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# **Insuring Catastrophic Losses:**

**The Status of TRIA and Proposed  
Natural Disaster Backstops**

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## About the Seminar

In March 2006, Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP, in conjunction with the University of Connecticut School of Law, held a seminar entitled *Catastrophic Risk Insurance: The Search for a Long-Term Solution*. In recent months, the debate concerning the availability of insurance for catastrophic risks such as terrorism and natural disasters has intensified.

Join us as distinguished government, industry and academic experts gather for the second in this series of seminars in Washington, DC on November 15, 2006. This latest seminar will provide an instructive and timely backdrop for a discussion of recent developments in the field of catastrophic risk insurance, including how catastrophic risk proposals will fare in the new Congress.

## What You Will Hear

- Implications of the November election
- Differing perspectives regarding the insurability of catastrophic risks
- Discussion regarding the Gulf States' insurance market in Katrina's aftermath
- Views regarding the future of TRIA
- Lessons learned from litigating disaster cases
- Developments regarding the direction of the national debate on insuring catastrophic risk.

## Who Should Attend

- Insurance executives with underwriting, claims, legal, public affairs and actuarial responsibilities
- Academics and policy analysts concerned about the economic, legal and actuarial implications of catastrophic events
- Federal and state executive and legislative branch officials
- Trade association officers
- Consumer representatives

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**7:30-8:15am**      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:15-8:20am**      **Opening Remarks:  
New Challenges & Opportunities**  
**Thomas W. Brunner**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*

**8:20-9:00am**      **The Insurance Agenda for the  
110th Congress**  
**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**  
**Jim Slattery**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*

**SPEAKER:**  
**Todd M. Harper**, Legislative Director, *Office  
of Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (D-PA)*

**9:00-9:30am**      **Compensating Victims of Disasters:  
Lessons from 9/11 and Katrina**  
**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**  
**Craig A. Berrington**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*

**SPEAKER: Kenneth R. Feinberg**, Special  
Master, *September 11th Victim Compensation  
Fund*, and Managing Partner, *The Feinberg  
Group, LLP*

**9:30-9:45am**      **Break**

**9:45-10:30am**      **Roundtable Discussion: How Will  
Catastrophic Risk Proposals Fare in  
the New Congress?**  
**MODERATOR:**  
**Craig A. Berrington**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*

**PANELISTS:**  
**Albert B. Crenshaw**, Former National News  
Editor and Business Columnist,  
*The Washington Post*  
**Mark A. Hofmann**, Senior Editor, *Business  
Insurance*  
**Peter Krug**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*

**10:30-11:30am**      **Roundtable Discussion: The Gulf States'  
Insurance Market in Katrina's Aftermath**  
**MODERATOR:**  
**Lawrence H. Mirel**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*

**PANELISTS:**  
**The Honorable George Dale**, Commissioner  
of Insurance, *State of Mississippi*  
**J. Robert Wooley**, Former Commissioner  
of Insurance, *State of Louisiana*, and Of Counsel,  
*Adams & Reese, LLP*

**11:30am-12:30pm**      **Luncheon Speaker:  
Perspectives on Global Warming**  
**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**  
**Sandra Tvarian Stevens**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*

**SPEAKER:**  
**Christopher Walker**, U.S. Director,  
*The Climate Group*

**12:30-2:15pm**      **Roundtable Discussion: Differing  
Perspectives on the Future of TRIA**  
**MODERATOR:**  
**Peter Kochenburger**, Executive Director,  
*The Insurance Law Center, University of  
Connecticut School of Law*

**PANELISTS:**  
**Lawrence D. Cluff**, Assistant Director, *U.S.  
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Capital Markets Function, *Federal  
Reserve Bank of New York*  
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and General Counsel, *American  
Insurance Association*

**2:15-2:30pm**      **Break**

2:30-3:30pm

**Litigation Round-Up: Lessons from Katrina and Other Disasters**

**MODERATOR:**

**Adam F. Scales**, Professor, *Washington & Lee University School of Law*

**SPEAKERS:**

**Laura A. Foggan**, *Wiley Rein & Fielding*  
**Rhonda D. Orin**, *Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C.*

3:30-4:45pm

**Wrap-Up Discussion: Where Is the National Debate on Insuring Catastrophic Risks Headed?**

**MODERATOR:**

**Peter Siegelman**, Roger Sherman Professor of Law, *University of Connecticut School of Law*

**PANELISTS:**

**Christopher Lewis**, Vice President, Alternative Market Solutions, *The Hartford*  
**Jason Schupp**, Senior Vice President and Director of Regulatory Policy and Programs, *Zurich North America*  
**Jeffrey E. Thomas**, Associate Dean and Professor, *University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law*  
**Glenn E. Westrick**, Senior Counsel, *Financial Services Committee, U.S. House of Representatives*

4:45-5:00pm

**Closing Remarks**

**Peter Kochenburger**, Executive Director, *The Insurance Law Center, University of Connecticut School of Law*

5:00pm

**Informal Discussion and Reception**

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