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November 2007

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Thank you very much to all who participated in Fall Conference. The speakers were amazing, the topics were timely, and the audience was great. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, contributors, and speakers, this event was truly an educational and financial success. The profits from Fall Conference will be used for providing scholarships to Insurance & Risk Management students at the University of Houston as well as to our members' children. We appreciate your involvement in helping us achieve our goal of supporting education in our community.

Because of the upcoming holidays, our November monthly luncheon and meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14th, and the December luncheon and meeting will be held on December 12th. Please plan to join us for both of these meetings.

See you soon!

Cindi

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Speaker: Ann V. Kramer
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TOPIC: HOW TO EVALUATE AND SETTLE AN INSURANCE CLAIM'

During the presentation, attendees will become familiar with the complexities of multi-party claims and understand how to achieve proper value in settlements. Today, in order to resolve significant insurance claims, litigation has become too common and too often becomes necessary. Business pressures to resolve disputes sometimes lead to pressure to discount' claims. In addition, complex, multi-party claims often present unique challenges. A well-reasoned strategy helps resolve these disputes quickly, inexpensively, and on terms favorable to policyholders.

Course Outline

1. Settlement? What do we do?
2. Preparing and Settling Claims
3. Liability Analysis
4. Question and Answer Discussion

Ann Kramer is a former member of Anderson Kill & Olick's Executive Committee and heads the settlement and alternative dispute resolution adjunct to its insurance coverage litigation practice. Ms. Kramer has been instrumental in negotiating settlements in many of Anderson Kill & Olick's large, multi-party insurance coverage litigations. Ms. Kramer has represented clients in negotiations, mediations, arbitrations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Ms. Kramer also was one of the first developers of computerized insurance allocation models for long-tail claims. These models have been used in connection with product liability.

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1 Hour Continuing Education Credit

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Welcome New/Renewed Members

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Diana Scheffler

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Jessica Darrett and
Myra Esquivel

Fort Bend ISD,

Darrell Barnes

Proposed 2008 RIMS Houston Chapter Directors

The following is the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee for the 2008 RIMS Houston Chapter Board of Directors. The Directors and Officers will be voted on at the November 14th meeting and sworn in at the December 12th meeting

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If you have any objections, petitions, questions or comments, please contact Mary Isbell, RIMS Delegate, at 713-580-3280, misbell@friedkin.com by November 13, 2007.

Meeting Dates

November 14, 2007

December 12, 2007

2008

January 12, 2008

February 20, 2008

March 19, 2008
Joint Meeting
With CPCU Hosted by RIMS

April 27-May 1, 2008
46th Annual RIMS Conference
San Diego, CA
Possibly no Chapter Meeting

May 21, 2008

June 18, 2008

July 16, 2008

August 20, 2008

Remembering the 2007 Fall Conference



Interesting Subjects & Great Teachers

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Captivated Students



Intense Competition



Glad to be done with the Laser Tag



Relaxing after a hard day of golf & laser tag

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<http://www.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CWID=6652>

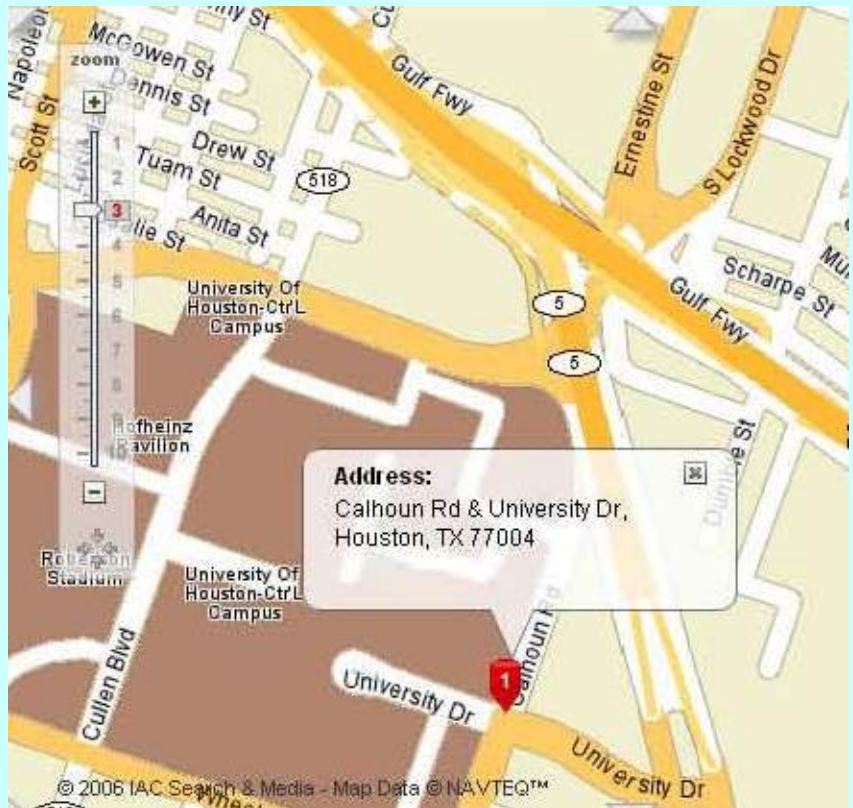
Or WWW.RIMS.ORG – Chapters - Houston

Houston Job Postings

Administrative Assistant, RM Dept.
Sr. Risk Analyst
Risk Coordinator
Claims Analyst
Admin. Clerk – RM Dept.
Risk Manager (2)

See Houston Chapter web site at www.RIMS.org for details.

Other Risk Management Jobs:
Associate Director of Claims,
Risk Management Coordinator,
Assist. Risk Manager-Houston
information is available on the RIMS web site at:
www.RIMS.org



For the map go to: <http://maps.ask.com>

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