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Toria Lessman is the Head of Transactional Liability for QBE. She leads the global team by driving profitable growth, utilizing deep industry expertise across underwriting and claims to provide solutions for a variety of complex risks. In addition, she is responsible for underwriting, marketing and developing transactional insurance products, including representations and warranties insurance, indemnity insurance and tax liability insurance.

She is a seasoned insurance executive and has held several leadership roles at QBE with increasing responsibilities. Prior to those roles, she concentrated on building the foundation for QBE's specialty insurance product suite by developing almost 30 new offerings. Before joining QBE, Toria worked as an attorney with the law firm Tressler LLP, where she advised insurance companies and provided coverage litigation expertise across multiple lines of business.



Misbah Minhas
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Misbah is based in London and focused on expanding QBE's transactional liability product range across Europe, having established a market-leading team in the region. Misbah has used her extensive experience to produce dynamic solutions for insureds such as creating synthetic warranty packages in emerging markets to leading insurance programmes on cross-border risks.

Prior to joining QBE, Misbah managed the UK M&A team at a global insurer where she was responsible for the launch and development of the W&I product. Misbah practiced as a solicitor for over a decade at various international law firms (Dentons, McDermott Will & Emery and DLA Piper) advising on domestic and international M&A and private equity transactions before joining the insurance market in 2019. Misbah graduated with a LLB (Hons.) from the University of Leeds.



Francisco Castro Yebra
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Francisco is based in London and is a dual-qualified lawyer (in England and Wales and Abogado, Spain). Francisco worked at an MGA based in London for over three years, where he successfully placed W&I policies across the UK, Europe, and Asia. His experience spans deal sizes from SME to mega deals and covers sectors such as real estate, renewables, and technology.

Prior to joining the London insurance market in 2021, Francisco worked in Spain as a lawyer at Cuatrecasas and J&A Garrigues, two of Iberia's leading law firms, advising on corporate transactions, restructurings, and complex contractual matters. He also holds an LLM in International Business Law from King's College London, specialising in Public M&A, International Trade & Shipping Law, Insurance Law, and International Investment Law.

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Rosie began her tax career at PwC in 2014, specialising in UK and international corporate tax. She advised corporate and private equity clients on M&A, structuring, and cross-border transactions across a range of industries. In 2023, Rosie moved into the tax insurance sector, spending over two years at a leading MGA where she underwrote standalone tax risks.

She joined QBE in 2025 to lead the tax offering within the Transactional Liability team. Rosie's expertise spans a wide array of tax risks across the UK, Europe, Asia, and Canada, including withholding tax, capital gains tax, employment tax, VAT, and corporate tax.



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Alec is a qualified corporate solicitor who joined the QBE team from White & Case LLP. Alec has over six years of M&A and corporate experience having trained at A&O Shearman LLP and qualified at Clifford Chance LLP. Alec has a particular focus in transactions in the financial and professional institutions sectors. Alec graduated from the University of Edinburgh with an MA in Divinity and subsequently attained both the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course at BPP Law School, London.



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Samuel is based in Stockholm, underwriting transactional liability across Europe with a particular focus on the Nordics region. Prior to joining QBE, Samuel was a qualified lawyer working as a senior associate at Setterwalls, one of Sweden's leading law firms, advising on private M&A transactions, general corporate law and complex contractual matters. During his time at Setterwalls, Samuel was recognized as a "Rising Star" by Legal 500. He also has extensive experience from the Swedish insurance industry having worked for several years at two major Stockholm based insurance companies. Samuel has a LLM (Master of Laws) degree from the University of Uppsala.



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Tola is an Assistant Underwriter in the transactional liability team, bringing five years of experience in the legal indemnity market. She has assessed a wide range of risks across the UK and Ireland, including residential, commercial, and development matters, with particular exposure to renewable energy projects.



Adnan Koriya
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Adnan is an Assistant Underwriter in the Transactional Liability team, bringing nearly two years of experience in the Financial Institutions and London markets. He has evaluated a broad spectrum of risks across financial services, with expertise in investment funds throughout the UK and Europe. Prior to joining the insurance industry, Adnan worked in logistics and earned both his undergraduate and master's degree in accounting, finance, and strategic investments. He is enthusiastic about joining the M&A insurance sector and contributing to the team's objectives and continued growth.

