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Maria Abate
*Colodny Fass, Shareholder & Managing Litigation Partner*

Since joining Colodny Fass in 1992, Shareholder and Managing Litigation Partner Maria Elena Abate has built her reputation and expertise in complex commercial litigation, employment law and civil rights issues. With nearly three decades of experience, she has worked closely with multiple defense firms and joint defense groups in business matters—particularly those involving all types of insurance cases, from bad faith to class actions.

Serving together with Firm Managing Partner Mike Colodny as outside general counsel, she was instrumental in the ability of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to continue its ability to pay policyholders’ claims in the wake of several major hurricanes. For Citizens, Ms. Abate also handled complex litigation and class actions, as well as oversaw its defense counsel teams. She counseled Citizens’ claims handling and managed litigation of all its wind- and water-related cases.

She also managed Citizens’ claims handling and litigation of all its landmark wind and water-related “Mierzwa” cases subsequent to Florida’s catastrophic 2004-2005 Hurricane Seasons, as well as guided its adjusters in their handling of the resulting onslaught of claims.

Her insurance-related governmental clients have included Citizens’ predecessor, the Florida Residential Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association, as well as the Florida Department of Insurance Division of Rehabilitation and Liquidation Services, among others. She has since been tapped repeatedly by state officials to join regulators, insurers and interested parties in forums on premium cost and litigation, with the goal of beneficial legislation to ease taxpayer burdens.

With longstanding relationships and multi-faceted affiliations built over the years at Florida’s Department of Financial Services, Division of Insurance Fraud and Office of Insurance Regulation, Ms. Abate is in a unique position to assist and educate insurers’ SIUs in countering particular fraud niches through fact-gathering and subsequent direct work with regulators on emerging patterns of unusual or suspected fraud activity.

For clients, she espouses a full-service philosophy by working closely with her regulatory and governmental colleagues to guide and shape the process and highest levels of policy creation for both Florida insurance legislation and Florida insurance regulation. Her in-depth knowledge of Florida’s Insurance Code emanates directly from her work with legislators in providing assistance in bill drafting, as well as with regulators to best develop these same laws once they are enacted.

As part of her client representation, she often provides training to insurance companies and affiliates, and has made numerous presentations together with Florida regulators on the status of the statewide insurance market. She has been called upon by organizations like the Florida Association of Insurance Agents, the Latin American Association of Insurance Agencies and the National African American Insurance Association to counsel their members on best practices in day-to-day business, as well as in all areas of law and regulation, including fiduciary duties, ethics, contractual obligations and special relationships.
Ms. Abate, who formerly served as General Counsel to the South Florida Workforce Board for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, represents major employers and state agencies in the defense of employment-related class action and complex litigation, as well as other high-risk employment-related matters in cases involving the Fair Labor Standards Act, Family Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title VII, Section 1981 and 1983 claims, non-disclosures, non-competes, tortious interference claims and constitutional violations.

With extensive experience in handling employment-related matters involving all forms of discrimination, constitutional violations, health care issues, whistleblower claims, and breach of contract and unpaid wage claims, she is frequently called upon to counsel businesses in the volatile forum of human resources, specifically related to EEOC interventions, workplace investigations, training for best practices and employee manuals.

Ms. Abate was named as a Top Lawyer in the 2014 South Florida Legal Guide, as well as in multiple previous years.

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Abate served as a staff attorney for The Honorable Arthur M. Birken, the Honorable Miette K. Burnstein, the Honorable Robert L. Andrews, the Honorable Patricia W. Cocalis, the Honorable Mel Grossman the late Honorable Joseph E. Price, and the late Honorable Stephen R. Booher of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County, Florida.

A member of the Florida Bar, Ms. Abate is admitted to practice in all Florida state and appellate courts, the United States District Court for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

She is a member of The Florida Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Broward County Bar Association, the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida Legal Panel in Miami-Dade County, and the Stakeholder’s Committee for the United States Equal Opportunity Commission Miami District Office.

A past member of the Florida Bar’s Executive Committee, she formerly served as Continuing Legal Education Chair of the Bar’s Public Interest Law Section (PILS) and is Past Chair of PILS’ Legal Needs of Children Committee. She also is a founding board member of the Women’s Breast Health Initiative, a charitable organization dedicated to providing free mammograms to uninsured women.

Ms. Abate earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Miami, cum laude, and her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law, cum laude.

Wystan Ackerman
Robinson & Cole, LLP; Partner

Wystan Ackerman is a partner of Robinson & Cole LLP in Hartford, Connecticut, where he chairs the firm’s Class Action Team and is a member of the Insurance & Reinsurance Group. He writes the blog Class Actions Insider at www.classactionsinsider.com and has a national practice focusing on defending insurers in class actions and litigating insurance coverage issues. Mr. Ackerman regularly serves as national or regional counsel for insurance companies in class actions, complex or broad-reaching coverage litigation, and appeals. Mr.
Ackerman successfully petitioned the United States Supreme Court to grant certiorari and was co-counsel on the merits in *Standard Fire Insurance Company v. Knowles*, 133 S. Ct. 1345 (2013), in which the Court rejected a plaintiff's attempt to evade federal jurisdiction by stipulating that the amount sought would not exceed the $5 million threshold under the Class Action Fairness Act.

Mr. Ackerman also played a lead role in many of the prominent insurance coverage-related lawsuits and appeals arising from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (including the enforceability of the flood exclusion and the applicability of the Louisiana Valued Policy Law), Chinese-made drywall, and various other critical coverage issues. He regularly represents PCIAA and other insurance industry trade associations as *amici curiae* in state supreme and appellate courts. Mr. Ackerman received his B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Bowdoin College, and his J.D. from Columbia Law School. He is admitted to practice in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, and Eleventh Circuits, and various federal district courts. He serves as the Chair of the Class Action Special Litigation Group of the Commercial Litigation Committee of Defense Research Institute, and as the Chair of the Appellate Section of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel.

