

Gallagher's Education Practice



John Watson, ARM, CIC, CRM – Executive Director, Education Practice

John has over 30 years of experience in insurance and educational institution risk management. He joined Gallagher in 2003. Prior to that time, John was the Director of Risk Management for Pepperdine University, a position he held for 16 years.

He was recognized by University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA) as their Distinguished Risk Manager recipient, and served on their Board of Directors for 12 years. John has also served on the United Educators Risk Management Advisory Council and the Board of Directors of College Liability Insurance Company (CLIC).

John has written and edited journal articles and white papers on a wide variety of risk management subjects, including natural catastrophes planning, pandemic & infectious disease emergency response, foreign travel risk management best practices, and enterprise risk management implementation.

John serves as a consultant and resource to Gallagher's educational institution clients focused on providing practical and effective risk management solutions specific to each institution's environment. His Responsibilities include:

- Develops education, support services and professional standards for the education practice
- Develops and implements cost-effective risk management and risk control programs in educational institution settings
- Provides expertise in crisis management and business continuity planning for educational institutions

John received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Loyola Marymount University. John has been awarded the "Power Broker" award by Risk and Insurance Magazine for the Education Sector.