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Trevor is responsible for managing claims involving representations and warranties. He has over 35 years of experience in the Management Liability, Financial Institutions, Transactional Liability and Professional Indemnity market. He started his career as a broker, before coming across to the insurer side. He has vast experience of handling claims on a global basis, covering the UK, Europe, Asia, Latam and Australia. He was a key participant in the House of Lords test case *Axa v Field* regarding policy language, and has extensive experience in mediations and arbitrations across the globe. He leads QBE's FSM Complex Liability matters team handling Management Liability, Financial Institutions and Transactional Liability.



Bruna Barbosa
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Bruna joined QBE in 2025. Brazilian-qualified lawyer since 2016, with a background in insurance and reinsurance law. She served at a renowned insurance law practice in São Paulo, Brazil, as a Lead Associate within the Litigation and Arbitration team, handling high-profile cases before the Brazilian courts. Her work focused on D&O and E&O policies, performance and surety bonds, as well as property and civil liability insurance, covering both litigation and regulatory aspects. She also contributed to transactional liability matters by drafting legal opinions on coverage interpretation, as well as procedural aspects such as limitation. In addition, she was involved in claim adjustments, policy wording reviews, and legal opinions applying Brazilian law to various aspects of the (re)insurance market. She later completed her LLM at King's College London, specializing in Insurance Law, Corporate Governance, International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration, Data Protection and Cyber Risks. She joined the London office of Clyde & Co as an Associate in the Financial Institutions, Directors & Officers (FIDO) team, advising on complex (re)insurance claims involving multi-jurisdictional backgrounds, particularly in Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries, including Brazil, Portugal, Colombia and Argentina, with a focus on D&O and PI policies.



Aneesa Husain
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Aneesa joined QBE in 2024. With a Masters Degree in Data Analytics & Marketing and an Undergraduate in Psychology, she brings a mix of analytical thinking and people skills to her role as a Complex Claims Adjuster at QBE. During her five years in the industry, Aneesa built up solid experience across the insurance market—handling complex claims, working closely with underwriters, and supporting actuarial discussions. Her previous roles in both Lloyd's and company markets have given her a broad understanding of the industry, and she's comfortable working across various jurisdictions.

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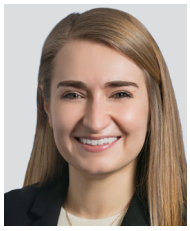


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Paige is the Senior Vice President, Head of Transactional Liability for QBE North America. She leads the practice by increasing profitable growth, concentrating on her deep industry expertise to provide insurance solutions for diverse, complex risks. In addition, she is accountable for underwriting and marketing, focusing on representations and warranties insurance and tax liability insurance.

Prior to joining QBE, Paige was an attorney at the global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, where she served as specialist underwriting counsel to insurance carriers. Her practice also involved representation of companies in asset and equity acquisitions.

Paige holds a BA from the University of San Diego and a JD from Boston University School of Law.



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Danielle is the Senior Vice President, Head of Tax Liability for QBE North America. In this role, she works closely with customers to ensure they have access to the customized policies and specialized expertise they need while tax planning and engaging in M&A transactions. Danielle focuses on underwriting both representations and warranties insurance as well as tax liability insurance policies.

Prior to QBE, Danielle was a tax associate at the global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, where she served as tax underwriting counsel to insurance carriers. Her practice also involved advising on tax matters for mergers and acquisitions and representing clients on a variety of tax controversy matters.

Danielle holds a BA from Texas A&M University and a JD from the University of Houston Law Center.



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Jon is a Vice President in the Transactional Liability Insurance practice for QBE North America. He focuses on underwriting representations and warranties insurance for strategic and private equity buyers in the United States. Jon underwrites deals in all industries, but has specific expertise in Healthcare, Energy, and Secondaries.

Jon's background in transactional underwriting, coupled with his experience on the buy-side in corporate development, allow him to bring a unique perspective by understanding risk allocation and tolerance from the standpoint of both the insured and QBE.