**Wilson Barmeyer**
*Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, LLP; Counsel*

Wilson Barmeyer defends class action lawsuits, complex business litigation matters, and governmental regulatory examinations and audits, with a focus on litigation and regulatory matters involving financial services, life insurance and annuities, and broker-dealers. He also provides advice and guidance on all facets of unclaimed property matters, including audit defense, litigation counsel, compliance and planning strategies.

Mr. Barmeyer is also a member of Sutherland’s Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) team and defends companies in class action litigation under the TCPA. He provides advice on compliance and best practices on TCPA issues, the telemarketing sales rule, CAN-SPAM, and other consumer protection and privacy statutes. He has worked with a wide range of industries on these issues, especially the insurance and financial services industries.

Mr. Barmeyer earned a J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Georgia School of Law where he was a member of the Georgia Law Review. He earned a B.A. in Economics, with distinction, from Cornell University and studied at the London School of Economics. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Barmeyer served as a law clerk for the Honorable William T. Moore, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

**Experience**
- Defeated a motion for class certification in a putative class action against a consumer financial services company, alleging violations of various California consumer and banking laws.
- Sutherland represents more than 20 insurers in unclaimed property litigation in West Virginia.

**Awards**
- Named to the 2012 *Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll*

**Professional Activities**
- Member, Litigation Section, American Bar Association
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- Member, State Bar of Georgia
- Volunteer Attorney, DC Bar Pro Bono Program
- Member, American Constitution Society

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- Who’s Calling? Circuits Split on Classification of TCPA Violations (June 22, 2016) Law360
- Unclaimed Property Auditors Move Beyond Life Insurers (May 24, 2016) Law360
- The Final Rule: DOL’s Expanded Definition of Investment Advice Fiduciary Under ERISA and Revised Complex of Exemptions (April 12, 2016) Law360
- Store Credits Aren’t Unclaimed Property in California (March 30, 2016) Law360
- Dialing In: TCPA Hot Issues for 2016 (February 29, 2016) ABA Section of Litigation, Corporate Counsel Committee
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- REDIAL: 2015 TCPA YEAR IN REVIEW – ANALYSIS OF CRITICAL ISSUES AND TRENDS (January 12, 2016)
- Supreme Court Instructs Ninth Circuit to Consider Common Law of Trusts in Applying ERISA’s Statute of Limitations (September 2015) TerraLex Connections
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- Courts Remain Divided Over Cost of Insurance Rates (May 13, 2014)
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- Whither Appellate Guidance on Unclaimed Property Audits (April 14, 2014)
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- Unclaimed Property Developments in Life Insurance (February 7, 2013) Reprinted with permission from National Association of Life Companies
- Ohio State and Federal Courts Reject Class Actions Alleging That Life Insurers Have an Affirmative Duty to Undertake Death Matches (Summer 2012)
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  Louis Jackson Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law
- Water Reallocation in Georgia: If not a market, then what? (2005) Georgia Water Resources Conference

Presentations
- ACLI Compliance and Legal Sections Annual Meeting (July 11, 2016 - July 13, 2016)
- Litigation and Enforcement under the DOL Fiduciary Rule and the BIC Exemption (June 6, 2016)
  IRI Government, Legal & Regulatory Conference
- Roundtable Discussion: Final DOL ERISA Fiduciary Definition and Related Exemptions (May 4, 2016)
- Webcast: BICE and Other Four-Letter Words: Litigation and Enforcement Under the DOL Fiduciary Proposal (February 24, 2016)
- Webcast: Insurance Litigation Trends to Watch in 2016 (February 18, 2016)
- Unclaimed Property in a Digital World (September 16, 2015) TEI Seattle Chapter
- Webcast: For Whom the Ring Tones: TCPA Litigation and the Insurance Industry (September 15, 2015)
  IRI
- Webcast: Unclaimed Property – New Challenges for Broker-Dealers (March 24, 2015)
- The Next Frontier: Virtual Currency and Unclaimed Property (March 10, 2015) Unclaimed Property Professionals Organization (UPPO)
- Webcast: Insurance Litigation Trends to Watch in 2015 (February 10, 2015)
- Webcast: For Whom the Ring Tones: TCPA Litigation and the Insurance Industry (October 14, 2014)
Class Action Litigation and Supreme Court Decisions (July 1, 2014) Insured Retirement Institute Government Legal & Regulatory Conference
Unclaimed Property Debate (October 28, 2013) American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) Annual Conference
Burning Developments in Insurance Litigation (July 2013) National Organization of Life & Health Guaranty Associations (NOLHGA) Legal Seminar
Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) Litigation Summit (June 18, 2013) IRI Government Legal & Regulatory Conference
State and Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Acts (March 2013) Continuing Legal Education Presentation
Close Encounters of the CFPB Kind (September 2012) Continuing Legal Education Presentation

Clerkships
Honorable William T. Moore, Jr. of the Southern District of Georgia

Jay Brudz
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP; Partner

Jay Brudz is co-chair of Drinker Biddle's Information Governance and eDiscovery group, as well as executive managing director of the firm's eDiscovery subsidiary, Tritura. Mr. Brudz's career has focused around the intersection of applied technology and law; He has built and managed world class eDiscovery operations, and has helped clients develop enterprise-level information governance best practices. In the past, Mr. Brudz has served as Senior Counsel of General Electric, President of a digital forensics company, and as Chief Application Architect for a database development company.

Cheryl A. Brunette, AMCM, ACP, ASLI, AIC, AIS
Maiden Holdings North America; Vice President of Compliance

Cheryl Brunette is Vice President of Compliance for Maiden Holdings North America and its subsidiaries and leads a staff of compliance professionals who provide multi-level and multi-issue guidance to a diverse mix of internal and external customers.

Before joining Maiden in 2010, Ms. Brunette worked for 26 years in various capacities for GM/GMAC/GMAC Insurance; however, in her role in Regulatory Compliance for the Motors Insurance Group, she was responsible for identifying regulatory compliance issues for the organization and ensuring that any necessary corrective actions were implemented.

Ms. Brunette is a member of the Board of Directors of Maiden Reinsurance North America, Inc. and is an officer of Maiden Holdings North America, Inc. and its subsidiaries. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the IRES Foundation which is comprised of industry professionals interested in an effective insurance marketplace, many of whom are former regulators.

