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OVERVIEW

Craig Stewart has over 25 years of jury and jury-waived trial experience in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation as well as in a wide variety of products liability and complex commercial matters. He has successfully defended professional and specialty lines liability carriers against claims of bad faith claims, denial of coverage, and failure to settle brought by policy holders claiming millions of dollars in actual and punitive damages. He has served on the national trial team and as Massachusetts coordinating counsel for product liability claims of an international medical device manufacturer, and has tried to verdict multiple products liability and general negligence cases.

In addition, Craig is an experienced commercial litigator who has represented corporations in a number of different industries including the defense of pharmaceutical manufacturers against claims of patent infringement and theft of trade secrets.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Craig is a Vice Chair of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Section of the American Bar Association and is an active member of the Defense Research Institute and the Council on Litigation Management. He is also a Trustee and Past President of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, the primary provider of continuing legal education in the Commonwealth.

Craig has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* in the practice areas of Insurance Law and Product Liability - Defendants since 2016. He was also named a "New England Super Lawyer" by *Super Lawyers* from 2009-2017.

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation

Financial Lines

First-Party Property

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

Product Liability

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, JD

Harvard College, BA, *cum laude*

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

Council on Litigation Management

Defense Research Institute

National Trial Academy and Continuing Legal Education Board

Craig is an avid hiker and member of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

White and Williams Obtains Injunction for Massachusetts Coalition of Police in Contract Dispute with I.U.P.A
12.5.19

Defense of national insurer against claims of wrongful denial of coverage and bad faith claims handling; and prosecution of counterclaim for recoupment of amount paid in settlement of underlying claim; multimillion dollar settlement in favor of insurer and dismissal of complaint

Defense of medical malpractice insurance against claims of bad faith refusal to settle arising out of multimillion dollar excess verdicts

As National Coordinating Counsel for national multi-line insurer, provides guidance on preventing, handling and defending extracontractual claims in jurisdictions throughout the United States

Defense of national insurers in multiple jurisdictions against claims of bad faith denial of coverage, bad faith settlement practices, and bad faith claims handling in connection with a broad spectrum of policies and coverages including D&O, E&O, CGL, professional liability, financial institutions, property, construction defect, UM/UIM and workers compensation

Defense of national class action against international manufacturer of radiant heating panels alleging breach of warranty, negligent design, supervision and failure to warn; class certification denied and all individual claims settled on favorable terms

Defense of putative class action against manufacturer of artificial hips alleging breach of contract, breach of warranty, and negligent misrepresentation; motion to dismiss granted

Member, National Trial Team, and Massachusetts counsel for Baxter International and Baxter Healthcare Corporation; defense of medical device products liability claims

Defense of national manufacturer of cooking ranges against claims of breach of warranty and negligent design allegedly resulting in stove explosion causing plaintiff to be burned over 70% of his body; defense verdict after jury trial

Defense of international engineering firm in action alleging defective specification and design of electrical system for new 27-story hotel, arising out of explosion and fire destroying hotel electrical equipment room and resultant claims for multimillion dollar economic loss; defense verdict after jury trial

Defense of international hotel chain against claims of inadequate security by plaintiff seeking punitive damages for brain injury and three month hospitalization arising out of attack; defense verdict after jury trial

Defense of international pharmaceutical corporation in cross border litigation against claims of unfair competition and misappropriation of trade secrets seeking over \$60 million in damages

Defense of air to ground missile guidance system component manufacturer against claims of breach of warranty and misrepresentation seeking damages of over \$30 million

IN THE NEWS

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White And Williams Lawyers
Firm News, 8.18.22

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 38 White and Williams Lawyers
8.19.21

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 43 White and Williams Lawyers
8.20.20

13th Annual Coverage College Hosts Over 400 Insurance Professionals
11.1.19

Congratulations 2019 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.17.19

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 29 White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.19

12th Annual Coverage College Features Current Trends and State of the Insurance Claims Industry
10.23.18

Congratulations 2018 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
10.18.18

Best Lawyers Recognizes Twenty White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.18

Congratulations 2017 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
11.11.17

Best Lawyers Recognizes Fifteen White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.17

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

Coverage College Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary
9.22.16

Best Lawyers Recognizes Twelve White and Williams Lawyers
8.15.16

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

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized by *Best Lawyers*
8.17.15

EVENTS

Coverage College 2021
10.21.21

Coverage College 2019
10.24.19

Avoiding, Managing and Defeating Bad Faith Claims
12th Annual Coverage College, 10.4.18

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), 2.23.18

Bad Faith and the Restatement: How the Requirement of Knowledge or Reckless Disregard May Protect Insurers From the Most Hostile Jurisdictions
White and Williams Coverage College, 10.26.17

A New Set of Rules: How the Restatement Expands Bad Faith Liability by Calling it Something Else
White and Williams Coverage College, 10.26.17

"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), 2.23.17

The Bad and the Ugly: Worst Bad Faith Decisions of 2015-2016
White and Williams Coverage College, 9.22.16

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), 2.19.16

How to Protect or Lose the Attorney Client Privilege When an Insurer Defends Under a Reservation of Rights
ABA/TIPS Member Monday Webinar, 12.7.15

The Covenant Judgment Problem
CLM (Claims & Litigation Management Alliance), 2015 Annual Conference – (Palm Desert, CA), 3.26.15

"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), 2.20.15

PUBLICATIONS

Despite No Privity of Contract, Indiana Appellate Court Holds Additional Insured with UIM Claim May Sue for Bad Faith
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert, 3.11.20

How a Little-Known Senate Bill Could Help Stem the Tide of Bad Faith Litigation in Florida
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert, 2.3.20

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