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Elizabeth is a Senior Claims Counsel with Western Litigation, Inc. (2015 to present). Her primary duties include management of all aspects of professional and general liability claims for London Underwriters and health care organizations with captive insurance programs. Her responsibilities include coverage analysis, management of outside counsel, and negotiating resolutions. Prior to joining Western Litigation, Inc., Elizabeth was Vice President of Risk Management for Baylor Healthcare System where she oversaw all aspects of risk finance, litigation management and clinical risk management. She was on the Board of Directors for the System's Captive Insurance Program. Elizabeth has held management positions in academic health care organizations as well as a Risk Retention Group and a Medical Malpractice Insurer. Prior to her career in risk management, Elizabeth was a neonatal nurse practitioner at Case Western Reserve University.

**PAMELA L. POPP** MA, JD, DFASHRM, CPHRM, AIM, DSA, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/CHIEF RISK OFFICER, WESTERN LITIGATION, INC.

Pamela has managed, and internalized, some of the largest healthcare liability claims programs nationally, including Stanford University Medical Center, Tenet Healthcare, Spectrum Healthcare Services, and SSM Health Care. She has served as in risk and claims management consulting roles on the brokerage sides as well as in-house with several large malpractice carriers. In her current role as Executive Vice President of Western Litigation, Inc, Pamela manages the WLI Risk Consulting Practice, working with self-insured clients to identify, mitigate and prevent risks, enhance the patient experience and educate providers on the strengths of disclosure and apology programs.

Throughout her career, Pamela has been very involved in risk management organizations at the local, state and national level. She served as the President of ASHRM, and a multiyear Board member, as well as a two term President of the American Hospital Associations' Certification Center (which develops and administers the CPHRM). Pamela served as President of the Board for the International Center for Captive Insurance Education (ICCIE), as well as faculty, and currently serves on various committees of the Vermont Captive Insurance Association (VCIA), Physician Hospitals of America (PHA) as well as other healthcare industry organizations. Pamela is an international speaker and author on various risk and claims topics. She remains licensed to practice law in both Missouri and Illinois. She serves as adjunct faculty on risk and insurance for Regis University in Denver. Always an advocate for patient safety, Pamela's advocacy turned personal when her own battle with sepsis impacted her life. Today she works to encourage patients, educate providers/payors with a focus on the early recognition and response to sepsis.

Pamela received her juris doctorate from St. Louis University and her dual Masters in Health System Management/Legal Studies from Webster University. She has earned the Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CHPHRM) certification, the Associate in Management (AIM) and is a Distinguished Fellow with the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM). In 2007 Pamela was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, only the 13th recipient in ASHRM's 30 year history.

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**VINCENT YEZZI FCAS, MAAA, SENIOR DIRECTOR, WILLIS TOWERS WATSON**

Vince Yezzi is a consulting actuary with the firm's Philadelphia office, where he has worked since 1986. He specializes in providing consulting services to the health care industry. Vince's consulting experience includes strategic planning and funding requirement analyses for numerous captive insurance companies and self-insured entities. He also has extensive experience in captive feasibility studies, allocation analyses for distributing captive or self-insured risk financing costs to individual members or entities and ratemaking reviews for physician programs. In addition, his experience includes reserve reviews for most property/casualty lines of business, including workers' compensation, general liability, products liability and commercial auto liability.

Vince is a frequent speaker at industry seminars and conferences, including the Casualty Actuarial Society's Casualty Loss Reserve Seminar, The Conference of Consulting Actuaries and ASHRM. He has authored and published articles in several publications, including *The Actuarial Review* and *Captive Insurance Company Reports*.

Vince has a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from St. Joseph's University. He is a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society (FCAS) and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA). He has served on the Joint Program Committee for the Casualty Loss Reserve Seminar, the Committee on Healthcare Issues, and the CAS Examination Committee.