In addition to holding a Bachelor of Arts in Management and Organizational Development, Ms. Brunette has many industry designations including: Advanced Market Conduct Management (AMCM), Associate of Surplus Lines Insurance (ASLI), Associate of Insurance
Claims (AIC), Associate of Insurance Services (AIS), Associate Compliance Professional (ACP) and a certification in Records Management.

Sean Carter
Humorist at Law

Sean Carter graduated from Harvard Law School in 1992. His ten years of legal practice focused on corporate securities and mergers and acquisitions. During this time, he represented such clients as GNC, Experian, The Boston Beer Company, Homeside Lending, Safelite Auto Glass, J. Crew and many others. In 2002, he left the practice of law to pursue a career as the country's foremost Humorist at Law. Since then, Mr. Carter has crisscrossed the country delivering comedic professional educational seminars for more than 250 organizations in three dozen states.

Randi Cigelnik
Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; SVP, Corporate Secretary, and General Counsel

Randi Cigelnik is the senior vice president, corporate secretary and general counsel for PCI. She is responsible for PCI's continued strategic efforts to advance the members' advocacy agenda at the state, federal and global levels.

Ms. Cigelnik is a highly respected lawyer in the international insurance market and has handled insurance defense litigation, investigations and significant legal and regulatory issues for more than 25 years. She previously served as general counsel for AXIS Capital's Ireland and United Kingdom based companies. At AXIS, she handled legal, regulatory and corporate governance matters for operations in Ireland, the UK, Australia and Switzerland, including leading legal efforts on Solvency II, European government affairs and US and global insurance regulation.

Prior to that, Ms. Cigelnik spent 12 years with the ACE Group in Bermuda and London. At ACE, she became general counsel and board director for ACE Ltd.’s European companies, Lloyd's managing agencies and companies based in emerging markets. The European group included property casualty, accident and health, reinsurance and life insurance lines with operations in more than 25 countries. She also served as ACE’s primary liaison with European regulators.

Ms. Cigelnik received her BA from the University of Michigan and her JD from the Boston University School of Law.

Amy Daubert
Pennsylvania Insurance Department; Chief Counsel

Amy G. Daubert was appointed as Chief Counsel to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department in February 2016, after having served as Acting Chief Counsel since January 2016. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Chief Counsel from 2011. This is her second appointment as Chief Counsel with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

Ms. Daubert has represented the Pennsylvania Insurance Department since 1996. Her responsibilities primarily consisted of evaluating complicated corporate transactions,
insurance company solvency issues and complex litigation matters. Prior to joining OGC, Ms. Daubert was associated with Pepper Hamilton LLP in the firm’s Harrisburg office from 1991 to 1996. Her practice focused on commercial litigation. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Ms. Daubert received her bachelor of arts degree from Wellesley College in 1984 and her juris doctor from the Dickinson School of Law in 1991, where she was a member of the Dickinson Law Review.

Ms. Daubert is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Steven B. Davis  
Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young, LLP; Partner

Steven B. Davis is a nationally recognized insurance regulatory and coverage practitioner at the Philadelphia-headquartered law firm, Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. As chair of Stradley Ronon’s insurance practice, Mr. Davis helps manage the firm’s insurance regulatory, transactional and coverage dispute resolution engagements. For more than 20 years, he has provided skilled and experienced counsel and services in hundreds of insurance-related matters. As former general counsel of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Mr. Davis has vast experience providing counsel in a wide variety of regulatory compliance and enforcement matters. He is a known authority on insurance receivership and runoff issues, and represents the Pennsylvania Insurance Department in a variety of insurance receivership and other regulatory matters. Mr. Davis also has broad experience providing coverage dispute counseling and related litigation services to property-casualty, directors and officers (D&O), errors and omissions (E&O), life, health and long-term care insurers, as well as producers and sophisticated commercial insureds. Mr. Davis also routinely provides expert testimony and mediation services in insurance disputes.

John T. Fitts
Progressive Casualty Insurance Company; Deputy General Counsel for Legislative and Regulatory Affairs

Mr. Fitts has worked in various capacities for the Progressive Group of Insurance Companies (Progressive) since 1971. Since 2002 he has managed its Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Practice Group. His principal responsibilities include providing advice, counsel, and support on legislative and regulatory compliance matters to the Progressive business units, representing Progressive on legislative and regulatory matters with industry, legislative, and agent associations, and managing federal legislative matters on behalf of Progressive.

Mr. Fitts earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio and a Law Degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in Cleveland, Ohio. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center and a member of the Boards of Directors of OhioGuidestone, and AIPSO. Previously, Mr. Fitts held the positions of Chairman of the Property and Casualty Insurance Association of America Legal and Government Affairs Committee, Vice President and Director of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, President of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Foundation, President of the Geauga County Library Board Foundation, and President of CASA for Kids of Geauga County. He is a member of the Ohio and American Bar Associations.
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Jeremy M. Glapion
*The Glapion Law Firm; Founder*

**Education**
- Graduated Harvard Law in 2012
- Louisiana State University, B.S. in 2009

**Experience**
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (2012-2013) – Attorney
- The Honorable Freda Wolfson, District of New Jersey (2013) – Law Clerk
- Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein (2013-2015) – Attorney; focused on protecting consumers from abusive and/or fraudulent practices.
  - Recovered more than $1m in individual TCPA actions
  - Co-lead counsel in $8.5m class action settlement related to unsolicited telemarketing text messages
  - Currently litigating 8 TCPA putative class actions nationwide

José Ramón González
*QBE North America, Chief Legal Officer*

José Ramón González is Chief Legal Officer of QBE North America, a division of QBE Insurance Group Limited, one of the world’s largest insurance and reinsurance companies. In this role, José has overall responsibility over legal, compliance, corporate governance and regulatory affairs for QBE’s North American operations.

Until April 2014, Mr. González was General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Torus, a Bermuda-based commercial insurance organization providing property, casualty and specialty insurance and reinsurance products to a client base located primarily in the UK and continental Europe.

