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John has been handling insurance-related cases across the country for over 25 years. His cutting-edge practice on coverage disputes involves Superfund site matters and LTE claims. He also handles first-party property cases defending insurance agents and brokers.

OVERVIEW

John has over 25 years of experience in insurance coverage, "bad faith" and other litigation. He represents insurance company clients in coverage disputes involving environmental pollution, asbestos and other complex claims.

John has committed himself to understanding and serving his clients' needs, delivering maximum value and upholding the firm's long and proud tradition of excellence, commitment and creativity. He has been involved in sophisticated insurance-related cases in California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Vermont. Among these are substantial coverage matters involving numerous Superfund and other hazardous waste sites around the country and abroad and thousands of underlying asbestos and other "long tail" claims. In addition to liability coverage, John has experience handling first-party property cases and has defended insurance agents/brokers malpractice and other tort and contract claims.

During law school, John served on the staff of the Rutgers Law Journal and authored two criminal law publications. He also interned with the Honorable Edward R. Becker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

John has judged law school moot court programs and served as a court appointed arbitrator in tort and contract cases. He successfully completed the Dickinson School of Law trial advocacy program for practicing lawyers.

PRACTICES

Bad Faith and Extracontractual Liability
First-Party Property
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

Rutgers University Law School - Camden, JD, 1988
Wesleyan University, BA, 1985

MEMBERSHIPS

Supreme Court Historical Society

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

John helped design and is a co-editor of the White and Williams Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter publication and website. He is also a member of the firm's Women's Initiative Committee and participates in a pro bono partnership with the SeniorLAW Center and one of the firm's institutional clients to conduct life planning clinics for senior citizens.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

NY Federal Court Reaffirms White and Williams Win in Former Gas Plant Pollution Coverage Dispute
5.17.18

Represents insurer in various COVID-19 coverage claims

Represents excess insurer in connection with claims involving nationally-publicized fraternity hazing death case

Represented insurer in federal court coverage action involving alleged environmental pollution at multiple former manufactured gas plant (MGP) sites with earliest first operations reportedly predating Civil War (case dismissed on summary judgment)

Represented excess insurer in connection with alleged catastrophic injury claims arising from a fall at a construction project

Obtained favorable ruling on pollution exclusion in environmental coverage litigation with a policyholder in bankruptcy over numerous dye/chemical manufacturing and other sites

Successfully defended excess insurer in litigation involving fraudulent conspiracy allegations by underlying mass tort (asbestos) claimants

GenCorp, Inc. v. AIU Ins. Co., 297 F.Supp.2d 995 (N.D. Ohio 2003), *aff'd*, 138 Fed.Appx. 732 (6th Cir. 2005) (affirming summary judgment for excess insurers on allocation and full settlement credits)

IN THE NEWS

13th Annual Coverage College Hosts Over 400 Insurance Professionals
11.1.19

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

The Ninth Annual Coverage College Features True-to-Life Case Study
10.8.15

EVENTS

Coverage College 2019
10.24.19

GL Halloween Grab Bag: Treats with Tricks for Insurers
12th Annual Coverage College, 10.4.18

Friends Don't Let Friends Lose Coverage Defenses: A Practical Guide to Avoiding Waiver and Estoppel
White and Williams Coverage College, 10.26.17

Arbitrating and Mediating Complex Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes
White and Williams Coverage College, 10.8.15

PUBLICATIONS

The Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter - November 2022 - Special Edition
The Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter, 11.21.22

Ohio Supreme Court: "Those Sums" Isn't "All Sums" Where Damages Occur at a Discernable Time
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert, 4.24.20

Maryland's Top Court Adopts Majority Pro Rata Allocation Rule in "Long Tail" Case
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert, 4.6.20

Exxon Prevails in a Major Climate Change-Related Legal Battle, But Many Questions Remain Unanswered
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert, 12.12.19

Climate Change in the Courts
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert, 11.8.19

Restatement of the Law-Liability Insurance Debate Now Shifts to Its Impact
The Legal Intelligencer, 8.22.18

New York's Highest Court Rejects "Unavailability" Exception to Pro Rata Allocation in Long-Tail Claims
Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter, 5.4.18

An Insurer's Guide to Reserving Rights: Tips for Avoiding Waiver and Estoppel
Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter, 2.22.18

Coverage For Defense Costs Under Excess Policies – Missouri Court Surveys the Landscape
Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter, 12.20.17

Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter
Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter, 10.17

Rancosky Adopts *Terletsky*: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Sets Standard for Statutory Bad Faith Claims
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert, 9.28.17