

## Wednesday, April 14

1 - 1:45 p.m. ET

**CEO Perspectives: Leadership in Challenging Times** 

Hear from the CEOs of three highly regarded trade associations as they share leadership insights in times of disruption. Topics to be covered include industry priorities, challenges, membership expectations, and partnership opportunities in the rapidly evolving association space.

SPEAKERS:

Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr., President & CEO, SIFMA Susan Neely, President & CEO, American Council of Life Insurers

**Eric Pan**, *President & CEO*, Investment Company Institute

**MODERATOR:** 

Wayne Chopus, President & CEO, Insured Retirement Institute

1:45 – 2 p.m. ET Break

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### How Congress Can Strengthen Retirement Security – A View from the House

Leading voices for retirement security in the U.S. House of Representatives offer their outlook for legislation to address our nation's looming retirement savings crisis.

**SPEAKER:** 

**Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX)**, Ranking Member, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means

**MODERATOR:** 

**Srinivas D. Reddy**, *Senior Vice President*, Principal Financial Group, IRI Board of Directors

**SPEAKER:** 

Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY),

Member, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means

MODERATOR:

**Paul Richman**, Chief Government & Political Affairs Officer, Insured Retirement Institute 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. ET Break

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. ET

### Keynote Presentation: Keeping It Human in a Digital World

Digital technology is now embedded in our lives and will continue to evolve. From daily use to future projections, learn how to master its use as an advantage in your personal and professional developmental growth rather than allow technology to master you.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** 

Kate O'Neill, Strategist & Futurist, KO Insights

**MODERATOR:** 

**Paula Nelson**, Co-Head & Managing Director Individual Markets, Global Atlantic Financial Company, Treasurer & Secretary, IRI Board of Directors

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3:30 – 3:45 p.m. ET Break

3:45 – 4:15 p.m. ET

# Current and Emerging Issues in Broker-Dealer Regulation

Gain insight on FINRA's perspective on the first year under Regulation Best Interest and how oversight will evolve in year two and beyond, the fallout from COVID-19, the heightened focus on DEI, the evolving regulatory framework for ESG investing, and the challenges and opportunities presented by emerging technologies. Approved for CE credit.

SPEAKER:

**Robert W. Cook**, *President & CEO*, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

MODERATOR

lan MacEachern, Head of Investment Products, Wells Fargo Wealth and Investment Management, IRI Board of Directors



4:15 – 4:30 p.m. ET Break

4:30 - 5 p.m. ET

### Leadership, Talent, and Retention: Radically Human

COVID-19 changed how we lead, and how we live. Join this session to hear a Korn Ferry leadership and human capital expert discuss trends in acquiring and developing talent in 2021 and beyond.

SPEAKER:

Kate Shattuck, Senior Client Partner, Korn Ferry

## Wednesday, April 21

Noon – 12:30 p.m. ET

## Plugging the Gaps in Your Marketing Strategy

Mass marketing campaigns extend your company's brand in meaningful ways but often fail to reach more niche segments of the consumer population. Understanding the principles of intersectionality and the messages that resonate across diverse groups can be a game changer for making your next campaign the most successful yet.

SPEAKER:

**Dr. Leah Wright Rigueur**, Associate Professor, Harvard University

MODERATOR:

**Victor Howell**, Vice President, Research Consulting and Development Unit, Natixis Investment Managers

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12:30 – 12:45 p.m. ET Break 12:45 - 1 p.m. ET

### How Congress Can Strengthen Retirement Security: A View from the Senate

Leading retirement security voices in the U.S. Senate offer their outlook for legislation to address our nation's looming retirement savings crisis.

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SPEAKER:

**Senator Todd Young (R-IN)**, U.S. Senate, Committee on Finance

MODERATOR:

**Wayne Chopus**, *President & CEO*, Insured Retirement Institute

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### From Suitability to Best Interest: The Standard of Conduct Landscape in 2021

SPEAKER:

**Jason Berkowitz**, Chief Legal & Regulatory Affairs Officer, Insured Retirement Institute

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1:45 - 2:15 p.m. ET

# What to Expect from the SEC – The Best Interest Standard, Regulatory Modernization, and More

Tune in for a discussion of the SEC's 2021 priorities, including enhanced oversight of Regulation Best Interest and Form CRS, the Commission's views on industry priorities such as modernization of electronic delivery rules, the need for a new registration form for registered index-linked annuities (RILAs), and more. Approved for CE credit.