Mr. González began practicing law in 1995 as a corporate associate at the law firm of Weil, Gotshal and Manges, working in the firm’s London and New York offices. In 1999, he joined the Mergers and Acquisitions Group of the Law Department of American International Group representing AIG on a worldwide basis in acquisitions, joint ventures and investments relating to its insurance and asset management businesses. In 2005, Mr. González was promoted to a position within the legal department of AIG’s insurance businesses eventually becoming Deputy General Counsel.

Mr. González holds a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law.

Jason Gosselin
*Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP; Partner*

Jason P. Gosselin serves as vice chair of the firm’s Life Insurance and Annuities Practice Group. Mr. Gosselin is a veteran litigator and trial attorney whose national practice involves a wide range of civil litigation, including insurance coverage, commercial litigation, and constitutional freedoms. Mr. Gosselin has served as lead counsel in multiple jury trials and dozens of arbitrations. Mr. Gosselin also has an active appellate practice and has argued numerous cases in federal and state appellate courts.
Mr. Gosselin has represented clients in a wide range of insurance coverage disputes including claims involving life, health, disability, property and casualty, and transportation policies. Mr. Gosselin also represents insurers in a broad variety of other litigation matters, including bad faith claims, unclaimed property, sales practices litigation, ERISA, and class action claims. In addition to his litigation practice, Mr. Gosselin counsels life insurers and annuity issuers with respect to potential exposure arising from unclaimed property audits and related market conduct examinations.

In recent years, one of Mr. Gosselin’s areas of particular concentration has been the representation of life insurers in connection with the often unrecognized exposure created by the secondary market for life insurance. He has served as national counsel for secondary market litigation to a Fortune 500 financial services company. Mr. Gosselin has assisted his clients in successfully challenging hundreds of millions of dollars in life insurance policies that were tainted by fraud or lacked an insurable interest at inception. He has also assisted his clients in retaining tens of millions of dollars in premium on such policies. As a recognized expert in insurance disputes and related issues, Mr. Gosselin teaches Insurance Law at Villanova University School of Law.

Mr. Gosselin has successfully represented a variety of business owners in traditional commercial litigation. These matters include claims involving breach of contract, commercial sales and leasing, civil racketeering, false advertising, unfair trade practices, and employment disputes. While Mr. Gosselin is an aggressive litigator who relishes the courtroom, he also understands that nothing can be more disruptive – particularly to small- and medium-sized businesses – than protracted litigation. Mr. Gosselin therefore strives to understand his clients’ business imperatives to craft an efficient strategy to tackle his clients’ most difficult legal problems.

Bert Helfand
Carlton Fields; Shareholder

Bert Helfand is chair of the firm’s property & casualty corporate litigation division. He represents property and casualty insurers and other financial services companies in complex litigation, including class action, securities, consumer credit, ERISA and RICO matters.

Mr. Helfand joined the firm in 2011, after serving as assistant general counsel at The Hartford. In that position, he managed class actions, federal and state lawsuits and international arbitrations. These matters arose in a wide variety of insurance lines, including commercial property, homeowners, automobile, workers compensation, commercial and professional liability, reinsurance and surplus lines. The cases he managed involved disputes over claims practices, underwriting practices and coverage issues, and they included claims asserted under consumer fraud and privacy statutes, federal securities laws, ERISA, RICO, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Before his work for The Hartford, Mr. Helfand spent 20 years in private practice in New York City, conducting complex commercial litigation for insurers, manufacturers and mid-sized businesses in state, federal and bankruptcy courts and in commercial arbitrations. Among many other cases, he represented leading health care insurers in fraud and RICO actions against national and regional medical providers; he litigated antitrust actions on behalf of a prominent cement manufacturer and other clients; he represented a major clearing bank in an arbitration over the fraudulent sale of canceled securities; he defended banks, venture capital
firms and other investors in numerous actions alleging violations of RICO and the federal securities laws; and he conducted criminal trials and appeals pro bono on behalf of both defendants and prosecutors.

Mr. Helfand writes and speaks frequently on insurance issues. His articles have appeared in numerous publications and been used as course materials at the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is a co-founder and editor of PropertyCasualtyFocus.com.

Representative Matters

- Defended a putative national class action in the Western District of Missouri, based on alleged failure by the issuer of an association disability policy to pay mandatory statutory interest on accidental death benefits. The court awarded summary judgment to the insurer, and the judgment was affirmed by the Eighth Circuit.
- Defending a leading issuing bank in a putative national class action pending in the District of Connecticut, alleging RICO violations in connection with on-line credit card transactions.
- Represented a leading insurer in arbitration of purchase price dispute arising from sale of insurance division.
- Counseling a specialty risk insurer in contested proceedings before a state insurance department over the sale of subsidiaries to a run-off specialist.
- Counseled an issuer of variable annuities about litigation risks associated with the proposed exercise of contractual rights to strengthen an annuities block of business.
- Defended a securities class action in the Southern District of New York, based on alleged overvaluation of residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities. The action was dismissed, with prejudice.
- Prosecuted a Bermuda arbitration over a coverage dispute under an excess Errors & Omissions policy. Our client received a $50 million award.
- Defended an automobile insurer in a putative national class action in the Western District of Oklahoma, based on the use of an automated bill review system to examine medical bills submitted under medical payments coverage. In response to a motion for judgment on the pleadings, the action was voluntarily dismissed.
- Represented a workers compensation insurer as intervening plaintiff in a RICO class action in the Northern District of Illinois, alleging fraudulent underreporting of workers compensation premium to the National Workers Compensation Reinsurance Pool. The parties agreed to a $450 million settlement that was approved over vigorous opposition.

