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Geraint Alexander, Ernst & Young LLP

Geraint Alexander has over 14 years of experience in financial services including six years at the Prudential Regulation Authority.

Geraint's focus is on restructuring within the insurance sector and has extensive experience advising insurers on Part VII Transfers.

Geraint Alexander | LinkedIn

Anirudha Balasubramanian, Tailshift

Anirudha Balasubramanian is founder and CEO of Tailshift, a reinsurance MGU focused on legacy and structured casualty transactions. He holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford, specializing in market design, and previously traded oil and originated alternative-data strategies at D. E. Shaw.

Anirudha Balasubramanian | LinkedIn

Liam Bedford, Weightmans LLP

Liam Bedford is a Legal Director working within the Legacy Disease team at Weightmans LLP. Liam is a Director at IRLA responsible for the Academy training programme and works with others in the running of the IRLA Legacy Claims Committee. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2016 and the winner of the IRLA Young Professional of the Year award in 2021.

Liam Bedford | LinkedIn

Tom Booth, DARAG

Tom holds a Master's degree from Cambridge University in the UK and holds a first-class MBA in Finance.

He spent the first part of his career in investment banking, specialising in Non-Life insurance. In this capacity, he supported clients through complex transactions, developing a strong grounding in financial analysis and stakeholder communication.

Before DARAG, which he joined in 2018 as Group CEO, he was at R&Q for 9 years, split between London and Bermuda, initially as Corporate Finance Director and then as Group CFO, working primarily on legacy M&A activity.

Through these roles he has gained nearly 20 years of experience in the legacy sector and helped shape strategic priorities in a fast changing landscape.

He has been an executive director on numerous insurance company boards across most key domiciles.

He has extensive experience of assessing and executing portfolio transfers and insurance company acquisitions across Europe, the UK, US and beyond.

Tom Booth | LinkedIn

Bill Bouvier, FTI Consulting

Bill Bouvier has more than 30 years of experience managing complex, high-severity claim portfolios and driving organizational performance. He specializes in complex claims management, reinsurance, litigation and arbitration oversight, and operational integration. Mr. Bouvier has extensive experience across the insurance and reinsurance industries, supporting clients with audits, transactional due diligence, and claims portfolio evaluation.

Bill Bouvier | LinkedIn

Jamie Clarke, Crown Office Chambers (1995 call)

Jamie Clarke is recognised in the directories as a leading senior junior, with 30 years' experience in disease and casualty litigation.

He appeared on behalf of the Defendant as junior counsel in the recent leading authority on material contribution to injury, Holmes v Poeton.

In 2025, Jamie was appointed by HM's Attorney General to the A-panel of junior counsel to the Crown, following which he has been providing high level advice and representation to Government on a variety of long tail matters, alongside his work on behalf of insurers.

Jamie has a personal interest in marine matters and enjoys his voluntary non-exec role as a Harbour Commissioner at Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight. He is a Panel Member for a local authority schools' admissions appeals tribunal. On behalf of Grays' Inn, Jamie serves as a non-executive member of the board of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting, the historic charity that publishes the official law reports.

Jamie Clarke | LinkedIn

Andrew Creed – RiverStone International

Andy Creed is RiverStone International's Group President and Group Chief Financial Officer. Andy has extensive experience of legacy M&A activity, financial and capital markets and wider insurance operations. He joined RiverStone in 2013, prior to which he spent time working both in the Corporate and Investment Banking department of Barclays Bank and the Audit and Assurance practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2010.

Andrew Creed | LinkedIn

Colleen Cumbers – Crown Office Chambers (2023 call)

Colleen is a barrister at Crown Office Chambers, accepting instructions across Chambers' core areas of practice, including personal injury, clinical negligence, industrial disease, insurance/reinsurance, professional negligence, product liability, and property damage, as well as pure commercial and construction disputes. She regularly appears in court, instructed across the tracks and from preliminary hearings up to trial, as well as having a strong paper-based practice. She recently returned from a secondment in the UAE where she gained experience working on complex, high-value, cross-border cases.

Recent work includes: acting (led by a KC) for an NHS Trust in a multi-million-pound birth injury claim; acting (unled) in a High Court fatal mesothelioma claim; acting (led) for brokers and underwriting agents in a multi-million insurance dispute arising out of the issuance of construction-related surety bonds; assisting a team of counsel on the NOx Emissions Group Litigation; and acting (unled) in a three-day multi-track trial arising out of a contractual dispute.

