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Mr. Barrett is an independent adjuster specializing in commercial and surplus lines claims handling for global insurance carriers. After graduating from the University of Illinois he began his career with State Farm Insurance. Mike then moved into insurance restoration estimating for several years before joining Engle Martin & Associates in 2005. As part of a nationwide firm, Mike served first wave catastrophe response on hurricanes Katrina, Wilma, Ike, Isaac, Irene and Sandy, as well as F4 tornados in Windsor, CO and Birmingham, AL. In addition to windstorm claims, he has also responded to pipe freeze catastrophes in Seattle and Phoenix, as well as hail storms in Dallas and Oklahoma City. In the course of his catastrophe response efforts Mike has handled multi-million dollar wind, hail and flood claims, as well as similar size local fire, Builders Risk and Inland Marine losses.

During his time with Engle Martin & Associates Mr. Barrett has worked in Tampa, FL and Los Angeles, CA before returning to his hometown of Chicago where he now resides. Mike has spent the last few years acting as a managing general adjuster in charge of new adjuster recruitment, training and mentoring. Mike has been asked to speak at insurance company corporate claims offices and continues to be an industry leader in training and best practices implementation through his firm.

Mr. Barrett has supplemented his extensive field experience with continuing education in the insurance industry which includes the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter and Associate In Claims designations. Mike first began his public speaking with the PLRB at their 2012 regional conferences with his presentation on catastrophe claim handling which the PLRB has converted into a remote learning module on their website. He once again joined the PLRB for their 2013 regional conferences leading a presentation on dealing with aggressive contractors. Mike has presented his negotiations seminar at the 2014 and 2105 PLRB Claims Conference and looks forward to continuing the speaking and training aspects of his career.