Publications

- "Your Online Insurance Sales Can Land You In Court," Law360 (May 2016).
- "Price Optimization Class Actions Produce First Rulings," Carlton Fields Client Alert (March 31, 2016).
- "Reverse Bad Faith: Does It Exist And Can It Be Useful?," Law360 (June 2015).
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  \item "Seventh Circuit Confirms: In-House Insurance Lawyers Are as Good as the Name-Brand Product," \textit{Expect Focus, Vol. II} (Spring 2014).
  \item "Denying Coverage Based on Advertising Injury, Court Finds Corporations are Not Persons ," \textit{Expect Focus, Vol. II} (Spring 2014).
  \item "Fifth Circuit Adds a Third Dimension to Title Insurance Claims," \textit{Expect Focus, Vol. I} (Winter 2014).
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  \item Co-Authors, "Washington Supreme Court Makes it Dangerous to Involve Lawyers in Claims Handling," \textit{Carlton Fields Client Alert} (March 2013).
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\section*{Speaking Engagements}
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  \item Presenter, "Reverse Bad Faith! Is it Time or Not. Is There a Middle Ground?" 3rd Annual Bad Faith Claims & Litigation Strategies ExecuSummit (November 2015)
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\section*{Professional and Civic Activities}
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  \item Member of Board of Directors, Lotte Lehmann Foundation (2004-2012)
  \item Trustee, Composers Recordings Inc. (January 1994-2004)
\end{itemize}

\section*{Education}
\begin{itemize}
  \item Columbia University School of Law (J.D., 1984)
  \item Princeton University (A.B., \textit{summa cum laude}, 1980)
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Richard W. Jablonski  
*Progressive Group of Insurance Companies, Assistant General Counsel*

Richard W. Jablonski currently serves as Assistant General Counsel to the Progressive Group of Insurance Companies. Rich has 22 years of legal experience, the last 16 of which with Progressive. Rich is a transactional lawyer, handling "run the business" and other key operational agreements for Progressive's Personal Lines, Commercial Lines and Claims divisions. Rich is also Progressive's primary TCPA compliance counsel, having over 10 years of experience working with TCPA issues, including matters involving compliance, dispute resolution, and regulatory proceedings. In his spare time, he also assists with counsel on Progressive's trademark portfolio. Rich is admitted to the Ohio Bar, and is admitted under corporate counsel status in Wisconsin. He resides in Madison, WI with his wife, Sarah.

Edward J. Kelley  
*Transatlantic Reinsurance Company; Senior Vice President – Deputy General Counsel*

Edward Kelley is a Senior Vice President and the Deputy General Counsel of Transatlantic Reinsurance Company ("TRC"). A graduate of The Citadel and St John’s School of Law, Edward entered the reinsurance field when released from active duty in the United States Army in 1985. His initial employment was as Counsel and Claims Supervisor for Kelley Intermediaries. In 1994 he accepted a position as an Assistant Vice President and Staff Attorney at Bates Turner. Mr. Kelley’s duties focused on reinsurance contract drafting and administrative support of the broking staff. In 1998 Mr. Kelley accepted a position with Benfield. Mr. Kelley assisted during the integration of several U.S based reinsurance contracts wording teams into Benfield’s London based operations. In 2001 he accepted a position as the Legal and Compliance Director of MutualAid eXchange ("MAX") a provider of risk management services to the Mennonite Community. Mr. Kelley oversaw MAX’s ceded reinsurance and administration of assumed reinsurance. Mr. Kelley also oversaw MAX’s acquisition of licenses and rate filings in 13 jurisdictions.

In 2003 Mr. Kelley accepted a position as Assistant General Counsel of TRC. Mr. Kelley’s present duties include advising Management on the aspects of reinsurance agreements and other corporate transactions. He also reviews, negotiates and drafts ceded treaty and facultative contracts, commutations, and miscellaneous agreements for domestic and international ops. As TRC’s state regulatory liaison he represents the TRC at various insurance regulator meetings. He has also reviewed and assisted in drafting various SEC filings, web-based content and statutory filings and drafted corporate policies and notifications in response to requirements imposed by Sarbanes-Oxley. He has also prepared and/or reviewed documentation related to the conduct of business in China, Australia, Poland, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, Japan, Panama and the United Kingdom. Mr. Kelley has been a featured speaker or panelist at various industry conferences.
Celeste Koeleveld

*New York State Department of Financial Services; General Counsel*

In April 2016, Celeste Koeleveld became General Counsel at the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS), which regulates all financial services, including insurance and banking, in New York.

Before joining DFS, Ms. Koeleveld served as the Executive Assistant Corporation Counsel for Defensive Litigation at the New York City Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel. At the Law Department, she oversaw two divisions: the Special Federal Litigation Division, which handles mostly federal litigation involving the New York City Police Department and the New York City Department of Correction, and the Tort Division, which handles tort litigation against the City in New York state courts.

Prior to working at the Law Department, Ms. Koeleveld was an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York, where she held a number of supervisory positions, including Chief of the Criminal Division and Chief Appellate Attorney in the Criminal Division. In 1999, Ms. Koeleveld received the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service in connection with her work on a major organized crime and securities fraud case. In addition, in 2007, Ms. Koeleveld was awarded the Stimson Medal by the New York City Bar Association, in recognition of her many years of dedicated and outstanding service to the United States Attorney’s Office. Ms. Koeleveld also received the New York County Lawyers’ Association Award for Outstanding Public Service in 2013. Ms. Koeleveld has also served as an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School, where she taught legal writing and research to first-year students.

Kathleen Makowski

*Delaware; Deputy Attorney General*

Kathleen (“Kitty”) Makowski is a Delaware Deputy Attorney General assigned to represent the Delaware Department of Insurance. Ms. Makowski has represented the Delaware Department of Insurance since 2014. Her responsibilities include acting as general counsel to both staff and Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart providing legal oversight of sales and mergers and acquisitions of Delaware insurance companies, licensing of insurance agents and producers, and implementation of state statutes and rules relating to regulation of the insurance industry in Delaware. Prior to joining the Delaware Department of Justice, Ms. Makowski practiced commercial bankruptcy in Delaware for over 15 years. She is licensed to practice in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Sam Marshall

*Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania; President and Chief Executive Officer*

Mr. Marshall is President and CEO of the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania. The Federation is the primary trade association representing insurers on all matters on the legislative, regulatory and judicial fronts in Pennsylvania. Mr. Marshall also serves as President of the Pennsylvania Insurance Political Action Committee (PIPAC).

Prior to joining the Insurance Federation in 1986, Mr. Marshall was counsel to the Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania and Chief Counsel of the Medical Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund. He is a graduate of Haverford College and the Villanova University School of Law.
Andy Noga  
*GuideOne; Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*

Mr. Noga oversees GuideOne’s Legal, Subrogation and Special Investigation Unit (SIU) departments.

