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Industry Keynote Looks to Future Paths Beyond Current Uncertainties

by Justin Smulison

he Thomas B. Murphy Ballroom of the Georgia World Congress Center was packed on Tuesday morning, as RISKWORLD attendees were treated to the first-ever industry keynote.

During his address, Chubb Limited and Chubb Group Chairman and CEO Evan G. Greenberg provided hot takes on how the global economy is being driven by U.S.-China relations, inflation, and how emerging climate and environmental risks are influencing the risk and insurance professions.

"In recent years I have warned that nearly every asset class was overvalued due to the wall of money generated by excessive fiscal and monetary stimulus," Greenberg said. "Substantial leverage as with the so-called 'carrying trade' was employed to generate higher returns. There is a lot of risk in the system."

Greenberg, who also serves by presidential appointment to the United States Trade Representative's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations, warned the audience of further volatility in financial markets. Looking to the present and against the backdrop of rapidly rising rates, reduced valuations, and reduced access to credit, "are all the markers—individually and in combination—that are, and will produce,

increasing stress in the financial system in my judgment."

Climate change is one factor contributing to so much stress for insurers and reinsurers. With the start of hurricane season only weeks away in the U.S., Greenberg first noted what he believes could be a growing public policy issue with regard to natural catastrophes.

"If states deny insurers the ability to price adequately or tailor coverage appropriately or deny them the flexibility to manage their concentration of risk, then insurers will simply shed exposure, which threatens the availability of private sector insurance," Greenberg noted. "Climate change is causing insurers to send price signals that reflect the risk. That may ultimately contribute to individual behavior in terms of where people choose to live and where businesses choose to locate. Governments cannot, for long, force insurers to subsidize this behavior or do so themselves and think they can avoid the true cost."

Greenberg talked about the role that global risk and insurance professionals play as organizations and societies build toward a "net-zero economy" characterized by green initiatives. He mentioned the risk of setting unattainable goals for issues like waste and carbon emissions in lieu of pragmatic environmental strategies.





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SESSION SPOTLIGHT

Storytelling for Risk Management Professionals

xpectations are high. In order for a risk professional to develop, manage, and continue to adapt an effective risk management program they must possess a strong command of risk financing practices, the know-how to effectively (and efficiently) categorize and prioritize risks, as well as the ability to align business goals with risk management strategies for each business unit.

However, even if the risk professional is proficient at all the above, possessing the skills to articulate the organization's risks, mitigation strategies, new ventures, and future endeavors is paramount to risk management success.

To underscore risk professionals' strategic value beyond the often wrongly prescribed "commercial insurance buyer" role, it is imperative that risk professionals cultivate storytelling skills to communicate a broader view of risk management's overall strategy.

At a RISKWORLD session titled, "Storytelling for Risk Management Professionals" on Wednesday, May 3, veteran risk professionals will explore the keys to developing communication methods that increase impact and that can potentially launch the risk professional into a leadership role.

Led by presenters Michelle Bennett, director of insurance risk for Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona, and RIMS Los Angeles Chapter president Scott Ritto who is the vice president of risk management at Kilroy Realty Corporation, the session will explore specific opportunities for risk professionals to become more effective storytellers.

"Knowing and adapting to your audience is a critical first-step that all risk professionals must address when telling their stories," said Bennett. "On one day, the risk professional might have to deliver risk information to stakeholders who do not share the same understanding or who struggle to make the connection between risk management and their business area's success. While on another, that same risk professional must present their risk story to a room full of underwriters. How we communicate, and the information we share can make a world of difference."

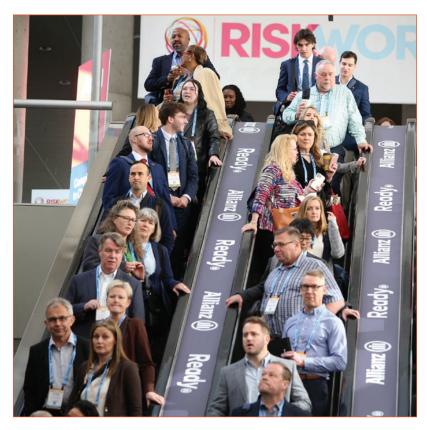
Additionally, the session will look at the advantages of maximizing data, as well as how to leverage that data with skills like empathy, self-awareness, trust building, tactfully delivering bad news, and responding to pushback without getting defensive.

"Data can have a direct impact on the effectiveness of communications," said Ritto. "With so much data at our fingertips, leveraging it can be an enormously powerful tool that—if used properly—supports recommendations, better informs senior-level decision-makers, and further cements your position as a strategic business advisor."

