

2018 GREAT LAKES CHAPTER EDUCATION DAY SPREAKER BIOS

Erin Collins

Erin M. Collins, MPA, IOM, is a native of Richmond, Virginia and still claims it as home base for her work as Assistant Vice President for the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. Erin manages NAMIC's state lobbying objectives as well as its State Affairs Committee. She also leads NAMIC's involvement with the National Conference of Insurance Legislators and participates in NAMIC's activities with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Erin received her bachelor's degree in political science from Mary Baldwin University and her master's degree in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Prior to joining the NAMIC team, Erin spent more than six years as the director of government affairs for the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, where she led all lobbying initiatives, grassroots activity, and the Society's Political Action Committee.

Dan Cotter

Dan is a partner with Latimer LeVay Fyock LLC in Chicago, IL. Before joining Latimer LeVay in 2017, Dan served as the General Counsel, Vice President & Secretary of Fidelity Life Association, a large insurance company based on Chicago. Dan has spent nearly 30 years of his accounting and legal career working with the insurance industry, where he has extensive experience handling transactional work, general regulatory and government relationships in multiple jurisdictions, and litigation and oversight. He is a frequent writer and presenter on various insurance-related matters including privacy and cybersecurity.

Angela Nelson

The Director of the Market Regulation Division and Chief Industry Liaison, Angela Nelson has been with the Missouri Department of Insurance since 2002.

As Market Regulation Division Director, Angela ensures the Department's core mission of consumer protection is fulfilled through the regulatory compliance functions of the Division. The Market Regulation Division reviews insurance policies and rates for compliance with Missouri insurance laws; examines the records of insurance companies to ensure fair treatment of policyholders and compliance with Missouri insurance laws. In addition, the Division's Statistics Section tracks industry trends and generates a number of annual reports about the Missouri insurance market.

Before leading the Market Regulation Division, Angela was the Director of the Consumer Affairs Division. In that position, she led the Department's recovery efforts on behalf of victims of the May 22 Joplin tornado. Through the efforts of her Division, Missouri consumers recovered an additional \$19.2 million dollars in 2011, which is still a record amount for the Department. Angela received the Graduate College Award in 2012 from William Woods University, in recognition of her efforts on behalf of Missouri insurance consumers.

Angela is active within the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), serving on a number of committees and task forces. She currently serves as Chair of the Transparency and Readability Working Group (C Committee), the Consumer Information Subgroup (B Committee) and the Consumer Outreach and Assistance Post-Disaster Subgroup (C Committee).

Angela graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Management and earned an MBA from William Woods University. She has also earned the Fellow of Health Insurance Advanced Studies (FHIAS) from America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and the Advanced Market Conduct Management (AMCM) designation through the Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society (IRES).

Arnie Rippener

Arnie joined Martin & Company in 2015. He began his career in 1984 working with pricing Group Accident and Health products including Major Medical, Dental and Group Long Term Care. In 1996, he switched to Property & Casualty insurance where he performed ratemaking and planning duties for Personal Lines products. Since then, he has been involved in various Property & Casualty lines of business in both pricing and reserving roles.

Arnie became a member of the Casualty Actuarial Society in 2005

Sonja Rodebaugh

Sonja joined Martin & Company in 2006 and is the Vice President and Director of Compliance. She began her insurance career in 1985 on the Property and Casualty Underwriting side of the industry and transitioned to Compliance in 1992. Responsibilities throughout her career have included: successfully developing, establishing, and overseeing Compliance and State Filing Departments; working closely with Managing General Agents and Companies to develop new/revised products; program & product development; state rate, rule and form filings; bureau circular monitoring; developing and implementing internal procedures; overseeing various licensing responsibilities; as well as performing system and underwriting audits. In addition, Sonja has been very involved in coordinating the Compliance and Underwriting aspects of insurance requirements in various policy issuance and rating systems.

Current member of Association of Insurance Compliance Professionals (AICP), Target Markets Program Administrators Association (TMPAA), Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS), and National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC). She has been a panel speaker at various Conferences including AICP and TMPAA.

Karen Schutter

Karen is the Executive Director of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (IIPRC). Karen oversees the day-to-day management of the IIPRC and its product filing operations including providing support to the members of the Commission and its committees to fulfill their respective missions. She facilitates communication with non-compacting states, industry and consumers about the benefits of the Compact as well as ensures a high-quality product review process for compacting states and filers.

Prior to joining the IIPRC, Karen Schutter was with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) for ten years, serving in various legal and management capacities. When the IIPRC became operational in May 2006, Karen coordinated its legal and operational implementation including supporting the members in setting up its committee structure, drafting its bylaws and initial rules, and implementing its electronic filing platform. She also spent several years providing legal support to the business and regulatory operations of NAIC, IIPRC and the National Insurance Producer Registry.

Prior to joining the NAIC, Ms. Schutter was in private practice representing several national associations. Ms. Schutter attended Creighton University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas. She is licensed to practice in Kansas and Missouri.

Richard Wicka

Richard Wicka joined the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance as the Deputy Chief Legal Counsel in 2012 and serves as the supervisor of the Legal Unit and the lead attorney for major enforcement actions and financial regulatory matters. Mr. Wicka has participated on several NAIC working groups related to life insurance issues and currently is the chair of the Life Insurance Illustrations Issues Working Group and a member of the Annuity Suitability Working Group.