#### **SPEAKER**

**Hester M. Peirce**, *Commissioner*, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

#### **MODERATOR:**

**Terri N. Fiedler**, *President & CEO*, AIG Financial Distributors, *Vice Chair*, IRI Board of Directors

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. ET Break

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# The Impact of COVID-19 on Industry Operations

COVID-19 arrived swiftly and delivered immediate and long-term impacts to our business models. Join us as we project future models to deliver enhanced outcomes for our industry and the consumer.

#### SPEAKER

Matthew Josefowicz, President & CEO, Novarica

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### NAIC Talks Policy with IRI

Join us for a conversation about NAIC leadership's 2021 priorities, the NAIC's work to date, and next steps on COVID-19 and DEI, industry modernization, and opportunities for industry and state regulators to collaborate on efforts to protect and promote consumer financial stability in the coming year. Approved for CE credit.

#### SPEAKER:

**David Altmaier**, NAIC President & Florida Insurance Commissioner

#### MODERATOR

**Angela Hollan**, Vice President, Head of Government Relations, Allianz Life Insurance Company

## Wednesday, April 28

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### Stress Mastery: Using Stress to Improve Adaptability and Fuel Positive Change (during COVID-19)

Neuroscience research demonstrates that our brain and nervous system can adapt in both positive and negative ways to stress. It's not the stress itself that causes problems but our reactions or responses to it that determine its impact on our lives. In this session, participants will learn to recognize how stress impacts the mind and body, for better or worse, learn the difference between stressed and stressed out, understand how to shift from reacting to responding, explore various stress mindsets, and how they impact health and performance, and learn how to create an individual and team action plan to navigate stress more effectively personally and professionally.

For a free digital version of Heidi Hanna's book, Recharge, 5 Simple Shifts to Energize Your Life, visit https://heidihanna.com/recharge/.

#### **SPEAKER**

**Dr. Heidi Hanna**, Chief Energy Officer, Synergy Brain Fitness



1:30 – 2 p.m. ET Sponsored Breakout Session

# Structured Annuities: A Market in Overdrive

Uncover Client Opportunities with the Latest Innovations in Technology

A relatively new annuity design, structured annuities are gaining attention amidst today's investing challenges for their ability to provide participation in market growth with reduced downside exposure. This session will show you how to leverage new technology to navigate the rapid innovation occurring in structured annuities and improve how you analyze and select annuities for clients seeking risk management in retirement planning.

#### SPEAKER

**Scott Stolz**, CFP, RICP, Head of Insurance Solutions, SIMON Markets

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# Top Retirement Priorities for the Labor Department in 2021 and Beyond

This session will feature a discussion of DOL's interpretation of the five-part test for fiduciary status, the prohibited transaction exemptions available to firms and advisors to facilitate the provision of investment advice to retirement savers, next steps on the lifetime income illustrations rule, and how industry and the Department can cooperate to advance retirement security.

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#### SPEAKER:

**Preston Rutledge**, Founder & Principal, Rutledge Policy Group, Former Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

#### MODERATOR:

**Robert J. Doyle**, Vice President, Government Affairs, Prudential Financial, Inc.

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# Leading with DEI, How Firms Can Walk the Talk

Closing the racial wealth gap requires concerted policy action designed to advance bold, comprehensive solutions. This session will focus on the role that financial organizations need to play as Congress develops policy solutions to affect the change needed in this area. Approved for CE credit.

#### **SPEAKER**

**Joseph M. Vaughan**, Senior Diversity & Inclusion Policy Advisor

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# Congress in 2021: Will Gridlock or Bipartisanship Prevail?

Will Congress continue to operate in partisan gridlock? Or is there a bipartisan path forward? Listen to members of Congress who are committed to moving from gridlock to action by pursuing bipartisan policy solutions to help address the real challenges faced every day by the American people.