Colleen Cumbers | LinkedIn

James Dickerson, Lockton Re

James has 20 years industry experience and joined the Lockton Re Capital Advisory team in April 2025 as Global Head of Retrospective Reinsurance and Legacy Solutions. In the same year was also honoured to be selected to join the IRLA Executive Board.

Prior to Lockton Re James spent 7 years in a dedicated broking role at Willis / Gallagher Re where, most latterly, he served as its Global Head of Retrospective Solutions.

Preceding roles in dedicated broking, James spent the first 13 years of his career working in Management Consultancy, primarily supporting clients in the Banking, Insurance and (Re)Insurance Sectors.

James has personally led over 30 M&A, retrospective and legacy transactions with a combined deal value in excess of $10bn- including some of the largest and most complex transactions executed in the London Market.

James Dickerson | LinkedIn

Jonathan Drake – DWF Law LLP

Jonathan is a partner in DWF dealing with insurance and reinsurance regulatory and commercial matters for the Lloyd's and company market including run-off and restructuring issues for the Insurance sector. He has significant previous experience as insurance in-house counsel at live and run-off insurers as well as having spent time at Lloyd's of London.

Jonathan Drake | LinkedIn

Hannah Farrer-Fisher, Quest Group

Hannah joined Quest Group in September 2025. She has over 15 years' experience in the Legacy insurance industry with expertise in retrospective reinsurance, acquisitions, capital solutions, portfolio transfers and other tools used to restructure insurance businesses. She has previously been CFO of QBE Capital and responsible for QBE's retrospective transactions, as well as chief operating officer of Armour Group. Hannah is a chartered accountant trained at KPMG, having spent time in both their audit and restructuring teams.

Hannah Farrer-Fisher | LinkedIn

Matthew Foster – Norton Rose Fulbright

Matt Foster is a partner in the financial institutions team at Norton Rose Fulbright in London. He has almost 20 years' experience advising clients in insurance sector. Matt's practice focuses on M&A and other significant transactions, such as restructurings, portfolio transfers and legacy deals, as well regulatory matters.

Matt is ranked by Chambers UK as a leading individual in its Insurance: Non-contentious category and is recognised by Legal 500 UK as a "Leading Partner". Chambers UK states that he "is well regarded for his adept handling of corporate insurance transactions, including M&A and portfolio transfers" and quotes an impressed client as saying that "Matthew Foster is very tuned in with the industry" and "He was excellent throughout and I always had faith in his technical expertise and negotiating acumen".

Matthew Foster | LinkedIn

Kevin Gill, IRLA Chairman and EY

Kevin Gill was elected to the IRLA Board in 2020 and having passed on the Treasurer role has taken on the Chairmanship to get IRLA through the succession planning of the next few years.

He is a Partner at EY and leads its Insurance Restructuring and Run-off practice as well as heading up its UK corporate simplification and exits business. Kevin is also a Director and Chief Risk Officer of Municipal Mutual Insurance Company Ltd.

Kevin is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Insurance Practitioner.

Kevin Gill | LinkedIn

Simon Hawkins, Compre

Simon joined Compre in July 2018 and was appointed CEO Europe in July 2022, and Executive Managing Director in 2024. During his time at Compre he has also held the Executive roles of Group Chief Operating Officer and Group CFO. He is a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has over 20 years' experience in the legacy sector.

Prior to joining Compre, Simon spent 7 years at QBE Insurance, where he was responsible for the management and strategic disposal of over $2bn of legacy reserves from the Group, and 13 years at PwC in the Insurance Restructuring team. He has significant experience of transactions, legal transfers and value creation from legacy portfolios.

Simon Hawkins | LinkedIn

James Insley, RiverStone International

James is Deputy Group & UK Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at RiverStone International. Working closely with the Group Chief Financial Officer he focuses on leading the finance function and delivering the group's capital and tax strategies.

With over 25 years of experience James brings extensive finance leadership experience across the insurance and specialist legacy markets. Most recently, he served as Group CFO of DARAG, having previously held senior roles at The Warranty Group and Brit Insurance. He has significant experience developing global finance operating models, investment and capital management, and supporting M&A transactions."

James Insley | LinkedIn

Ed Johns, PwC

Ed is a Partner in PwC's Insurance Deals team. He has been with PwC for 21 years, including 2 years working in South East Asia.

He has extensive experience working on buy and sell side transactions, and IPOs across the insurance market, with a focus on the non-life sector (run-off and live). This includes working with carriers, syndicates, MGAs and brokers.

