



ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS

Katherine (Kitty) L. Dimit

Vice President

Architects & Engineers Professional Liability

Kitty, a former principal of Benchmark Professional, which sold their Architects and Engineers business to The Hanover in 2010, has been underwriting Architects and Engineers professional liability for more than 35 years. She began her career at Excess Underwriters, Inc., the E&S Division of James S. Kemper & Company, Chicago, in 1975, where she was nationally responsible for underwriting Architects & Engineers, and a special Design/Build Program. She also established administrative and accounting procedures for reporting and remittance to (foreign) treaty reinsurers. As Managing Underwriter for Republic Insurance Group on an MGA basis, she was responsible for implementing new treaty programs including facultative reinsurance placements. In 1983, as Assistant Vice President, Kitty managed all underwriting personnel for treaty programs including Architects & Engineers, Realtors, Accountants, Restaurant and Dram Shop, Brownstone and Umbrella.

In 1992, Kitty and a partner started Benchmark Professional Insurance Services where she served as Vice President of the Architects & Engineers Unit. She successfully underwrote an A&E Program with Gulf Insurance Company managing all personnel, regulatory, treaty, and facultative reinsurance placements. In 2005, Kitty was named President and underwrote Architects & Engineers Professional Liability with the Navigators Group until Benchmark became part of The Hanover.

Gary M. Prather, P.E., MS, MBA

Principal

Architects/Engineers Dispute Resolution Group

Gary is a licensed design professional with extensive design-construction experience including risk management, loss prevention, construction management, general contracting, design-build, claims and management consulting. He is adept in working with senior management to improve management practices, increasing operational performance, executing turn-around projects, and resolving complex construction disputes. Gary writes and speaks on emerging industry trends, and is a recognized authority on contractual risk transfer and professional liability issues confronting design professionals.

Gary holds an MBA and earned both a Bachelors and Masters of Science in Civil Engineering.

He is a registered professional engineer and arbitrator/mediator for the American Arbitration Association.