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2009 ANZIIF TurksLegal Claims Scholarship Winner Announced

Joseph Willis from Claim Solutions Pty Ltd has been named the 2009 ANZIIF TurksLegal Claims Scholarship winner at the ANZIIF Annual General Insurance Breakfast held in Sydney today.

Mr Willis has been awarded a trip to the 2010 Claims Conference and Insurance Services Expo in San Antonio, Texas, including airfares, accommodation and spending money valued at \$AU8,000.

Runner-up, José Flores, from CGU Insurance, wins an educational voucher from ANZIIF valued at \$AU500.

In its second year, the Scholarship is the result of a collaboration between the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) and specialist law firm, TurksLegal.

Designed to provide career development opportunities for general insurance professionals, the ANZIIF TurksLegal Claims Scholarship also encourages thought leadership and insight into issues affecting the general insurance industry in Australia and globally.

The winning papers both addressed the issue of early resolution and payment of claims in adverse situations, including the 2009 bushfires in Victoria and floods in NSW and Queensland.

ANZIIF CEO and judge, Ms Joan Fitzpatrick, commended Mr Willis' entry.

"Mr Willis' paper was a stand out this year and his efforts are to be highly praised. He has the opportunity to share insights from his winning paper and broaden his professional network at the 2010 Claims Conference in Texas in March. We look forward to Joseph sharing his experiences with the industry upon his return."

The 2009 judging panel also included Mr Paul Angus (Partner – General Insurance, TurksLegal), Mr Nick Kirk (Chief Executive Officer, Calliden), Mr John Nagle (Chief Operating Officer, Lumley), Mr Chris Rodd (Technical Counsel, CGU and AILA President) and Mr Peter Riddell (Partner, TurksLegal).

Mr Paul Angus from TurksLegal commented, "We are delighted to have collaborated with ANZIIF again this year to offer the Scholarship to professionals within the general insurance industry. The calibre of entries was impressive and Mr Willis is a worthy recipient of the 2009 Scholarship. We are pleased to be able to provide a vehicle for recognising excellence among professionals in the industry and working with ANZIIF to play a part in their career development."

The 2009 Scholarship entrants were assessed on their ability to understand and provide insight into key topics, clarity in their point of view, commercial acumen and overall presentation. Identities of candidates were not revealed until the winning entry was selected to avoid any perceived bias.

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