#### SPEAKER:

**Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)**, U.S. Senate, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

#### **MODERATOR:**

**Melissa Kivett**, Managing Director, Head of Enterprise Strategic Relationship Management, Prudential Financial, IRI Board of Directors

#### SPEAKER

**Rep. Bryan Stiles (R-WI)**, Member, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Financial Services

#### MODERATOR:

**Tim Walsh**, Senior Managing Director, TIAA, IRI Board of Directors

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## Helping Women Achieve Retirement Security

Women are less confident than men that they will enjoy a secure retirement, and more likely than men to say that they are even less confident than before the start of the pandemic. Women face challenges such as being less likely than men to save for retirement through an employer plan and to have a written retirement plan and being more likely than men to have spent time out of the workforce as a caregiver. Join this session for a discussion of recent research on the challenges facing women planning for retirement, and an experienced advisor's views on how to help women successfully achieve their financial goals.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

**Kimberly Cimmiyotti**, Financial Advisor, LPL Financial

**Catherine Collinson**, CEO & President, Transamerica Institute and Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies

## Wednesday, May 5

1 – 1:30 p.m. ET

# 2021 Economic Outlook: Primed for Growth or Set up to Stall?

How quickly can the economy rebound in 2021 while we emerge from the pandemic? What effects will the Biden Administration and a new Congress have on growth prospects, and what impact effect might low-interest rates have? Hear from a leading expert on the opportunities and pitfalls for the 2021 economy. Approved for CE credit.

#### SPEAKER:

Sara Eisen, "Closing Bell" Co-Anchor, CNBC

#### MODERATOR:

**Chris Grady**, Executive Vice President & Head of Retail, Athene, IRI Board of Directors

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#### The Decade of Historic Transformation

We have all just lived through one of the most disruptive years in our nation's history. But broader macro trends, already well underway, promise to be just as disruptive and bring an avalanche of change to the world in the next ten years. Transforming disruption and change into opportunity and evolution will not be easy, but it is critical if our industry is to survive and thrive. Approved for CE credit.

#### **SPEAKER:**

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**Professor Mauro Guillén**, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania



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#### SPEAKER:

**Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)**, U.S. Senate, Committee on Finance

#### MODERATOR:

**Sean Cassidy**, Vice President & Senior Director, Government Relations, Transamerica

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#### Financial Markets and Product Evolution

Where the major indexes will stand on May 5, 2021 is anyone's guess. Interest rates and market volatility, the potential for higher taxes, and new dynamics such as the Reddit-vs.-Hedge Funds wild ride in January and February will keep things interesting. This session will highlight opportunities and threats from the asset manager's perspective and the implications for product design and innovation. Approved for CE credit.

#### SPEAKER:

**Kurt Reiman**, *Managing Director*, BlackRock Investment Institute

#### MODERATOR:

**Melissa Buccilli**, Head of Retirement Insurance, BlackRock, IRI Board of Directors

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# The Future of Post-COVID-19 Conferences

Conferences have long been the catalysts of innovation, collaboration, and connection within our industry. Organizations are struggling to figure out how to effectively convene their constituencies in this ever-changing environment. What is the future of large-scale gatherings in a post-COVID-19 world? Approved for CE credit.

#### SPEAKER:

Don Neal, Founder & CEO, 360 Live Media

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#### **IRI Officers Fireside Chat**

This session features officers of the IRI Board of Directors. They will share thoughts on IRI's evolving mission and vision, and how our strategic priorities of today will influence the IRI of tomorrow.

#### SPEAKERS:

**Terri N. Fiedler**, *President & CEO*, AIG Financial Distributors, *Vice Chair*, IRI Board of Directors

**John Kennedy**, Executive Vice President, Lincoln Financial Group, President, Lincoln Financial Distributors, Chair, IRI Board of Directors

**Paula Nelson**, Co-Head & Managing Director Individual Markets, Global Atlantic Financial Company, Treasurer & Secretary, IRI Board of Directors

#### **MODERATOR:**

**Wayne Chopus**, *President & CEO*, Insured Retirement Institute