Prior to joining GuideOne in 2015, Mr. Noga worked for The Goldwater Taplin Group as a consultant and regulatory counsel. He also was Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Aspen’s North American insurance and reinsurance operations and for Endurance’s U.S. insurance operations.

Mr. Noga is a veteran of the United States Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps, where he served as Special Assistant to the General Counsel of the Navy at the Pentagon. He holds a master’s in law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law, a juris doctorate degree from Quinnipiac University School of Law, and a bachelor’s from Western New England University.

Francis X. Nolan, IV  
*Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, LLP; Associate*

Frank Nolan defends class action lawsuits and complex business litigation matters in federal and state courts throughout the country. He advises financial services and insurance clients on issues affecting their core business practices. His cases involve claims of unfair trade practices, consumer fraud, antitrust and violations of data privacy laws.

As part of his class action practice, Frank is a member of Sutherland’s Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) team and defends companies in class action litigation under the TCPA and other consumer protection statutes. He has worked with a wide range of industries on these issues, especially the insurance and financial services industries. Frank speaks and publishes regularly on a range of topics relating to class action litigation.

Before joining the firm, Frank was an associate at an international law firm in New York. Before Prior to entering the legal field, Frank worked as a policy analyst for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions (ASA/ALT), where he focused on Congressional relations. In a similar capacity, he assisted the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions (USD AT&L).

**Awards**

- Selected for inclusion among *New York Super Lawyers® “Rising Stars” (2015)*

**Professional Activities**

- Member, New York City Bar Association
- Member, Maritime Law Association

**Articles**

- Class Waiver Provisions: Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Heading (March 28, 2016) *New York Law Journal*
- DirecTV v. Imbargio: It’s Deja Vu All Over Again—Supreme Court Upholds Validity And Enforceability of Mandatory Arbitration Provisions and Class Action Waivers (January 26, 2016) *Bloomberg BNA Class Action Litigation Report*
- U.S. Supreme Court to Address Class Action Standing in Upcoming Term (November 2, 2015) *New York Law Journal*
- Five Compliance Issues Confronting Insurers in 2012 (January 13, 2012) *Corporate Compliance Insights*
- Circuits Split on Standard for Removal under CAFA (September 8, 2011) *New York Law Journal*
Court Admissions
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Northern, Eastern and Southern District of New York

David F. Snyder
Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, Vice President of International Policy

David F. Snyder is Vice President, International Policy, for the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) in which capacity he covers international and domestic insurance regulatory and trade issues. He represents PCI members before numerous international, federal and state legislative and regulatory bodies, having made presentations in Amman, Basel, Beijing, Buenos Aires, Paris, and Shanghai, among others. He is a member of the U.S. delegation to the OECD’s Insurance and Private Pensions Committee and chairs the governance working group of the Global Federation of Insurance Associations. Mr. Snyder graduated Magna Cum Laude from Dickinson College and earned his law degree from the George Washington University Law School. He is admitted to law practice in three jurisdictions and received the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter designation. His state and federal government experience includes appellate and civil litigation as well as administrative law. He worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Insurance Department as legislative liaison and hearing officer, later as a Deputy Attorney General in Torts Litigation and finally as General Counsel of the Commerce Department.

Mr. Snyder is serving his sixth term as a Falls Church, Va. City Council Member, having served as mayor and vice mayor. He chairs the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council, an umbrella group that helps set and assess regional emergency preparedness priorities, and has chaired Washington, DC metropolitan regional transportation and environmental boards. When he was recently chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, it was announced that the region had made significant progress in improving air quality and achieved compliance with a key EPA standard. He received the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments regional leadership award in 2010. He is also President of the Virginia Transit Association.

Maxine H. Verne
SCOR Reinsurance Company; Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Maxine Verne is General Counsel of the SCOR Group’s Americas Hub, which has oversight for the SCOR insurance and reinsurance operations in the U.S. and Latin America and is the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the non-life U.S. companies: SCOR Reinsurance Company, General Security Indemnity Company of Arizona, and General Security National Insurance Company. She was formerly senior counsel at The Home Insurance Company. Prior to joining The Home, she had served as counsel to a reinsurance intermediary, Cole, Booth, Potter, Inc. (formerly Sten-Re Cole and Associates), and a national insurance broker, Reed Stenhouse. Ms. Verne has been an attorney in the insurance industry since 1981.

Ms. Verne is active on the Law Committee of the Reinsurance Association of America, where she has served as Chair. She has co-chaired several prominent reinsurance conferences and is often a speaker on reinsurance-related issues. In connection with some of her speaking engagements she has published articles on such topics as “An Insurer’s Road Map to Gramm-Leach-Bliley,” “Regulation of Reinsurance,” and “The Doctrine of Utmost Good Faith.” In addition, in 2009 Ms. Verne and her team won the International Law Office.com Global Counsel Award for Financial Services Regulatory work.

Ms. Verne is a graduate of New York Law School and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.
Vincent J. Vitkowsky
Seiger Gfeller Laurie LLP; Partner

Vince Vitkowsky serves insurance and reinsurance companies as advocate and counsel in matters involving cyber, E&O, D&O and CGL insurance. He represents cyber insurers on coverage issues, reviews and drafts cyber policy language, and prepares industry-specific grants and exclusions. Mr. Vitkowsky also represents insurers on cyber-related claims in other lines of business. As Chair of the Federalist Society’s International and National Security Law Group, he created a Cybersecurity Podcast and Symposium Series featuring leading cyber experts, consultants, present and former government officials, and journalists. He has also been an Adjunct Fellow at the Center for Law and Counterterrorism. Over the years, Mr. Vitkowsky has been included in many directories of leading lawyers, including Chambers America’s Leading Lawyers for Business (describing him, among other ways, as “a well-prepared operator”), The International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers, and Euromoney’s Best of the Best. He received his B.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from The Cornell Law School. Mr. Vitkowsky is a partner at Seiger Gfeller Laurie LLP, an insurance, litigation and risk management boutique, resident in its New York office. He can be reached at vvitkowsky@sglawgroup.com.

