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Next “Big One” Might Just Be a
Casualty Catastrophe

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Introduction

- Some of the largest catastrophes the insurance industry has experienced have been casualty cats
 - Asbestos
 - Pollution liability
 - Financial misdeeds
- Industry focus has been on property cats
 - Validated models
 - Extensive data sets
 - Regulatory and rating agency attention

Audience Participation

- How many have used property catastrophe models?
- How many have used casualty catastrophe models?
- Some practitioners feel casualty cats are just too complex to model
 - This is not true
 - The industry needs to correct this imbalance

Speakers

- Rating agencies do consider casualty cats
 - Stefan Holzberger, CPA, ChFC, Senior Vice President and Chief Rating Officer, AM Best
- Casualty cat models are available
 - Rachel Abramovitz, FCAS, Senior Vice President, WillisTowersWatson
- A variety of data sets are available
 - Jessica Schuler, ACAS, MAAA, Manager of Global Client Development & Actuary, Praedicat, Inc.
 - James Blinn, Executive Vice President, Product Management, Advisen, Ltd.