The session is hosted by the RIMS Los Angeles Chapter and will deliver the following learning objectives:

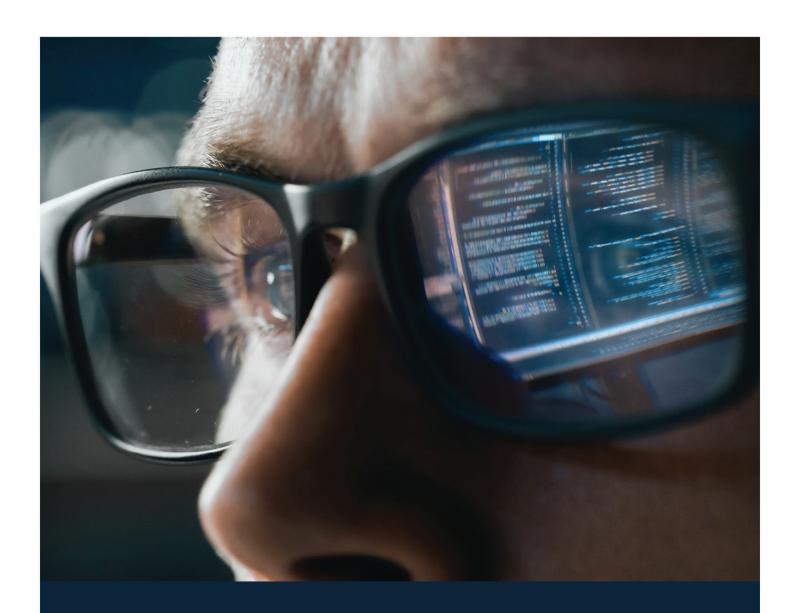
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RIMS-CRMP | Merline Barrington

Interview by Justin Smulison

Merline Barrington is the manager for enterprise risk management (ERM) at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. She discussed her experience preparing for the RIMS-CRMP certification exam and how the RIMS-CRMP has elevated her professional profile.

RIMS: You lead the ERM group for a major U.S. transportation entity. How did the RIMS-CRMP's criteria reflect/intersect with your high-profile role?

Merline Barrington: The RIMS-CRMP challenges the practitioner to truly know their business ... it allowed me to confirm that I am covering all my bases, as well as formalizing how analyzing a business model should be done. It also helped me better shape my approach to teaching ERM to employees on my team, as well as mentees. Effective ERM can only occur within the context of an organization, company, or other entity it serves, therefore, having a thorough understanding of that context, its finances, and the business model is necessary to successfully implement a risk process.

Iworkforanorganization that facilitates various modes of transportation but also engages several other industries such as real estate, construction, government, etc. The suggested readings for the RIMS-CRMP provides a framework that is adaptable to many industries, which is particularly helpful.

RIMS: How does the Port Authority benefit from your having earned the RIMS-CRMP?

MB: The Port Authority benefits from my RIMS-CRMP certification by having the assurance that an experienced, proven ERM expert is at the helm of the agency's ERM function. I represent a body of expertise that has been confirmed by a leading industry standard, the absence of which would be identified as an audit finding, a liability, and a true gap for any organization.

RIMS: What tips do you have for anyone studying for the exam?

MB: I would recommend a workshop if it were at all feasible ... However, I would

also like to encourage individuals who do not have the opportunity to take a workshop to know that they too have an absolutely fair chance at successfully passing the exam. It simply requires discipline to develop and stick to a study plan (RIMS provides a great outline) and the desire to learn.

Whether at the beginning of a career in ERM or on the seasoned side of the spectrum, there is always much to learn and explore as well as ways to further the discipline with innovative adoption/approaches to ERM. You can lead that type of innovation, built on the strong foundation of the RIMS-CRMP.

RIMS: How has your professional profile been elevated by earning the RIMS-CRMP?

MB: My professional profile has been most immediately raised because the RIMS-CRMP is a recognized certification. It has also positively impacted my performance reviews. Increasingly, risk management job postings will specifically mention the requirement to have such a certification.

RIMS: What were some unexpected benefits or perks?

MB: An unexpected perk was the increase in recruiters who reached out to me with opportunities via LinkedIn.

Another benefit is the connection to key ERM principles, such as root cause, communication, and risk strategy, that companies have begun to highlight in job postings for non-traditional ERM roles. This is no doubt a trend accelerated by the most consequential risk event of our time, during which the world spoke our language. One of the lasting, more positive implications is that ERM experts and practitioners have an even broader array of roles that need the very skills the RIMS-CRMP certification confirms.

