

## **Katherine Smith Dedrick to Speak at 2010 Council on Litigation Management Conference**

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New York, NY - - (PR.COM) - - 01/26/10 - - Katherine Smith Dedrick, Consultant at Risk Assessment & Transfer International, has been selected to speak at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Council on Litigation Management (CLM). Smith Dedrick is slated to speak on the topic "Insurance Exposures and strategies for 2010."

The conference will be one of the largest, fully inclusive defense industry conferences in 2010. It will be held March 24-26 in Pointe Vedra, Florida, will feature approximately 150 speakers and is expected to draw attendees from around the world. Registration for the conference is now open at [www.litmgt.org/annual-conference](http://www.litmgt.org/annual-conference).

Katherine Smith Dedrick is one of the founding members of Risk International. Ms. Smith Dedrick consults with corporate and sophisticated policyholders on risk assessment, insurance coverage and post loss recovery of assets. Ms. Dedrick worked for the insurance industry for the first 18 years of her career as national coverage counsel and gained extensive knowledge about the insurance industry, coverage matters, and the resolution and payment of claims captives and reinsurance. Ms. Dedrick counseled the underwriting, claims and executive branches of insurance companies on matters such as the proper way to handle claims, construe policy language and avoid bad faith matters. Because of this experience and her many contacts in the insurance industry, she understand the needs of the insurance companies which often facilitates quicker resolution of claims for her clients.

For the past 10 years, Ms. Smith Dedrick has used the expertise she gained from the insurance industry, exclusively to assist corporate and sophisticated policy holders. She has most recently counseled corporations in recovery of insurance assets for their respective disasters including: facility explosion in California; fire at a manufacturing storage facility in Texas; the second largest fire loss in Chicago for a national company at its manufacturing facility and hurricane losses (Katrina, Charlie, Wilma and Ike). These matters included claims for business interruption, extra expense, repair and replacement, ordinance issues and other similar business-related claims.

### **About the Council on Litigation Management**

The Council is a nonpartisan alliance of thousands of insurance companies, corporations, general counsel, risk managers, claims adjusters and attorneys. Through education and collaboration, its goals are to create a common interest in the representation by firms of companies, and to promote and further the highest standards of litigation management in pursuit of client defense. To learn more about the Council, please visit [www.litmgt.org](http://www.litmgt.org) or contact Adam Potter.