

Christopher Konzelmann

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Chris has been handling subrogation matters for over 30 years. He is heavily involved in the industry and has a particular focus on fire-related matters.

OVERVIEW

Chris Konzelmann is a senior partner in the Subrogation Department where he started his legal career in 1990. He often serves as lead counsel in significant subrogation matters throughout the United States with a special emphasis on fire related losses.

Chris is an active member of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals and a regular presenter at both the Annual and Spring Conferences. He Co-Chaired the March 2019 conference in Rancho Mirage, California and was honored to receive the Spirit of NASP Award at the October 2019 conference in National Harbor, Maryland.

Chris is also an active member of the International Association of Arson Investigators where he is a Certified Instructor. He is also the Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, the link between the Organization and the insurance industry. Chris is an attorney instructor for the Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony program and has developed two-eight hour educational programs, "Investigating and Litigating Fire Losses for Subrogating Insurers" and "Giving Stronger Deposition and Trial Testimony," which he presents across the Country.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

In 2006, while practicing law full-time, Chris attended the Mercer County Fire Academy in Lawrenceville, New Jersey and became a state certified interior structural firefighter. He continued his fire service education and became a certified fire officer and fire instructor. Chris is currently a Captain in the Mooretown Fire Department in Burlington County, New Jersey and responds to approximately 200 calls for service each year.

PRACTICES

Subrogation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

District of Columbia

New Jersey

New York

EDUCATION

Widener University School of Law, JD, 1990

LaSalle University, BA, 1987

MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Arson Investigators

Loss Executives Association

National Association of Subrogation Professionals

National Fire Protection Association

Since 2012, Chris has been selected in a survey of his peers as a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" by *Super Lawyers*.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Subrogation Department Defeats Motion for Summary Judgment

Six-Figure Settlement Arising From Hot Work Fire

Ceiling Collapse Nets Seven-Figure Settlement

Subrogation Department Settles a Multi-Leak Water Damage Case

White and Williams Secures Seven-Figure Subrogation Settlement Following a Water Leak in a Residential Tower

Litigated \$70 million subrogation claim arising from a warehouse fire in New York

Litigated \$40 million subrogation claim arising from a fertilizer manufacturing facility fire in Pennsylvania

Litigated \$15 million subrogation claim arising from a transformer recycling facility fire in New York

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Litigated \$3 million subrogation claim arising from dock collapse in New York

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

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

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

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

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

Litigated \$2 million subrogation claim arising from collapse of television station transmission tower in Pennsylvania

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

Litigated \$1.9 million subrogation claim arising from roof failure in Delaware

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

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

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

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

Litigated \$1 million subrogation claim arising from partial roof collapse in New Jersey

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

Oversaw forensic investigations of numerous high dollar losses that did not result in litigation against responsible third parties

Investigated and litigated numerous losses where the damages did not exceed \$1 million

IN THE NEWS

Subrogation Lawyers Get Real Life Fire Training
10.27.21

Christopher Konzelmann Receives 2019 Spirit of NASP Award
10.30.19

Chris Konzelmann Serves as Co-Chair of NASP 2019 Subrogation Litigation: Skills & Management Conference
3.28.19

Congratulations 2016 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.18.16

White and Williams Participates in American Red Cross "No More Fire Deaths" Campaign
10.10.16

Congratulations 2015 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.21.15

EVENTS

Northern Virginia Joint Committee on Fire and Arson Investigation: Fire Investigator (1033) Recertification
Virginia Department of Forensic Science – Northern Lab, 12.2.21

The Shield Surrounding Online Retailers - The Last 12 Months

Webinar | The National Association of Subrogation Professionals, 9.14.21

Reverse Engineering: Forensic Alarm Science Investigations Yields Mission Critical Information for Subrogation Recovery

National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conference, 11.17.20

Fire Scene Safety Considerations in the Post-Fire Environment (Part 1 and Part 2)

National Association of Subrogation Professionals, Annual Conference, 11.16.20

The Shield Surrounding Online Retailers: An Update on the Prime Strategies Utilized by Cyber Stores

The National Association of Subrogation Professionals (Webinar), 5.12.20

Buyer Beware - Lessons Learned from Recent Amazon Cases

2020 National Association of Subrogation Professionals Spring Conference (Webinar), 4.24.20

Giving Stronger Deposition and Trial Testimony

IAAI - New Jersey Chapter (Atlantic City, NJ), 11.5.19

How NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033 Can Make Or Break Your Fire Loss Subrogation Claim

National Association of Subrogation Professionals, Annual Conference (Washington, DC), 10.29.19

Investigating and Litigating Fire Loss Claims for Subrogating Insurance Carriers

IAAI - Pennsylvania Chapter (State College, PA), 6.19.19

NASP 2019 Subrogation Litigation: Skills & Management Conference

NASP Spring Conference (Rancho Mirage, CA), 3.28.19

Giving Stronger Deposition and Trial Testimony

IAAI - Indiana Chapter (South Elgin, IL), 3.6.19

The Shield Surrounding Online Retailers: An Update on the Prime Strategies Utilized by Cyber Stores to Deflect Accountability

NASP Annual Conference (Orlando, FL), 11.12.18

Effective Deposition and Trial Testimony

International Association of Arson Investigators (Indianapolis, IN), 8.20.18

Standard of Care in Fire Loss Litigation

NASP Subrogation Litigation: Skills & Management Conference (New Orleans, LA), 3.22.18

Fire Scene Safety, Preservation, and Relationships: Three Keys to a Safe and Successful Fire Investigation

NASP Annual Conference (Austin, TX), 11.7.17

What Happens After Suppression?

Burlington County Fire Marshal's Association (Westampton, NJ), 9.28.17

Litigating Fire Losses: What Origin and Cause Consultants Should Know

International Association of Arson Investigators (Ames, Iowa), 9.14.17

Emerging Trends in Water-Related Construction Defect Litigation

National Association of Subrogation Professionals – Subrogation Litigation Skills and Management Conference (Scottsdale, AZ), 4.27.17

Investigating and Litigating Fire Losses for Subrogated Insurance Carriers

International Association of Arson Investigators International Training Conference (Las Vegas, NV), 4.17

Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony

International Association of Arson Investigators (Crofton, MD), 1.7.17

Giving Better Depositions

International Association of Arson Investigators – New Jersey Chapter (Sayreville, NJ), 10.12.16

Live Burn to Learn

Chester County Public Safety Training Facility (Coatesville, PA), 9.16.16

Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony

International Association of Arson Investigators (Crofton, MD), 9.7.16

Evaluating Subrogation Claims Against Contractors

In-house Seminar, 5.25.16

Don't Let Negative Corpus Take The Spark Out of Your Expert's Causation Opinion

National Association of Subrogation Professionals (Fort Lauderdale, FL), 4.7.16

PUBLICATIONS

An Interview with Captain Chris Konzelmann: Public and Private Sector Fire Investigations

Subro Sessions, 11.22.21

Third Circuit Holds Amazon Liable As a Product Seller – Communications Decency Act Not Applicable to Sale and Distribution Strict Liability Claims

The Subrogation Strategist, 7.8.19

Fire Loss Subrogation Counsel and Origin and Cause Consultants Must Work Together in Responding to Opinion Admissibility Challenges

The Subrogation Strategist, 4.5.19

Fire Consultants Cannot Base Opinions on Speculation

The Subrogation Strategist, 4.3.19