

SARA CHEN, FCAS, MAAA

Consulting Actuary | West Des Moines, Iowa



Sara joined Pinnacle in 2024, and brings experience in pricing, reserving, catastrophe (CAT) reserving and collateral analyses for commercial and farm/agriculture lines of business. She also brings experience in creating and enhancing actuarial tools and processes.

In her most recent role prior to joining Pinnacle, Sara worked for a large insurance company, where she was the reserving lead for the business owners line of business. Her responsibilities included a number of loss reserve analyses and studies and communicating results to leaders across several areas. She also was responsible for the management of CAT reserves for commercial lines.

In other capacities, Sara has conducted reserve analyses and rate reviews across commercial and farm/agriculture lines of businesses, as well as collateral reviews for large deductible accounts.

She also has experience in enhancing actuarial tools and automating processes to improve user experience and accuracy, in addition to building dashboards to visualize and communicate the story behind the data.

★ Qualified to sign statements of actuarial opinion per the American Academy of Actuaries (AAA)

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

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AREAS OF FOCUS

Commercial Lines, Farm/Agriculture Lines, Loss Reserving, Catastrophe Reserving, Collateral Reviews, Rate Filing Reviews and Support, Actuarial Tool Enhancement and Automation

EDUCATION

University of Iowa, 2017
B.S. Actuarial Science, Statistics and Mathematics

CERTIFICATIONS

Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS), Fellow, 2021
AAA, Member, 2024

CURRENT VOLUNTEERISM

CAS
Microlearning Working Group, 2019 – Present
Chairperson, 2023 – Present
Actuarial Review Working Group
Copyeditor, 2021 – Present
Content Writer, 2024 – Present

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

“Intro to P&C Reserving,” Various presentation dates and venues

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Pinnacle Actuarial Resources, Inc., 2024 – Present
Nationwide Insurance, 2017 – 2024
EMC Insurance (Actuarial Internship), 2015

PAST VOLUNTEERISM

CAS
University Engagement Committee, 2017 – 2021
Student Programs Task Force, 2021 – 2023
Central States Actuarial Forum (CSAF)
Treasurer, 2021 – 2023