

## Large Loss Property Subrogation

Our lawyers practice throughout the United States and routinely investigate and litigate large losses, including warehouse fires, manufacturing plant fires, apartment and condominium complex fires, lumber mill fires and residential house fires. We also regularly handle losses involving building collapses, construction defects, equipment failures, flooding, water main breaks, gas leaks, windstorms, fire suppression failures and plumbing system failures.

Our lawyers have extensive experience working with insurers, third-party administrators, self-insureds and a nationwide network of highly-qualified investigators and forensic consultants. We quickly and efficiently develop liability theories and evaluate potential recovery impediments, allowing our clients to make educated and cost-effective decisions related to the pursuit of responsible third parties.

White and Williams is a recognized leader in the subrogation industry and our lawyers are active members of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP), where they frequently lecture at the organization's conferences, present webinars and publish in NASP's industry publications. Our lawyers are also active in other insurance-related groups, including the Property & Liability Resources Bureau (PLRB) and the CLM. The department's lawyers are also frequent lecturers at and instructors for the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), who offer a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) designation. As leaders in the subrogation industry, our lawyers have unique insights into all aspects of subrogation and have made significant recoveries for our clients on matters that other subrogation firms closed or rejected.

Our large loss property subrogation clients have the added advantage of access, where needed, to over 200 other lawyers in the firm that specialize in environmental law, bankruptcy law, cyber law and class action litigation. These lawyers become part of the litigation team when a loss requires specialized expertise in one of those fields.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Settled, for seven figures, a water loss claim involving the negligent installation of a fire protection system

Litigated a case, which resulted in a seven-figure settlement, involving the negligent installation of a sauna heater that caused a fire

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### RELATED PRACTICES

Construction Defects  
Cyber Subrogation  
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Food Recall Subrogation  
Inland Marine  
Maritime Losses  
Product Liability Losses  
Self-Insured Retention  
Subrogation  
Transit/Cargo  
Water Loss  
Workers' Compensation Subrogation

Settled a case against a gas utility for several million dollars in a case where an underground electrical event melted a nearby plastic gas line, which allowed natural gas to escape, ignite and cause an explosion that severely damaged a nearby building

Litigated a ceiling collapse case, including surviving a motion for summary judgment, against a contractor based on the negligent installation of a ceiling, ultimately settling the case for a seven-figure sum

Litigated a \$35 million subrogation claim arising from apartment complex fire in Pennsylvania

Litigated a \$15 million loss involving a fire which destroyed a residence in Maryland while working closely with counsel who filed two wrongful death lawsuits arising from the fire

Litigating a \$13 million subrogation claim arising from a fire at a historical landmark in Binghamton, New York

Litigated a \$9 million subrogation claim arising from fire in 36,000 square foot mansion in New Jersey

Litigated an \$8 million matter involving a commercial warehouse fire in Virginia

Litigated an \$8 million subrogation claim arising from grain storage silo fire in Ohio

Litigated a \$7.5 million subrogation claim arising from county-owned historic building fire in New Jersey

Litigated a \$6 million subrogation claim arising from dining hall fire at summer camp in Maine

Litigated a \$5.5 million subrogation claim arising from a fire at a cold storage warehouse facility fire in New Jersey

Litigated a \$2.5 million subrogation claim arising from a transformer fire in New York

Litigated a \$3.5 million subrogation claim arising from house fire in Connecticut

Representing several insurance company clients in \$3 million subrogation claim in case pertaining to an electrical fire in New Jersey

Litigated a \$2.7 million subrogation claim arising from chimney fire in Georgia

Litigated a \$2.6 million subrogation claim arising from building fire in New York

Litigated a \$2.5 million subrogation claim arising from mill fire in Michigan

Litigated a \$2.5 million subrogation claim arising from restaurant fire in Massachusetts

Represented insurance carrier in a \$2.5 million subrogation action involving a transformer fire in New York

Litigated a \$2.1 million subrogation claim arising from warehouse fire in Wisconsin

Litigated a \$2 million subrogation claim arising from warehouse fire in New Jersey

Litigated and settled a multi-million dollar fire loss in Maine involving a deficiently serviced oil furnace

Litigating a \$1.75 million subrogation claim involving fire and water damage at a hotel in Virginia

Litigated a \$1.5 million subrogation claim arising from jewelry store burglary in Texas

Litigated a \$1.3 million subrogation claim arising from roof fire in the District of Columbia

Litigated a \$1.3 million subrogation claim arising from building fire in Connecticut

Litigating a \$1.25 million subrogation claim involving fire damage to a multi-unit residential property in Pennsylvania

Litigated a \$1.2 million subrogation claim arising from fast food restaurant fire in California

Litigated a \$1.1 million subrogation claim arising from diesel generator fire in Pennsylvania

Represented insurance carrier in a \$1 million subrogation action involving a catastrophic fire at a commercial complex in Pennsylvania

Litigated a \$1 million subrogation claim arising from boardwalk fire in Maryland

Litigated a \$1 million subrogation claim arising from a fire in a convenience store and failure of a suppression system in Maryland

Litigating a \$1 million subrogation claim involving water and asbestos damage in a condominium building in New York

Litigated a \$950,000 subrogation loss arising from ventilation fan fire in Pennsylvania

Obtained a \$750,000 recovery for the insurer of a warehouse owner where the careless conduct of a tenant caused a fire in Miami, Florida

Recovered in excess of \$600,000 for a residential fire loss against a fireplace installer who improperly installed a flue pipe without proper clearances

Litigated a \$600,000 subrogation claim arising from house fire caused by improper installation of Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST)

Litigated a \$520,000 subrogation claim arising from a warehouse fire in Pennsylvania

Litigated a \$400,000 subrogation claim involving property damage from a vehicle crash in Massachusetts

Obtained a jury verdict of \$300,000 for a subrogation claim arising from a fire inside a commercial structure in Pennsylvania

Litigated issues related to the enforcement of subrogation waiver, limitation of liability and consequential damages clauses in a complex case against an alarm company that included both property damage and wrongful death claims

Litigated a case against a fire suppression contractor whose suppression system failed, resulting in the insured's restaurant being destroyed by a fire

Represented insurer and insureds in negligence and breach of contract action in warehouse fire in New Jersey

Represented insurance carrier and an energy corporation in a complex negligence and breach of contract action involving an extensive fire in an oil well facility in Carrollton, Ohio

Litigating a subrogation claim in Illinois against a large electric utility involving a fire caused by the failure of high-voltage equipment

Litigated a subrogation claim in Maine involving a fire caused by spontaneous combustion of fabrics that had been saturated with a variety of massage oils

## **CASES & DEALS**

Seven-Figure Settlement Reached Against Installer of Fire Protection System

Negligent Installation Claim Leads to Seven-Figure Settlement

Seven-Figure Settlement for Subrogation Department

Ceiling Collapse Nets Seven-Figure Settlement