Barry Leigh Weissman
Carlton Fields, Shareholder

With a legal career spanning more than four decades, Barry Leigh Weissman brings significant experience in the insurance and reinsurance industries. He represents insurance and reinsurance companies in regulatory and transactional matters as well as in all forms of dispute resolution including arbitration, litigation, and mediation in state and federal courts on bad faith, complex litigation, and multidistrict matters. He also represents state departments of insurance in various matters including defending them in litigation and various regulatory matters such as Form A’s.

Mr. Weissman’s practice also has an international component — representing clients in Europe and Asia in a variety of complex reinsurance and commercial matters, many of which have involved cross border issues such as mergers and acquisitions, dispute resolution, and insurance regulatory matters.

He has served as outside general counsel to several insurance companies, including being asked by the California Department of Insurance to serve as general counsel to one of its companies that had been placed in receivership. He works closely with the senior management of various reinsurance and insurance companies advising on techniques concerning the avoidance and handling of dispute resolution, contract drafting and regulatory issues.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Weissman was a partner at Edwards Wildman Palmer, LLP (now Locke Lord Edwards, LLP). He also has served as managing partner and general counsel of an international law firm.

Mr. Weissman is a member of the State Bar of California, New York State Bar Association, American Bar Association, International Association of Insurance Receivers and ARIAS. He served as Chair of the Standing Committee on Insurance Law of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California and has held active roles in several working groups of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. His past professional activities include serving on the California State Senate Advisory Commission on Malpractice Insurance and as a member of the Council of the ABA’s General Practice Section.

**Publications**

"Arbitration Award Overturned Because Panel Not Impartial," ABA Section of Litigation (February 2016).


Speaking Engagements


Panelist, "Governance of Captives, Complying With Regulatory Demands, and Regulatory Issues with NAIC, FIO, and the IAIS,"


Professional Recognition

Listed in Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers (2015-2016)

Professional and Civic Activities

Member, International Association of Insurance Receivers

Member, ARIAS

Background

Edwards Wildman (Los Angeles, CA) Partner

Education

Santa Clara University School of Law (J.D.)

University of California, Davis (B.A.)

Lewis Wiener

Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, LLP; Partner

Lewis Wiener, an experienced trial and appellate attorney with three decades of trial and counseling experience, represents a broad array of clients in state, federal and appellate court litigation throughout the United States. Mr. Wiener heads Sutherland’s Insurance and Financial Services Litigation Group, chairs Sutherland’s TCPA practice and is a member of the firm’s executive committee. His extensive litigation and trial experience includes serving as class action defense counsel, conducting large internal investigations, handling complex litigation matters, and representing entities in litigation brought by and against the federal government. Mr. Wiener also represents clients in eminent domain/inverse condemnation environmental and land-use litigation before state and federal trial and appellate courts.

A former senior trial lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Wiener draws on his experience representing executive branch agencies to represent and advise clients on regulatory, compliance and enforcement matters at the federal and state level. While at the Department of Justice, Mr. Wiener was selected by the Attorney General to serve as lead government counsel in the largest class action ever filed against the United States. He was
also twice recognized by the Attorney General for special achievement in the handling of significant litigation matters on behalf of the United States.

Mr. Wiener holds prominent leadership positions in national and local organizations including serving as co-chair of the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, as two-time president of the United States Court of Federal Claims Bar Association, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York at Albany. Mr. Wiener is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Norwood School in Bethesda, MD where he chairs the investment committee and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Washington Hebrew Congregation. Mr. Wiener also serves as pro bono partner for Sutherland’s Washington, D.C. office.

Experience
- Sutherland defeats class certification in California case alleging misconduct and unfair competition in consumer lending.
- Sutherland represents GenOn Mid-Atlantic in constitutional challenge to Montgomery County, Maryland carbon dioxide emissions tax assessment.
- Sutherland brokers a precedent-setting settlement regarding the dredging practices of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Awards
- Recipient, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Madison / Lifetime Achievement Award (2014)
- Selected for inclusion in Washington, D.C., Super Lawyers® (2012-2016)
- Selected as a Washington, D.C. Local Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation (2011-2016)
- Recipient, Washington Lawyers’ Committee, Outstanding Achievement Award in the area of disability rights (2007, 2011)
- Recipient, Golden Eagle Award for sustained and exemplary service to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims (2004)

Professional Activities
- Judicially appointed member, U.S. Court of Federal Claims Advisory Council (appointed by then-Chief Judge Lawrence Baskir (2001-2004); reappointed by then-Chief Judge Edward Damich (2004-2009); reappointed by then-Chief Judge Emily Hewitt (2009-2014), reappointed by Chief Judge Patricia Campbell-Smith (2014-present)
- Member, Board of Trustees/Board of Directors, State University of New York at Albany, The University at Albany Foundation, Inc. (2011-present)
- Co-chair, Advisory Board, State University of New York at Albany, Rockefeller College (2004-2011)
- Member, Maryland Attorney General’s Environmental Policy Advisory Board (2008-2015)
- Member, Board of Trustees, The Norwood School (Bethesda, Maryland) (2011-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Washington D.C. Hebrew Congregation (2012-present)

Articles
- Websites as Public Accommodations: The Circuit Split on Whether Websites Constitute Places of Public Accommodation (Spring 2016)
- Partnering Perspectives
- Class Waiver Provisions: Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Heading (March 28, 2016)
- New York Law Journal
Click-and-Mortar: Courts Disagree on Whether Websites Constitute Places of Public Accommodation (March 2016) South Carolina Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel

Dialing In: TCPA Hot Issues for 2016 (February 29, 2016) ABA Section of Litigation, Corporate Counsel Committee

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DirecTV v. Imburgia: It’s Deja Vu All Over Again—Supreme Court Upholds Validity And Enforceability of Mandatory Arbitration Provisions and Class Action Waivers (January 26, 2016) Bloomberg BNA Class Action Litigation Report

Offer of Complete Relief to Named Plaintiff Does Not Moot Class Action (January 26, 2016) ABA Section of Litigation, Corporate Counsel Committee

