



Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability

In high-stakes coverage litigation, policyholders increasingly assert claims of bad faith and extra-contractual liability against their insurers. The attorneys in the Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability Group have years of experience in defending insurance carriers against these allegations. Our understanding of the insurance industry and extensive trial skills have enabled us to successfully counsel our clients to avoid bad faith claims in the first place or to take a matter to trial if those claims cannot be otherwise resolved. When punitive and bad faith damages are on the line, it is critical to have attorneys who understand your business and have the skill set necessary to focus discovery and aggressively litigate a matter to conclusion, if necessary.

We have an active bad faith and extra-contractual practice that involves counseling, and litigating on behalf of, insurers around the country. Our experience in bad faith and extra-contractual matters is extensive and diverse. We cost effectively handle extra-contractual disputes involving general liability, life, health and disability, business auto, property, liquor liability, construction, directors & officers, professional liability including architect and engineers, municipal liability and school errors & omissions. Our practice includes litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts, as well as extensive experience in mediation and other types of ADR.

Our experienced lawyers provide significant bad faith avoidance counseling at the claim level for over 40 insurance company clients. We regularly speak on punitive damages, bad faith and bad faith avoidance before industry and professional groups including FDCC, Coverage College, ABA, Tort Trial and Insurance Section, CLM, The Institutes, ACI, CPCU and client-requested seminars. We also hold a Board of Regents seat at the American College of Coverage and Extra-Contractual Counsel.

Recognitions and Awards

Since 2015, White and Williams has been recognized by Chambers USA as a leading law firm in Pennsylvania for achievements and client service in the area of insurance law. The firm is recognized for offering advice to insurers and reinsurers across a range of areas, including coverage, bad faith and excess liability. The firm is also recognized for its adroit handling of complex

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Related Practices

First-Party Property
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

alternative dispute resolution cases, with clients saying "they have very formidable folk" and "provide great value."

News

Rochelle Gumapac Elected DRI State Representative for Delaware
November 5, 2019

13th Annual Coverage College Hosts Over 400 Insurance Professionals
November 1, 2019

Best Lawyers[®] Recognizes 29 White and Williams Lawyers
August 15, 2019

Chambers USA 2019 Ranks White and Williams as a Leading Law Firm
April 26, 2019

12th Annual Coverage College Features Current Trends and State of the Insurance Claims Industry
October 23, 2018

Best Lawyers Recognizes Twenty White and Williams Lawyers
August 15, 2018

Chambers USA 2018 Ranks White and Williams as a Leading Law Firm
May 10, 2018

Randy Maniloff Teaching Insurance Law At Temple Law School
January 15, 2018

Best Lawyers Recognizes Fifteen White and Williams Lawyers
August 15, 2017

Chambers USA 2017 Ranks White and Williams as a Leading Law Firm
May 26, 2017

Coverage College Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary
September 22, 2016

Partners Patti Santelle and Gale White honored as "Top Women in Law" by *The Legal Intelligencer*
September 16, 2016

Best Lawyers Recognizes Twelve White and Williams Lawyers
August 15, 2016

Chambers USA 2016 Ranks White and Williams as a Leading Law Firm
May 31, 2016

White and Williams Announces the Election of Five Lawyers to the Partnership and the Promotion of Five Associates to Counsel

January 14, 2016

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized by *Best Lawyers*

August 17, 2015

Chambers USA 2015 Ranks White and Williams as a Leading Law Firm

May 19, 2015

Randy Maniloff Elected to American Law Institute

October 22, 2014

Coverage College® 2014 Brings Over 600 Students Together for Eighth Annual Insurance Industry Event

October 3, 2014

White and Williams Listed by A.M. Best for over 50 Years

February 12, 2014

White and Williams Earns National Recognition by U.S. News and World Report

November 4, 2013

White and Williams Grows Boston Office

September 18, 2013

Publications

The Changing Shape of Bad Faith under the Restatement: What Are the Consequences When an Insurer Breaches Its Duty to Settle or Defend?

ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section - TortSource | Spring 2018

Double Agents, Order-Takers, and Special Advisors – The Producer’s Intriguing Role in Coverage Disputes

TIPS Annual Insurance Coverage Litigation Mid-Year Conference Report | Winter 2016

Navigating the "Tort Problem" in Contractual Liability Exclusions: A Matter of Timing?

Insurance Coverage Alert | April 9, 2015

The Covenant Judgment Problem

CLM Annual Meeting Report | Spring 2015

Events

Emerging Issues in Long-Tail Exposure Insurance

Webinar | November 18, 2019

Avoiding, Managing and Defeating Bad Faith Claims
12th Annual Coverage College | October 4, 2018

A New Set of Rules: How the Restatement Expands Bad Faith Liability by Calling it Something Else
26th TIPS Annual Insurance Coverage Litigation Mid-Year Conference – Tool Box Presentation (Phoenix, AZ) | February 23, 2018

“The New Normal or a Bump in the Road?” – How Policyholders and Insurers Will be Affected by the ALI’s Restatement of the Law of Liability Insurance
25th TIPS Annual Insurance Coverage Litigation Mid-Year Conference – (Phoenix, AZ) | February 23, 2017

The "Occurrence" Issue in Construction Defect Litigation: Case Law, Legislation and Underwriting Reactions
ABA TIPS Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting (Phoenix, AZ) | February 2017

The Bad and the Ugly: Worst Bad Faith Decisions of 2015-2016
White and Williams Coverage College | September 22, 2016

Double Agents, Order-Takers, and Special Advisors – The Producer’s Intriguing Role in Coverage Disputes
24th TIPS Annual Insurance Coverage Litigation Mid-Year Conference (Phoenix, AZ) | February 19, 2016

How to Protect or Lose the Attorney Client Privilege When an Insurer Defends Under a Reservation of Rights
ABA/TIPS Member Monday Webinar | December 7, 2015

The Covenant Judgment Problem
CLM (Claims & Litigation Management Alliance), 2015 Annual Conference – (Palm Desert, CA) | March 26, 2015

"How to Protect or Lose the Attorney Client Privilege When an Insurer Defends Under a Reservation of Rights," Moderator
ABA-TIPS ICLC Mid-Winter Meeting (Phoenix, AZ) | February 20, 2015

The Bad And The Ugly: Ten Worst Recent Decisions On Insurer Bad Faith Liability
White and Williams Coverage College | October 2, 2014

Insuring Against Terrorism - TRIA and Private Insurance in the Wake of the Boston Bombings
2014 ABA Annual Meeting - Tort Trials & Insurance Practice Section (Boston, MA) | August 8, 2014

Attorney-Client Privilege in Bad Faith Litigation: Pushing the Limits
March 5, 2014