Read the complete RIMS-CRMP interview at https://www.rims.org/barrington ■



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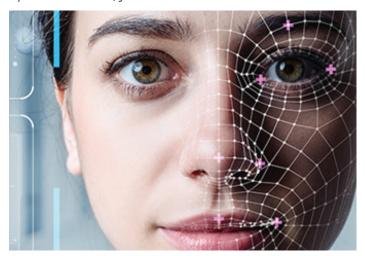




TRENDING NOW

Insurance Considerations for Biometric Liability

by Cort T. Malone, Jade W. Sobh



Across the United States, state legislators are introducing and passing new biometric privacy laws that create varying degrees of liability exposure. These new laws should spur businesses to assess both their collection and use of biometric information and the insurance policies they would tap to cover any exposure to biometric liability.

At present, four states—Illinois, Texas, Virginia and Washington—have enacted biometric privacy laws that specifically require giving notice and obtaining consent before collecting biometric information, and many other states regulate the collection and handling of biometric data in more limited ways. Several states have pending legislation modeled to varying degrees on Illinois' pioneering Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA), which was enacted in 2008 and is the most stringent of the existing state biometric privacy laws. In the first quarter of 2022 alone, seven states introduced biometric privacy legislation sharing key features of BIPA. These bills may have varying impact depending on factors such as whether or not they create a private cause of action, the size of fines assessed per violation, and whether they allow for a notice period and opportunity to cure.

BIPA is currently the only enacted state law that creates a private right of action for individuals harmed by biometric privacy violations (New York City's law also creates a private right of action, but liability exposure is mitigated by a curing period). BIPA provides statutory damages up to \$1,000 for each negligent violation and up to \$5,000 for each intentional or reckless violation. Due in large part to the private right of action, which opens the door to broad-based class action suits, BIPA has resulted in some of the largest settlements of all the biometric identifiable information privacy laws, including a \$100 million settlement by Google.

Last October, in the first trial to go to judgment for BIPA violations, a federal jury in Chicago awarded a \$228 million verdict to the class action plaintiffs. In the case in question, Rogers v. BNSF Railway Co., a truck driver alleged that BNSF Railway violated BIPA by scanning and retaining employees' fingerprints at its railyards without obtaining written informed permission, and without publishing a data retention or destruction schedule. After a five-day trial, jurors found that BNSF "reckless[ly] or intentional[ly]" violated BIPA 45,600 times,

which matched an estimated number of truck drivers who had their fingerprints registered.

The insurance industry is likely to take note of this escalation in biometric liability exposure. While insurance companies faced with biometric liability claims have invoked general exclusions pertaining to disclosure of confidential information and data-related liability, many courts have held that such exclusions do not preclude coverage for BIPA violations. Accordingly, insurance companies are beginning to include more specific exclusions, which already appear in some general liability policies and employment practices liability insurance policies. In the wake of Rogers, these exclusions also may start to become more common in other policies, such as cyber and directors and officers policies.

The basis of the \$228 million award also may impact BIPA claim settlement negotiations. Enterprising insurance companies may contend that Rogers increases the chances of a verdict for "reckless or intentional" violations, which insurance companies may argue constitutes potentially excluded "intentional" conduct. However, the jurors in Rogers did not decide whether BNSF's conduct was either reckless or intentional. Moreover, as insurance companies are aware, the question of whether a company knowingly violated the law often depends on the facts of each case, making broad generalizations from Rogers inapplicable.

While recently enacted and pending state biometric privacy laws vary considerably, liability exposures created by BIPA in Illinois are spreading to other states. Under some new and proposed laws, companies can be charged fines without intentionally violating the biometric privacy requirements, and some states do not allow for a period to cure, making liability almost certain for companies that do not take the necessary precautions. As noted above, the private right of action likely will spread to states other than Illinois.

Faced with the increase in biometric liability exposure, companies must take steps now to confirm that their insurance policies provide coverage for these types of statutory damages—regardless of whether a company currently utilizes or stores any biometric information. For existing insurance policies, businesses should work with brokers and coverage counsel to review all potentially responsive policies—including CGL, EPL, cyber and even D&O coverage—in light of both the relevant state privacy laws and the existing case law that mostly supports coverage under standard form CGL and EPL policies. A particularly important step is reviewing these policies for the most common exclusions that insurance companies have attempted to rely upon to deny coverage, as well as understanding how state court decisions have interpreted such exclusions. Even if existing policies contain terms favoring coverage under current biometric privacy law, companies must be extremely wary of insurance industry efforts to limit their exposure in new or renewal policies via BIPA-specific exclusions or sublimits for violation of biometric privacy statutes.