Ed works with a range of corporate and private equity clients on live market transactions, as well as having performed due diligence on various private equity owned non-life run-off players in the UK market.

Ed holds a Bachelors degree in Mathematics and is a Chartered Accountant, fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (FCA).

Ed Johns | LinkedIn

Robbie Kerr, PwC LLP

Robbie is a Chartered Accountant and Senior Manager in PwC's Deals Advisory team and has focused on the run-off insurance market for the last 8 years, having previously worked in the firm's audit and risk assurance lines of service. Robbie has experience in advising clients on a range of non-life legacy solutions including loss portfolio transfers, Part VII transfers, corporate liability disposals and Lloyd's legacy deals. Robbie also has a keen interest in restructuring and insolvency and is JIEB dual-qualified. Robbie is a former member of the IRLA YPG Committee (2022-2024) and was part of the initial cohort of IRLA Future Leaders in 2024.

Robbie Kerr | LinkedIn

Noella Kemigisa – BMA

As an Assistant Director in the Supervision (Insurance) Department at the Bermuda Monetary Authority (Authority or BMA), Noella Kemigisa oversees a team that supervises the Bermuda legacy market.

Ms Kemigisa joined the Authority in 2019 and has more than 10 years of experience working in the financial services industry, both in regulation and audit and assurance. Prior to joining the Authority, she worked at The Platinum Group Ltd. and KPMG East Africa.

In 2023, Ms Kemigisa earned the Chartered Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation from The Institutes, and she is also a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA). She holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Makerere University and will be graduating this July after completing a Master of Business Administration from Warwick Business School.

Noella Baguma Kemigisa, FCCA, ARe, CPCU | LinkedIn

Megan Kimbell – RiverStone International

Megan Kimbell is Group Chief People Officer at RiverStone International, where she leads the global people and culture agenda for a growing international business. With over 25 years' experience across financial services, consulting and technology, Megan has held senior HR leadership and consulting roles at organisations including RiverStone, Standard Life Aberdeen, Travelport, Barclays and Accenture.

Her career spans the UK, Europe, the US, APAC and Africa, and she has worked extensively with executive teams and boards on organisational design, leadership, talent, succession and large-scale transformation. Megan is particularly passionate about helping people build varied and sustainable careers, and about creating inclusive cultures in which both individuals and organisations can thrive.

Megan Kimbell | LinkedIn

Siobhan Lambertsen, Crown Office Chambers (2007 call)

Siobhan is a highly experienced junior barrister specialising in personal injury, civil fraud and industrial disease work. A robust advocate, she regularly appears in the County Court and High Court.
She has extensive experience of fraudulent claims in both RTA, industrial disease and general PI cases. She has frequently secured findings of fundamental dishonesty in respect of both liability and quantum-only claims. Her industrial disease practice is varied and includes NIHL, upper limb disorders, stress and asbestos claims.

Nicole Law, FTI Consulting

Nicole Law is a Director in FTI Consulting's Global Insurance Services practice and specialises in legacy reinsurance case reviews, business transformation, and financial due diligence. She has most recently executed the review of complex reinsurance contracts for a contentious matter, as well as performed due diligence for several transactions in the London broker/MGA market. Nicole is Chairman of the IRLA Young Professionals Committee having joined in 2023. Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Nicole trained as a chartered accountant in Ernst & Young's Insurance practice providing audit and assurance services to insurers, coverholders and brokers within the global insurance market.
Nicole Law CA | LinkedIn

Michael MacKenzie – IRLA LCC Chairman/Pro Global

A claims professional with over 20 years' experience of dealing with claims and civil litigation. Mike has worked for solicitors, brokers, TPAs and insurers (live and run-off) handling claims and managing teams. Mike began to specialise in EL/PL occupational disease and illness claims in the live market in 2005 and moved into the legacy market in 2010 where he managed a team dealing with claims under a Scheme of Arrangement and a range of insolvent insurers on behalf of the FSCS. Throughout his time in the legacy space, Mike has retained an involvement in disease and illness claims but has taken an increasing focus on abuse, care and other claims, including those arising from the public sector.

