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**Lowes Fund Breakfast 2015**

# **Insuring drones: A reconnaissance mission**

(Toronto, ON – October 21, 2015) – Drones are frequently used to expand our body of knowledge, collecting information and images on behalf of firefighters, journalists, sports and entertainment promoters, building inspectors, real estate agents and even insurance adjusters, to name a few.

But what if something goes wrong? What if these unmanned aircraft crash and hurt someone, invade a person's privacy or produce poor surveillance or data collection, leading to lawsuits? How will these events be insured?

Drone specialist Kate Browne, senior vice president and claims counsel for Swiss Re Corporate Solutions, will address many insurance issues related to unmanned air services at the 2015 Annual Lowes Fund Breakfast.

The Lowes Fund Breakfast 2015 will be held at The National Club in Toronto on Wednesday, October 28 at 8 a.m.

Proceeds of the breakfast will go to the John E. Lowes Insurance Education Fund, which awards financial assistance to students completing a post-secondary education – including property and casualty insurance studies. The 2015 recipients of the John E. Lowes and Toronto Insurance Conference scholarships will receive their awards at the breakfast.

Browne is a lawyer with more than 25 years of experience, specializing in areas such as commercial drones, autonomous cars and the impact of bankruptcy on insurance. She has spent her entire career in the insurance industry. She started as an attorney at Mendes & Mount, where she represented the London Market insurers in complex coverage actions including asbestos, pollution and mass torts. Leaving Mendes in 2002, she joined AIG Technical Services as a complex director in the coverage unit. She then joined Swiss Re in 2004, where she is now senior vice president and claims counsel.

***About the John E. Lowes Insurance Education Fund:*** *The fund is named after John E. Lowes, BA, FIIC, CIB (Ont), a founding partner of Irwin, Sargent & Lowes Insurance Brokers in Peterborough, Ontario. Lowes was a Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Insurance Institute of Canada, a President of the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario and a President of the Insurance Institute of Ontario. This foundation is named in his honour as a tribute to his continuing dedication to professionalism in the property & casualty insurance industry.*

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