In addition to endeavoring to protect insurance rights, businesses also must remain vigilant and consult professionals to assess their potential liability under state privacy laws, including every state in which the company either sells products or provides services.



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"The next generation of risk managers is very committed to social responsibility and work-life balance."

ABSIP Student Spotlight: Rylie Mooney

Interview by Will Gilchrist

RIMS: Can you talk a little about what first interested you in risk management and why you decided to pursue this area of study?

Rylie Mooney: I first became interested in risk management when I was taking statistics in high school. Because I enjoyed applied mathematics, many mentors recommended that I look into actuarial science, and I have remained committed to that career choice since then. When I started college, I realized how vast the risk management field is and how many different opportunities there are for students. It motivates me to continue to pursue my career as an actuary when there is so much support from the profession to help me succeed.

RIMS: What do current leaders in risk management and insurance need to know about the next generation of risk managers?

RM: The next generation of risk managers is very committed to social responsibility and work-life balance. We value companies who understand the importance of showing up for the community while also taking care of their employees. This generation knows how to work hard, but also places a strong emphasis on mental well-being. I think Gen Z is really passionate about what they believe in and will certainly use that characteristic to benefit the profession.

RIMS: What are you most excited for at RISKWORLD 2023?

RM: I am most excited to network with others that are also interested in risk management. I hope to learn about new topics in insurance and about current events in the profession. I think this conference will be very beneficial to my career and a great way to get exposure to people I could potentially be working with in the future.



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Atlanta Sights | Old Fourth Ward

by Shauntay Jones

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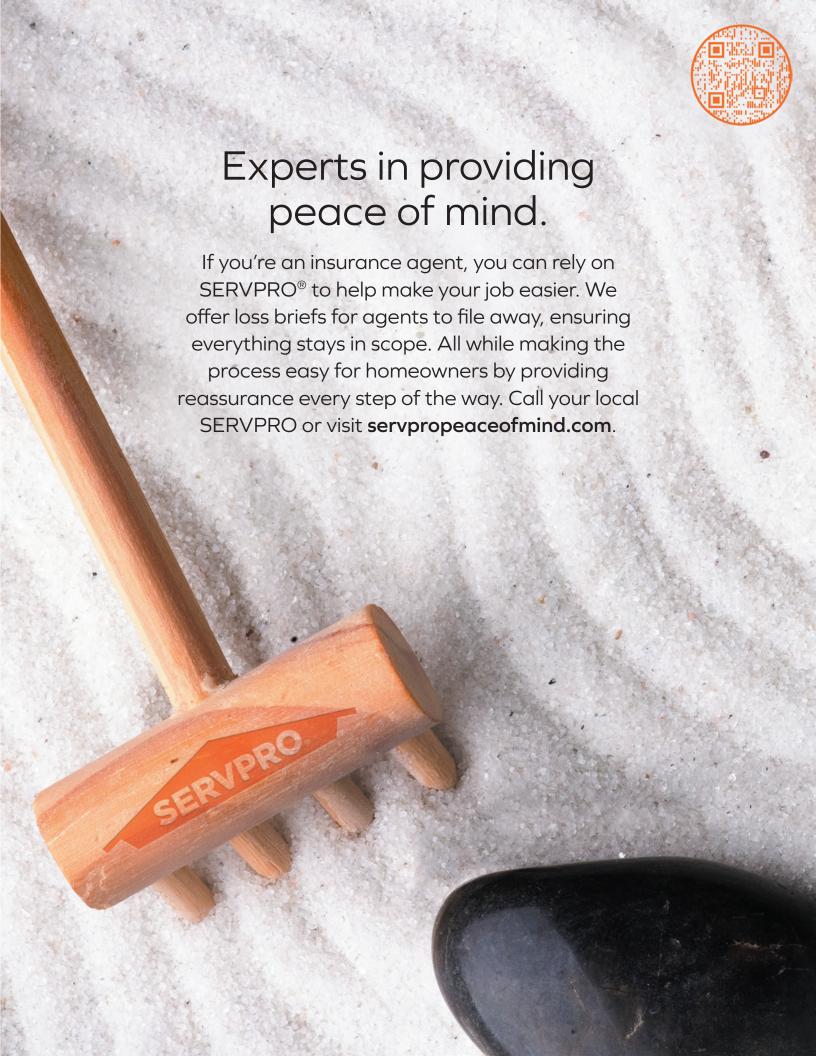
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