A SNAPSHOT OF THE INSURANCE LIBRARY

HISTORY · MISSION · VISION

- The Library was established in **1887**.
- It is the country's first, and only remaining, independent library **dedicated solely to the subject of insurance**.
- The Library maintains a **unique, comprehensive collection** of insurance-related **print and digital materials** and **insurance artifacts and memorabilia**.
- But we are **more than just a Library**.
- The Library's **mission** is to provide members of the insurance, financial security, risk management, and legal communities, and the public, with high-quality **educational programming,** opportunities for **engagement and networking,** and unique **research resources and services**.
- The Library's **vision** is to be **recognized** as the **preeminent nonprofit provider** of such educational programs and other services, **build** upon our **unique position as a hub** for networking and engagement, and **continue to expand our reach nationally**.

KEY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Monthly **continuing education webinars**.
  - The Library is an **approved course provider** for producer continuing education in all six New England states (and is exploring accreditation in other states).
  - We offer unique **webinar sponsorship** opportunities for member organizations3.
- **Custom in-person or virtual insurance education classes and courses** with experienced, highly regarded instructors.
- Monthly **Lunch & Learn** or book **Launch & Learn** monthly virtual events.
- **Collaborations** for education or networking events with Social Law Library, Boston Chapter CPCU Society, Mass. RIMS, NAAIA, AAIMCo, InnSure, Insure Equality, and national service companies such as A.M. Best, Conning, Deloitte, Marsh, and others.
- As a **pro bono service**, we answer questions from consumers referred to us by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance.
- The **Nancy Z. Bender Award** is given annually to a member of the insurance community who excels at customer or community service.
- Our signature event is the **Insurance Professional of the Year Award Gala & Silent Auction,** where we honor annually an insurance professional who demonstrates outstanding leadership and exemplifies qualities that foster commitment to, understanding of, and respect for the insurance industry.

- Other recent or upcoming programs and events include:
  - Our popular **Summer Intern Program**, which includes education webinars geared to those new to insurance, an ice cream social, and a professional headshot event for member organization summer interns and early-career employees.
  - **ESGi Scholars Program**, in partnership with InnSure and Insure Equality.
  - **Insurance Library Scavenger Hunt,** a biennial event involving team-building and networking, peer-to-peer fundraising, prizes, a fun way for participants to learn about the history of insurance in Boston, and sponsorships that provide marketing and brand promotion opportunities.
  - **DEI in Insurance** webinar.
  - **Women in Insurance** panel discussion.

DONOR & SUPPORTER RECOGNITION

- The **1887 Circle** recognizes those donating to the Library's Annual Fund for at least three consecutive years.
- Our **Sustaining Patrons** donate at least $10,000 to our annual fund. We recognize them by scrolling their logos across every page of our website for the coming fiscal year and with special placement in all online and written donor lists.
- The **Henry E. Hess Benefactor Society** recognizes those providing the strongest overall financial support to the Library in the most recently ended fiscal year.
- The **Annual Donor & Sponsor Report**—published in print and online— recognizes in one place all those providing support not just by giving to our annual fund but by sponsoring and participating in our major events and programs.

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In 1887, one of the Library's founders, Henry E. Hess, then a special agent for The Connecticut Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, expressed his desire to make the Library "the best thing of the sort in the world."

With the continuing support of our members, donors, and event sponsors and participants, we can continue to do just that.

More Than Just a Library.