Mike joined Pro in 2021 and oversees a large team managing claims for live (re)insurers and legacy risk carriers. Over the course of his career, he has contributed to a range of market bodies, working parties and consultation processes. He has overseen a number of transformation and technology projects and worked across all sectors in the UK Employers' Liability and Public Liability claims environment. Mike has a keen interest in legal developments and is passionate about value creation enabled by technology and innovation.
Mike is a Chartered Insurance Practitioner.
Michael Mackenzie | LinkedIn

Charan Maheswaran – PwC

Charan Maheswaran is an Associate Director in PwC's Actuarial practice, specialising in general insurance reserving and transactions. He works with insurers, reinsurers and private equity investors across both legacy and live books. He has advised on buy- and sell-side transactions covering various lines of business, geographies and deal structures, providing actuarial due diligence and deal pricing services alongside reserve reviews. His work focuses on how reserving uncertainty feeds into decision-making.

Charan Maheswaran | LinkedIn

Catherine Marshall, Lloyd's

Catherine is Director of Syndicate Performance and Interim Claims Director at Lloyd's.

She leads the Syndicate Performance team, the Lloyd's Pricing Actuaries and the Claims team. She is responsible for overseeing the sustainable underwriting performance of syndicates operating in the Lloyd's market and good customer outcomes through claims.

Catherine joined the Corporation of Lloyd's in 2022 having been part of the Lloyd's market since 2000. She has been an underwriter and held positions leading underwriting performance, operations and management teams. Before joining Lloyd's she held SMF 16 and 17, heading up Compliance and Financial Crime functions. Catherine has experience working across both Lloyd's managing agency and company market platforms.

Catherine Marshall | LinkedIn

Elizabeth Martins, UK Economist, HSBC

Liz Martins joined HSBC in 2010 in the Dubai office, where she covered 15 Middle Eastern economies, bringing HSBC's view on the region to clients across the world. In 2014, she moved to the London office to join the Global and European Economics teams in London. Since 2016 she has led HSBC's analysis of the UK economy, formulating views and forecasts, and presenting HSBC's analysis to institutional and corporate clients. She is a regular television and radio guest, and an experienced conference presenter. She holds bachelors and masters degrees from Cambridge University.

Elizabeth Martins | LinkedIn

Eric Paire, Lockton Re

Eric leads the Global Capital Advisory Practice, based in London.
Capital Advisory includes Structured Reinsurance, Legacy including RITC, creation of new Lloyd's syndicates and the deployment of Funds at Lloyd's to new and existing syndicates.
He joined Lockton Re in 2025 from Aon, where he was Head of Capital Advisory .
Before that, he was Head of Global Partners & Strategic Advisory EMEA at Guy Carpenter and a director of GC Securities.
Eric has been a director of Perils AG, Index company serving the ILS industry, and a founding partner of two startups Nexgen Re and Nesspa.
He has also held key roles at Scor and AXA Re where he was the CEO of AXA Re Paris.
Eric Paire | LinkedIn

Darsh Patel – Lockton Re

Darsh Patel joined Lockton Re in 2025 as Lead Transaction Actuary within the Capital Advisory team. He brings over 20 years of experience in the (re)insurance industry, including 15 years specialising in the legacy market.
Darsh joined Lockton Re from Aon, where he was the Global Legacy Actuary, advising clients on complex legacy transactions across multiple jurisdictions.
Prior to Aon, he was a senior member of the M&A team at RiverStone International. During his three-year tenure, he played a key role in executing more than 15 acquisition transactions, working closely with major global (re)insurance groups.
Earlier in his career, Darsh served as Head of Actuarial at a motor insurer and gained extensive consulting experience at two of the UK's top five professional services firms, KPMG and BDO
Darsh Patel | LinkedIn

Tanvi Patel, Enstar Group

Tanvi Patel is a Managing Director in the M&A team at Enstar Group, where she has played a leading role in executing a number of innovative legacy transactions over the past six years.
She brings deep expertise in actuarial modelling, due diligence, and the valuation and structuring of complex deals.
Prior to joining Enstar, Tanvi spent over thirteen years at Deloitte in the General Insurance Actuarial Practice, where she developed a strong foundation in actuarial analysis and advisory.
Tanvi Patel | LinkedIn

Charlotte Pritchard – RiverStone International

With more than 18 years of experience, Charlotte is the UK Chief Executive Officer of RiverStone International. She joined the company in 2017 as Internal Audit Manager, progressing to Head of Internal Audit in 2018, Executive Risk and Compliance Director in 2021 and then Group Risk and Compliance Director in 2023, before being appointed to her current role. Prior to joining RiverStone, Charlotte spent eight years at PwC working across a breadth of industries, beginning in assurance services and later working in forensic services. Outside of work, Charlotte is a keen runner and enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and daughter.
Charlotte Pritchard | LinkedIn