Prior to joining QBE, he spent over two years as an M&A Analyst at AIG. Before he began his career in underwriting, Jon worked in various roles spanning private equity advisory and corporate development for a private equity-backed healthcare organization.

Jon holds a BA from Columbia University.



Courtney Johnson
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Courtney is an Assistant Vice President, Underwriting Leader for QBE North America's Transactional Liability practice. In this role, she is responsible for underwriting, strengthening broker relationships and providing tailored insurance products to meet customer demands. Courtney focuses on representations and warranties and tax insurance deals.

Prior to joining QBE, she worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers. At PwC, she concentrated on corporate tax guidance, advising multinational companies on optimal tax solutions involving global structuring, M&A, and value chain transformation.

Courtney holds a BA from the University of Florida and a JD and LLM in Taxation from Boston University School of Law.

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Lauren Maple
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As Assistant Vice President, Underwriting Leader, Lauren works with our clients to proactively find creative solutions to support their M&A transactions. In line with QBE's risk appetite, she underwrites representations & warranties insurance for a variety of different industries, including a specialty in Healthcare.

Prior to joining QBE, Lauren worked as an associate at the global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright. During her career, she has also worked as marketing manager at NARS Global Marketing and American Express.

Lauren holds a BA and a JD from Duke University as well as an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.



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Hannah is an Assistant Vice President, Underwriting Leader for QBE North America's Transactional Liability practice. In this role, she is responsible for deepening and expanding broker relationships, while delivering customized risk management solutions tailored to evolving customer needs. Hannah focuses on tax liability risks, including tax credit and tax opinion.

Prior to joining QBE, she began her career as a Tax Attorney at PwC for three years, concentrating on state and local taxes.

Hannah holds a BBA from Texas A&M University and a JD from Syracuse University.



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Jessica joined QBE in 2025 as Senior Underwriter. Jessica has a broad background in accounting and finance but has spent the majority of her career as an Underwriter. Prior to QBE, Jessica worked as global underwriting leader in the transactional liability space at Everest Insurance.

Jessica holds a BA in Accounting from Fairfield University in Connecticut.



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Erik has a strong background in transactional risk analysis, reflecting a comprehensive understanding of risks involved in M&A and how RWI can mitigate such risks. Prior to joining QBE, he began his career in transactional liability at Liberty Mutual Insurance, with growing responsibilities over his tenure.

Erik holds a BS in Quantitative Risk and Insurance from St. John's University.



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Dana Shafer is the Vice President, Claims Practice Leader – Transactional Liability for QBE North America. In this role, she is responsible for managing claims involving representations and warranties and tax liability. She is dedicated to utilizing her deep industry expertise to present the best results for QBE's customers.

Dana is an industry veteran with more than 17 years of experience on the insurance carrier and law firm sides of the business. Prior to joining QBE, Dana held various leadership roles with increasing responsibilities at AIG. Dana was also an Associate at Nicoletti Gonson Spinner & Owen, LLP, responsible for cases involving general liability defense.

Dana holds a BA from Rutgers University and JD from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

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As the Lead Claims Specialist for the Transactional Liability team at QBE, Ian is responsible for handling claims submitted under representations and warranties and tax liability policies.

Prior to joining QBE, Ian worked at VALE Insurance Partners, while also attending law school. Following law school, he served as an associate attorney in private practice at Kaufman Dolowich where he represented insurers in disputes involving financial lines policies and coverages.

Ian holds a BA from Swarthmore College and a JD from St. John's University School of Law.

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Reuben Lee is based in Singapore and leads QBE's transactional liability business across the Asia-Pacific region. He focuses on driving growth and expanding the product offering across diverse markets while delivering tailored solutions for complex and cross-border M&A transactions.

Before joining QBE, Reuben served as a Director in WTW 's Regional M& A broking team, advising clients on transactional risk insurance solutions throughout the region. Earlier in his career, he worked as a Senior Underwriter at a global MGA, where he gained extensive technical underwriting experience in transactional liability risks. Prior to entering the insurance industry, Reuben spent four years at EQT within the legal team, supporting deal teams on private equity transactions.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Victoria University of Wellington.

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