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EXPERTISE

Cia Moss has litigated complex commercial and financial disputes, with a focus on insurance and reinsurance field, for the past 17 years. Prior to establishing Chaffetz Lindsey in May 2009, Cia was with Clifford Chance for ten years.

Cia has broad experience representing clients in the insurance and reinsurance sectors, handling cases involving pools, MGAs, and fronting arrangements and disputes arising out of property/casualty, finite risk, and life reinsurance. Her cases commonly involve complex issues of contract interpretation, including number of occurrences, allocation, and late notice as well as fraud and rescission. She also has substantial experience with issues arising out of the Federal Arbitration Act, including questions about the enforceability of arbitration agreements and the propriety of consolidation of arbitrations.

Over the last few years, Cia has advised clients on issues arising out of the economic crisis, including cases relating to reinsurance of insurance wrapped mortgage backed securities and variable rate demand obligations.

Cia also handles large-scale commercial disputes resolved through international arbitration, including most recently, for clients in the financial services, oil & gas, and pharmaceutical sectors.

Representative Matters:

Representing European reinsurance company in arbitration disputes with U.S. based insurance companies relating to excess of loss reinsurance contracts.

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Representing reinsurer in a federal court action alleging fraud and breach of contract related to seven reinsurance contracts that cover reinstatement premiums paid on aviation contracts covering losses arising out of the 9/11 attacks.

Represented a financial services company in a multi-billion dollar claim arising from the workers' compensation carve-out market.

Represented insurer on issues relating to the reinsurance of insurance wrapped residential mortgage-backed securities and variable rate demand obligations.

Represented insurer in dispute with its reinsurer in Massachusetts state court in connection with settlement of one of the nation's largest asbestos litigations.

Represented insurer in arbitration with London market reinsurers seeking to collect reinsurance covering its surety losses in connection with an offshore oil platform.

Represented reinsurer in arbitration concerning the terms of a commutation agreement.

Representing one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies in an ICDR arbitration against a competitor concerning a manufacturing agreement.

Representing a Brazilian company in an ICC arbitration in Sao Paulo against international financial institutions arising out of breaches of finance restructuring agreements (and in parallel proceedings in U.S. federal court).

Representing a Brazilian company in an ICDR arbitration and related U.S. federal court litigation concerning the sale of fuel.

Recent Speaking Engagements:

The use of experts and the propriety of awards for costs in reinsurance arbitrations (ARIAS Inexperienced Arbitrators Seminar, March 14, 2013).

Arbitrator evident partiality and reasoned awards (ARIAS Arbitrator Continuing Education Series, November 2, 2011).

Ethics, Reinsurance and Contract Scrutiny (Reinsurance Association of America Re Contracts, July 2009, New York).

Federal Regulation of Insurance: Pipedream or Reality? (KPMG / Clifford Chance / Bermuda Monetary Authority Presentation, October 2008, Bermuda).

2008 Amendments to the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (ACI Advanced Forum on Reinsurance Regulation, February 2008, New York).

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Recent Publications:

Quoted in “Bye-Bye Big Firm,” (*Corporate Counsel*, April 2012).

“Follow the Fortunes and Allocation: An Update,” *Journal of Reinsurance*, Spring 2009 (co-authored with Peter Chaffetz).

“Consolidation of Arbitrations in the U.S. and the U.K.,” *Euromoney Annual Reinsurance Review*, July 18, 2008 (co-authored with Stephen Surgeoner).

Qualifications:

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1996

Princeton University, B.A., 1991.

Admitted in New York, 1997. Also admitted in the Southern District of New York and the Second Circuit.