Ali Robson - YPG Deputy Chairman/Ernst & Young LLP

Ali Robson joined as a member of the IRLA Young Professionals Committee in 2023 and is now the Deputy Chairman, supporting across a range of initiatives to support IRLA and the wider legacy community. He is also a Senior Manager in EY's Clients & Industries team, focusing on Commercial & Specialty insurance including the legacy insurance market. Within this, he is the strategic Senior Account Manager for a number of Legacy and broader Commercial & Specialty Insurance clients. Prior to this, Ali was a Senior Executive in EY's Turnaround and Restructuring strategy team, focusing on the legacy insurance market. This included working on in M&A transactions and structuring advice to dispose of or acquire insurance run-off businesses, Part VII Transfers, strategies for dealing with discontinued insurance businesses and Schemes of Arrangement.
Alistair Robson | LinkedIn

Chirag Shah – Zurich

Chirag Shah has worked in the insurance market for over 15 years and within the legacy / run-off market for the last 7 years. He has been an adviser, buyer and now a regular seller of legacy / run-off transactions.
Chirag has been with Zurich Legacy Solutions for the last 5 years and is responsible for their global legacy transactions. Prior to joining Zurich Legacy Solutions in 2021, Chirag held an M&A role at Compre and first began his career advising clients at PwC.
Chirag Shah | LinkedIn

Nicholas Silk – Bank of England

Nick worked in biochemical engineering as a research scientist before joining the financial regulator in 2010. Since changing careers he has primarily worked as a supervisor of insurance firms covering retail and commercial company market 'live' writers before shifting into oversight of the run-off sector in 2022.
Nicholas Silk | LinkedIn

Colin Tipping – Compre Group

Colin joined Compre Group in May 2023. Based in the London office he is responsible for investment strategy across the group. His focus is on supporting the business through designing and implementing capital efficient investment strategies and to provide strategic advice to management and stakeholders on regulatory, business and operational challenges as they relate to investments.

With 40+ years industry experience Colin has held senior positions across the insurance and asset management sectors operating in both developed and growth markets. Prior to joining Compre Group he held senior positions at Mercer and Schroders. He also served as UK Head of Investments and as Chief Investment Officer for the International Division of the Friends Life Group as well as leading insurance at BlackRock and Fidelity.

Colin Tipping | LinkedIn

Robbie Vaughan – RiverStone International

Robbie Vaughan is responsible for the claim's performance of the Lloyds and UK company market business at RiverStone International. He has held a series of Claims management roles at RiverStone since joining in 2014 prior to taking up his current role in 2024.

Robbie Vaughan | LinkedIn

Ceri-Siân Williams – Weightmans

Ceri-Siân is a midlands based principal associate in the local government team. She specialises in representing local authorities in a range of claims including allegations of failure to remove; abuse by foster carers and allegations of sexual and physical abuse by local authority employees including social workers, teachers, and others; as well as claims often involving alleged breaches of human rights. Ceri-Siân's experience includes group actions. She has significant trial experience.

Ceri-Sian Williams | LinkedIn

David Wynn – DWF Law LLP

David Wynn is Head of Casualty at DWF's Manchester office, alongside his position as Global Head of Legacy within the insurance services division.

With over twenty years of experience, David brings a wealth of expertise to the role. David has a particular interest in legacy issues affecting the chemical, mining, and construction sectors. His experience includes advising global insurers, reinsurers, runoff specialists, and multinational companies on industrial disease and casualty claims.

David prioritises early and commercial resolution of occupational disease cases, including those related to asbestos poisoning. He also keeps a sharp eye on emerging risks within the insurance industry, ensuring his clients stay ahead of the curve."

David Wynn | LinkedIn

Judith Zeleny, Miller

Judith Zeleny joined Miller in April 2025 as Global Head of Origination for Strategic Advisory, bringing decades of experience from the reinsurance sector. She has spent her entire career with leading reinsurers, most notably dedicating 26 years to Munich Re, where she led origination within Capital Partners, focusing on capital-related solutions and strategic transactions.

Judith is highly regarded for her ability to identify and structure capital opportunities across the insurance and reinsurance landscape. She is particularly active in the legacy space, advising clients on strategic options and successfully placing business within the market. Her approach is marked by precision, insight, and a strong network of trusted clients across the industry globally.

Judith's role at Miller aligns with the firm's broader Reinsurance strategy, where Strategic Advisory is one of three key pillars of investment. Through this platform, Miller supports clients on a wide range of corporate finance topics, offering tailored advice and market access to help them achieve their strategic goals.

Judith Zeleny | LinkedIn