the future model:

"(14) Should the Community adopt, in an appropriate **legal instrument**, rules of **substantive** contract law ... **such instrument** may provide that the parties may choose to apply those rules."

## Information

http://www.restatement.info

http://www.copecl.org

# CLASS ACTION - The "Witches Brew"

Ingredients & Additives Combine

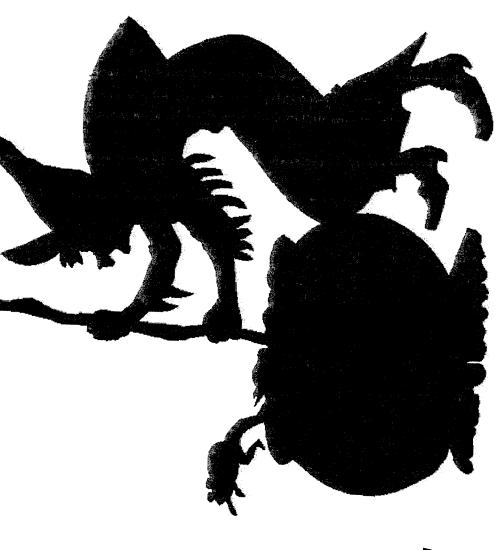
☑ 'certification' and
☑ 'opt in v opt out'.

Bring to a boil.

Stir in

pre-trial discovery',punitive damages',jury trials',

图 'loser pays rule' and 图 'funding'.



Simmer gently. Cooking time: 60min



### **European Intermediaries Directive Directive 2002/92/EC The changing role of the broker**

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### Directive 2002/92/EC Activities Affected

- Article 1 scope
  - insurance and reinsurance
  - principal professional activity
  - mediation within the EC
- Article 2 definitions
  - "introducing, proposing or carrying out other work preparatory to the conclusion
    of contracts of insurance, or of concluding such contracts, or of assisting in the
    administration and performance of such contracts, in particular in the event of a
    claim
  - incidental activitles



### Directive 2002/92/EC Authorisation

- Article 3 the registration requirement
- Article 4 conditions for registration
  - appropriate knowledge and ability as determined by home state
  - good repute
  - professional indemnity cover
  - additional requirements permissible
- Article 6 effects of registration



### Directive 2002/92/EC Regulation and Duties

- Articles 10 and 11 complaints and redress
- Article 12 disclosure requirements
  - links with insurers
  - contract information
  - giving advice



### **Beyond the Directive Particular Areas of Difficulty**

- Placing brokers and producing brokers
- Issues of law and jurisdiction
- Liability for consequential losses?

Arbory v West Craven Insurance Services [2007] Lloyd's Rep IR 491

• Duty of assured to protect own interests?



### **Beyond the Directive Conflicts of Interest**

- Commission payment and disclosure
   Carvill America v Camperdown UK [2005] Lloyd's Rep IR 55
- Role in reinsurance transactions
   HIH Casualty and General v JLT [2007] Lloyd's Rep IR 742
- Retaining and communicating documents
   Goshawk Dedicated v Tyser [2006] 1 Lloyd's Rep 566



### **Beyond the Directive Nature of a Broker's Duties**

- Finding cover
- Pre-contract disclosure
- Advice and obtaining endorsements
- Claims handling

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### CROSS BORDER MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES AND HOW TO MANAGE THEM

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23 May 2008



### **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Panel:
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  - Reinhard Dallmayr (Germany)
  - Hanno Goltz (Germany)
  - Gerard Kamphuisen (Netherlands)
  - Louise Jenkins (Australia)
  - Ioannis Rokas (Greece)
  - Hans Londonck Sluijk (Netherlands)

- Chair:
  - Stefan Speyer (Germany)
  - Katy-Marie Wilson (England)



### **JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING LAW (1)**

- What are main benefits and drawbacks of resolving (re)insurance disputes in different jurisdictions?
  - Europe
  - Australia
- Which law is most advantageous?
  - Quality/experience of courts
  - Availability of remedies
  - Costs
  - Enforcement of judgments



### **JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING LAW (2)**

- Determining jurisdiction:
  - Europe
  - Australia
- Determining governing law:
  - Europe
  - Australia



### CASE STUDY 1: DIRECT INSURANCE – JURISDICTION (1)

- Debussy SA provides insurance cover to Wagner AG, a small car dealership based in Hamburg.
- Insurance contract states that French law will apply and that French Courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction.
- Claim is made following theft of number of cars from garage forecourt.
- Claim denied by Debussy SA, who wish to commence proceedings seeking declaration of non-liability.



