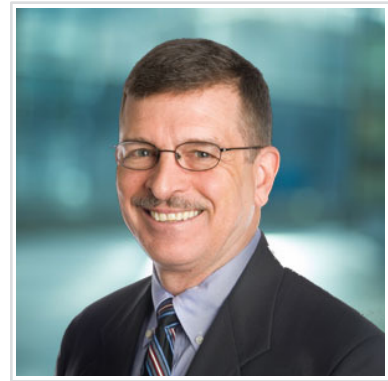


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Christopher Leise focuses his practice on complex insurance and commercial litigation, including the representation of licensed insurance agents and brokers in professional liability claims and agency contract disputes. He also has extensive experience litigating complex insurance coverage, insurance bad faith, RICO and insurance fraud claims, fire damage claims, and ERISA disputes. Chris works with regional and national brokerage firms defending professional liability claims and handling disputes with insurance companies throughout the mid-Atlantic region, as well as with commercial insurance carriers defending allegations of bad faith.

Chris has published and lectured on the topics of insurance broker professional liability, fire litigation, insurance bad faith and insurance coverage for the American Bar Association, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Pennsylvania Defense Institute and the Practicing Law Institute.

After graduating from law school, Chris served as a law clerk to the Honorable William Bishoff of the New Jersey Superior Court Appellate Division.

Representative Matters

- Won jury verdict for property insurer voiding coverage for a multi-million dollar Pennsylvania fire loss due to policyholder's material misrepresentations about the risk during the application process; verdict and judgment affirmed on appeal; see *Hered, LLC v. Seneca Insurance Company*, 2011 WL 1183212 (3rd Cir. 2011)
- Secured jury verdict rejecting Federal RICO claims against an insurance broker arising from the sale of life insurance pursuant to an employee benefit plan
- Lead counsel before the New Jersey Appellate Division wherein the Court vacated a \$9 million trial court judgment and entered judgment for an insurance broker in suit arising from the sale of breach of warranty and hull policies to a commercial ferry operator; see *Harbor Commuter Service, Inc. v. Frenkel & Co., Inc.*, et al., 401 N.J. Super 546 (N.J. App. Div. 2008)

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith
Professional Liability
Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
Appellate
First-Party Property

Bar and Court Admissions

New Jersey
Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Education

Rutgers University School of Law, JD, 1978
Clark University, BA, 1974

Memberships

American Bar Association; Tort and Insurance Practice Section

- Secured multi-million dollar recovery on behalf of New Jersey insurance agents by proving that their agreements with an auto insurance carrier were terminated in bad faith and violation of New Jersey law; see *Scheller v. Rutgers Casualty Insurance Co.*, 2008 WL 2121254 (N.J. App. Div. 2008)

Recognition & Involvement

Chris was recently appointed an adjunct professor at Rutgers Camden School of Law, where he teaches a course in advanced trial evidence. From 2005-2010, Chris was a member of the NJ Supreme Court District IV Ethics Committee.

Chris has been AV® rated by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating system. Chris has been selected in a survey of his peers as a "Super Lawyer" in Pennsylvania by *Super Lawyers* in 2004, 2005, and every year since 2007. He was also named a New Jersey "Super Lawyer" by *Super Lawyers* since 2005. The Super Lawyers list is issued by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology can be found at www.superlawyers.com/about/selection_process_detail.html. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Chris is a member of the Board and a former President of the Heart of Camden, Inc., a community development housing organization. He is an officer and Board member of the Markeim Art Center in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

In the News

Congratulations 2020 DE, MA, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
November 5, 2020

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 43 White and Williams Lawyers
August 20, 2020

Congratulations 2019 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
October 17, 2019

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

Congratulations 2018 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
October 18, 2018

Congratulations 2017 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
November 11, 2017

Congratulations 2016 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
October 18, 2016

Congratulations 2015 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
October 21, 2015

Congratulations 2014 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
October 22, 2014

Coverage College® 2014 Brings Over 600 Students Together for Eighth Annual Insurance Industry Event
October 3, 2014

Congratulations 2011 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
May 25, 2011

Events

A Comparison of Insurance Bad Faith Law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York
NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education Seminar (New Brunswick, NJ) | August 21, 2018

Commercial Property Coverage, Causation And Damage Issues Arising In Superstorm Sandy Coverage Litigation
White and Williams Coverage College | October 2, 2014

Message in the Bottles: What Claims Professionals Can Learn from Kelman Bottles v USF about Identifying, Preserving
and Proving Commercial Policy Coverage Defenses While Minimizing Bad Faith Exposure
White and Williams Coverage College | October 4, 2012

Emerging Issues in Insurance Law
ICLE Seminar (New Brunswick, NJ) | January 14, 2012

Publications

Court Holds That Insurance Producer Cannot Be Liable for Denial of COVID-19 Business Interruption Claim
Professional Liability Alert | October 12, 2020

Broker Liability in the Wake of COVID-19 Coverage Litigation
Professional Liability Alert | May 8, 2020

Law of Duty, Causation and Damages in Claims Against Insurance Agents and Brokers
Professional Liability Alert | July 18, 2012

Understanding an Insurance Brokers Duty of Care
Professional Liability Alert | January 10, 2012

Casualty Insurance Policy Requirements: Duty to Provide Notice of Loss, Duty to Cooperate and Insurable Interest
NJ ICLE | 2011

Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage: The Statutory Bar Against Step-Down Provisions and Retroactive Versus
Prospective Application
NJ ICLE | 2010

Comparison of the Law of Insurance Bad Faith in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York
NJ ICLE | 2008

New Jersey Law On the Recovery of Extra- Contractual Damages In Insurance Coverage Litigation
NJ ICLE | 2008

Bad Faith Claims Against Insurance Carriers in New Jersey
NJ ICLE | 2007

Review of New Jersey and Federal Summary Judgment Law and Procedure
NJ ICLE | 2006

New Jersey Law of Causation and Compensatory Damages, Exemplary Damages and Attorneys Fees in Claims Against Insurance Brokers
NJ ICLE | 2005

Hazards of the UM/UIM Step Down Provision
Insurance Agents & Brokers of New Jersey Newsletter | September 2003

Late Notice of Claim Under the Tort Claims Act
NJ ICLE | 2002

Recent Developments in New Jersey Summary Judgment Law and Procedure
NJ ICLE | 2002

Expert Testimony and Evidence Spoliation Issues Arising in Fire Loss Litigation
NJ ICLE | 2001

Legal Issues Arising in Fire Loss Insurance Coverage Litigation
NJ ICLE | 2001

Cases & Deals

Professional Liability Group Defeats Claim of "Special Relationship" Between Insurance Broker and Insured