Quarterly D&O Claim Trends: Year-End Wrap-Up
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Kevin is also the author of the Internet weblog, The D&O Diary, http://www.dandodiary.com, “a periodic journal containing items of interest from the world of directors’ and officers’ liability, with occasional commentary.” In addition, Kevin is a columnist for the Insurance Journal. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Virginia and of the University of Michigan Law School.
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Tom McCormack currently is the Domestic & Canadian Head of D&O Claims for Chartis Insurance, including National and Commercial/Middle Market Accounts as well as Private and Non-Profit Accounts. Tom has had two stints at AIG/Chartis and has been with the company for a total of 13 years. Before becoming The Domestic Head of D&O Claims, he was Vice President for Commercial/Middle and Private/Non-Profit Accounts for Central U.S. Tom was also previously a Complex Claims Director in the Accident Group, D&O National Group and the Financial Institutions Group. Prior to arriving at AIG, Tom spent 10 years at Home Insurance Company, most recently the manager of the E&O Large Claims Group as well as all claims reported to the Company’s Reinsurers. Tom was responsible for handling large exposure Legal, Accounting, Real Estate Agents and Insurance Agents malpractice claims as well as Police Department claims throughout the United States. Tom has also spent time as a litigator at a NY Defense Firm responsible for handling defense of both Legal and Accounting Malpractice lawsuits against those professionals. Tom received a JD from St. John’s University in 1985. Prior to entering Law School, Tom spent five years as an accountant at Texaco, Inc., most recently as the Assistant Chief Accountant for the Budget and Statistical Group for all of Texaco’s worldwide enterprises. Tom graduated with a B.S. in Accounting from St. John’s University in 1978.
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In addition to professional liability insurers, John works with reinsurers and insurance brokers on compliance and corporate governance issues, and in business transactions. Working closely with his insurer clients in both product development and policy drafting, John understands the critical issues and strategies underpinning a profitable underwriting portfolio. Clients turn to him for strategic insight and advice to creatively address complex business issues and to negotiate difficult, multi-party settlements and other agreements.

Outside the insurance industry, John works with clients in assessing and deploying enterprise risk management solutions addressing policy, process and technology with a particular focus on data capture and retrieval in the rapidly emerging area of electronic data discovery.

John is frequently asked to speak, and regularly writes, on issues related to directors and officers liability and insurance law.
Key Findings

• Filings and new enforcement actions down in all categories relative to 2011
  o Though, in aggregate, higher than 2010 and prior years

• Downward trend in in new SCA suits filed
  o Both number and percentage of total

• Sharp drop in new merger objection suit filings

• Number of SCA settlements down, but average value up

• Decline in FCPA enforcement actions
  o Expected to be temporary

• 20% - 30% of FCPA enforcement actions trigger shareholder derivative suits
Filings and Enforcement Actions

Source: Advisen MSCAd™
Securities Class Action Filings

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Source: Advisen MSCAd™
Suits by Industry

Source: Advisen MSCAd™
FCPA Derivative Follow-On Suits

Source: Advisen MSCAd™
D&O-related litigation of all types decreased in 2012 as compared to 2011. Any ideas as to why?

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How have the role and dynamic between institutional investors and plaintiff attorneys changed in the settlement process? What does this mean relative to the size and speed of settlements going forward?

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After growing sharply for several years, new merger objection filings decreased in 2012. Has this category of suit lost its luster among plaintiff firms? Is it because of the toughness of insurers?

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New subprime/credit crisis activity has fallen off, but it isn't over yet. What types of enforcement actions and lawsuits can we expect in 2013?

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We see a downward trend in the number of settlements for class action litigation. What do you see driving this trend?

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When you get first notice of a D&O claim, what do you look for to determine if it is a whopper or no big deal? How do you evaluate if the defense costs risk running out of control and what do you do to try to keep them in check?

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SEC Financial Fraud/Issuer Disclosure enforcement actions fell in 2012. Is this likely to change under Mary Jo White's watch? What other changes can we expect at the SEC?

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New FCPA enforcement actions fell in 2012, but this is expected to be a temporary lull. What is driving the surge in enforcement by the DOJ and the SEC? What types of companies are most likely to be targeted?

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FCPA settlements can run into the hundreds of millions of dollars, but costs associated with investigations also can run into nine figures. What are the drivers of these enormous costs?

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What types of insurance will likely respond to FCPA investigations and settlements?

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FCPA investigations can trigger other types of lawsuits. Please explain what types of suits are likely to follow in the wake of an investigation?

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The FCPA is the U.S. attempt to address bribery, but it is just one of a growing number of initiatives around the world. What are the most significant anti-bribery laws outside the U.S.? Do American companies need to be concerned about these laws?

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What are the emerging issues in D&O litigation? Are there any looming threats that should be keeping underwriters awake?

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