### CASE STUDY 1: DIRECT INSURANCE – JURISDICTION (2)

- Could Debussy SA commence proceedings in France?
- Where should Wagner AG issue proceedings?
- If Wagner AG issued proceedings in Germany could Debussy SA obtain anti-suit injunction from French Courts?
- If Wagner AG was based in Australia:
  - Could Debussy SA commence proceedings in France?
  - If Wagner AG issued proceedings in Australia, could Debussy SA obtain antisuit injunction from French Courts?



### CASE STUDY 1: DIRECT INSURANCE – GOVERNING LAW

- Same scenario: Debussy SA provides insurance cover to Wagner AG, a small car dealership based in Hamburg.
- Issue in dispute is alleged breach of warranty in insurance contract relating to security arrangements at garage.
- Both parties accept that security arrangements had no bearing on loss.
  - What would be governing law?
  - Who would win?
  - Would it be different if applicable law was that of the State of Victoria, Australia / Dutch / Greek?



### CASE STUDY 2: REINSURANCE - JURISDICTION

- Same risk is fronted by Dutch insurer, Van Gogh NV, and then reinsured 100% by Greek reinsurer, Nike AE.
- There is no choice of law or jurisdiction clause in reinsurance contract.
- Van Gogh NV deny claim and proceedings are commenced in Netherlands.
  - Could Nike AE be joined to Dutch proceedings?
  - Could Van Gogh NV bring proceedings against Nike AE in Netherlands?
  - Could Nike AE seek declaration for non-liability in Netherlands?



### CASE STUDY 2: REINSURANCE – GOVERNING LAW

- Issue in dispute is alleged material non-disclosure by Van Gogh NV at time of placement of reinsurance.
- Parties accept that non-disclosure has no bearing on loss but would have led Nike AE's underwriter to charge 10% higher premium.
  - What would be governing law?
  - Who would win?
  - Would result be different if applicable law was that of the State of Victoria, Australia / French / German?



### CASE STUDY 3: REINSURANCE RECOVERIES (1)

- Strauss AG, German reinsurer, reinsures Queensland Ltd, Australian insurer, in relation to its liability to Golden Mines Ltd.
- Queensland Ltd indemnifies Golden Mines Ltd for costs of extensive clean-up operation following spillage of chemicals in Outback.
- Contract of reinsurance is governed by German law. Contract does not contain any "follow settlements" provision.
- Insurance contract is governed by the law of the State of Victoria, Australia.



### CASE STUDY 3: REINSURANCE RECOVERIES (2)

- Queensland Ltd originally resists claim but later pays out substantial amount after its lawyers advise, following public outcry in relation to spillage, settlement should be reached.
- Queensland Ltd now wishes to recover from Strauss AG.
  - Should Strauss AG pay?
  - Would "follow settlements" clause have changed position?
  - What if reinsurance was governed by Dutch / French / Greek law?



### **ARBITRATION**

- What are advantages and disadvantages of arbitration as against litigation?
- Is arbitration:
  - Quicker?
  - Cheaper?
  - More flexible?
- Are awards easier to enforce?
- What is panel's experience of arbitration process in their jurisdictions?



### **MEDIATION**

- Is mediation always good idea?
- What's wrong with negotiation?
- Should (re)insurance contracts require parties to mediate before litigation can be commenced?
- Should parties be compelled to mediate?



### PRACTICAL ADVICE

- Do jurisdiction and governing law have strong bearing on ultimate result?
- Is jurisdiction / governing law important part of underwriting assessment?
- How can parties reduce their disputes?

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