Martha E. Conlin

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Martha represents insurers and reinsurers including the London insurance market. She has litigated long-tail claims arising from environmental contamination and exposure to toxic substances including asbestos and handles disputes involving construction defect claims and cyber risks.

OVERVIEW

Martha has extensive experience in the insurance and reinsurance industry covering everything from general liability, products liability, technology and media liability and construction to property, asbestos, environmental, reinsurance, mass tort and contribution claims. Martha also helps clients avoid litigation by resolving disputes through arbitration, mediation and other alternative proceedings. Throughout her career, Martha has litigated high value cases in state and federal courts and private arbitration forums. She has successfully resolved contested matters through trial, dispositive motion practice and settlement negotiation.

AWARDS

- *Crain's Chicago Business' Notable Women in Law (2022)*
- *Best Lawyers in America®:* Insurance Law (2021-2027); Reinsurance Law (2027)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environmental Insurance Coverage
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Mass Torts Claims + Litigation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environmental Insurance Coverage
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Mass Torts Claims + Litigation
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Media, Technology + Cyber Liability Insurance

- Reinsurance

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, J.D., 1996
- Saint Mary's College, B.A., 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Arbitration vs. Litigation: Navigating Dispute Resolution in Reinsurance,” Reinsurance Association of America’s Re Basics Conference, May 21, 2026.
- Speaker, “Emerging Risks – 2026 Edition,” ARIAS U.S., April 30, 2026.
- Speaker, “Legal Update Webinar: A Discussion of Significant Insurance and Reinsurance Cases from 2025,” ARIAS U.S., February 25, 2026.
- Moderator, “What to Watch in 2025,” AIRROC Chicago Regional Education Day, April 10, 2025.
- Speaker, “US Revival Statutes and Insurance/Reinsurance Considerations,” AIRROC Chicago Regional Education Day, April 10, 2025.
- Panelist, “What’s Trending in the World of Arbitration,” AIRROC’s Chicago Regional Education Day, June 6, 2024.
- Presenter, “U.S. Sexual Abuse Revival Statutes and Insurance/Reinsurance Considerations,” Troutman Pepper, 2023.
- Speaker, “Social Inflation and Defense Strategies,” Reinsurance Association of America, October 13, 2023.
- Panelist, “Hot Topic Panel – Social Inflation,” Reinsurance Association of America, September 8, 2022.
- Speaker, “A Year in Review: A Discussion of Significant Reinsurance and Arbitration Cases and Issues from 2020 and 2021,” ARIAS-U.S., February 24, 2022.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Profiled, “Crain’s Notable Women in Law: Martha E. Conlin,” *Crain’s Chicago Business*, September 2, 2022.
- Quoted, “Troutman Sanders Adds Insurance Partner In Chicago,” *Law360*, October 23, 2019.