REDIAL: 2015 TCPA YEAR IN REVIEW – ANALYSIS OF CRITICAL ISSUES AND TRENDS (January 12, 2016)


TCPA Issues Familiar and Unique To Health Care Providers (August 27, 2015) Law360

The Art of the Opening Statement: Find your Inner Storyteller (July 1, 2015) InsideCounsel

TCPA Litigation and Electric Utilities (June 20, 2015) National Rural Electric Cooperative Association – Legal Reporting Service

Calling the High Court on TCPA and Sovereign Immunity (March 31, 2015) Law360


Third-Party Liability Standards Stretched Under TCPA (November 17, 2014) Law360

TCPA Risks Increase for the Financial Services Industry (November 12, 2014) Law360

Dialing up Dollars: Record Settlements Lead to More TCPA Lawsuits (October 6, 2014) Association of Corporate Counsel South Carolina Chapter - FOCUS…on the South Carolina Chapter

Insurers Face Increased Risk of TCPA Suits (September 10, 2014) Law360

Capital One’s Record Settlement May Spur More TCPA Suits (August 27, 2014) Law360

High Court Opens Door To 5th Amendment Takings Cases (March 19, 2014) Law360

Q&A with Sutherland’s Lewis Wiener (November 24, 2010) Law360

Litigation Management, American Lawyer Media (Book) (October 2010)

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Insurance: Responding to Regulatory Subpoenas (May 2005) Posted with permission from Counsel to Counsel
Presentations

- Webcast: Defending TCPA Litigation Following the FCC’s 2015 Omnibus Order: Navigating Key Issues (February 23, 2016) - Strafford
- Webcast: Insurance Litigation Trends to Watch in 2016 (February 18, 2016)
- Webcast: For Whom the Ring Tones: TCPA Litigation and the Insurance Industry (September 15, 2015)
- IRI Webcast: Insurance Litigation Trends to Watch in 2015 (February 10, 2015)
- The Telephone Consumer Protection Act: For Whom the Ring Tones (November 12, 2014) ACC - SC Chapter Annual Meeting
- CFPB Year in Review (November 9-11, 2014) Payday Loan Bar Association Annual Meeting
- Alternative Fee Arrangements - To Pay or Not to Pay, That is the Question (October 24-26, 2014) The Network of Trial Law Firms Litigation Management seminar
- Webcast: For Whom the Ring Tones: TCPA Litigation and the Insurance Industry (October 14, 2014)
- Mitigating Environmental Disaster and Preparing for Incident Response (September 29, 2014) Environmental Compliance and Commitment Legal Summit – 2014
- Banking and Insurance Issues (September 12, 2014) The Network of Trial Law Firms Financial Services CLE SuperCourse
- Bruce Springsteen on Expert Witness Testimony (April 26, 2014) The Network of Trial Law Firms: Litigation Management Tribulations and Trials
- 2014 Georgia ACC Value Challenge (April 22, 2014)
- Legal Project Management (November 15, 2013) Payday Loan Bar Association Annual Conference
- Settlement Pitfalls (November 1, 2012) Payday Loan Bar Association 2012 Annual Meeting
- Ethics Roundtable Discussion (October 4, 2012) CLE International: Class Actions - Plaintiff and Defense Perspectives
- Unfair, Deceptive, or Abusive Acts or Practices (UDAAP) as enforced by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) (October 3, 2012) 2012 Correspondent Bank Executive Management Seminar
- Houston Eminent Domain Conference (June 7, 2012 - June 9, 2012) CLE International
- Cross Examination of Appraisers and Other Experts in Condemnation Cases (February 10, 2012)
- CLE International 11th Annual SuperConference: Eminent Domain
- Understanding and Protecting Privileges - From Soup to Nuts for Tax Attorneys (August 5, 2010) Continuing Legal Education Presentation
- Don’t Prosecute the General Counsel! (October 19, 2009) Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) 2009 Annual Meeting
- The New International Rules for Expedited Dispute Resolution Procedures (April 25, 2007 - April 28, 2007) 9th Annual American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference
- The Federal Circuit Bar Association’s 8th Annual Bench & Bar Conference (June 28 - July 1, 2006)
- 3rd Annual Eminent Domain National Conference (May 11-12, 2006)
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KATHERINE L. VILLANUEVA
Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP; Partner

Katherine L. Villanueva is a Partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Philadelphia. Villanueva represents clients in commercial litigation and class actions at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts nationwide. She handles all aspects of civil litigation, ranging from pre-suit counseling, to discovery and dispositive motion practice, to trial advocacy and post-trial proceedings. She also has extensive appellate experience, including participating in appellate arguments and drafting numerous petitions for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court.

Villaneuva’s litigation practice includes the defense of companies in cases alleging business torts, consumer fraud and deceptive trade practices, and breach of contract actions. She focuses her insurance practice on life insurance and annuities matters and property/casualty insurance litigation and coverage issues. A significant portion of her insurance-related practice involves advising life insurers on issues related to the secondary market for life insurance, fraud and agent misconduct, foreign insureds/death claims and stranger-originated life insurance (STOLI). Villaneuva also routinely works with insurers on compliance issues related to the administration of policies, with specific focus on lapse processes and procedures. She has represented insurers in a variety of coverage matters, including disability matters, international transportation insurance coverage disputes and the defense of bad faith claims for insurers and annuity issuers. Finally, she is dedicated to prosecuting and defending civil actions involving Free Speech, Free Exercise and Establishment Clause claims, including a nationally-recognized case regarding the right of free speech in a public school setting.

SANDY YKEMA
Pennsylvania Insurance Department; Senior Department Counsel

Sandy Ykema (pronounced ‘eye-kim-uh’) is a senior Department Counsel at the Pennsylvania Insurance Department and has been with Department since 2000. Sandy’s work at the Department over the years has covered all sorts of property/casualty and enforcement issues. She is now also the lead lawyer advising the Governor’s Office and the Pennsylvania Department on the Affordable Care Act, accident and health rate and form issues and all health insurance matters generally. Prior to joining the Department, Ykema was an attorney with Drinker Biddle & Reath.