

Insurers

Our insurance group is comprised of experienced attorneys that have a comprehensive understanding of the industry and the business environment in which our insurance clients operate. Our attorneys represent the interests of insurers in all aspects of their business, including claims counseling, litigation, dispute resolution, reinsurance and policy drafting. Whether the issue involves policy coverage, avoidance of bad faith, representation in arbitration or litigation, reinsurance disputes or drafting policy language, we have the knowledge to provide reliable and cost-effective solutions.

Claims Counseling

We regularly advise clients regarding coverage issues involving commercial, personal lines, pollution, professional, primary, umbrella, excess and surplus lines insurance policies, and reinsurance. We provide a comprehensive assessment of the issues and we advise as to what we believe will be the most appropriate and cost effective response to the claim.

Litigation

We regularly represent insurers in courtrooms throughout the country. We provide a recommended strategy for a cost effective resolution designed to meet the client's objectives. If discovery is necessary, it will be tailored to the issues at hand with a continual focus on the resolution strategy. Where appropriate, we pursue dispositive motions or settlement.

Reinsurance

Our attorneys offer a wide range of counseling, arbitration, and litigation services to domestic and foreign cedents, reinsurers, retrocessionaires, MGAs, and intermediaries. We use our combined insurance industry experience to help our clients anticipate and react to industry trends. We represent clients in cases addressing such issues as late notice, loss adjustment expense, allocation of loss, aggregation, follow the fortunes, claims cooperation, set-offs, and right to associate clauses. We also assist our reinsurance clients through associating in the defense of large complex litigation matters protecting their interests before the resolution of underlying claims.

Policy Drafting

The best way to handle coverage disputes is avoid them. This can be accomplished by anticipating potential coverage issues at the time that a policy provision is drafted. Our extensive experience with coverage disputes involving

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many types of insurance is helpful in evaluating policy language and perceiving potential disputes that could arise. When addressing claims issues, we commonly recommend changes in policy wording that could clarify and effectuate the underwriting intent. We also regularly use our expertise to assist our clients in drafting or revising policy language.

Extra-Contractual/Bad Faith

We have experienced counsel that provides representation to insurers defending against extra-contractual and “bad faith” claims. Our attorneys have successfully defended clients against bad faith claims across the country, and regularly provide guidance to insurers presented with unreasonable settlement demands or where coverage is in dispute, in an effort to minimize the risk of facing extra-contractual claims. The experience of our attorneys with a wide variety of insurers in the insurance industry gives us the unique ability to evaluate claim handling practices, identify potential risks, and recommend solutions.

Insurance Transactions

Additionally, our corporate attorneys have considerable experience with assisting insurance companies and insurance brokers with complex transactions. We have represented insurance companies with their SEC filings as they prepare to go public and have successfully completed unsolicited tender offers of target insurance companies. Attorneys at the firm have experience with “Form A” regulatory approvals by state insurance regulators of change-in-control transactions. In addition, our attorneys have experience in setting up insurance brokerage operations and are deeply versed in the business of the insurance industry.

Experience

Defense Win in Commercial Roof Collapse Coverage Dispute

Summary Judgment Obtained in Dispute Over \$2 Million Life Insurance Policy

Obtained a Dismissal in Favor of Insurance Company in Connection with Conversion Claim

Obtained Summary Judgment in Favor of Insurance Company in Breach of Contract Case

Obtained a Dismissal in Favor of Insurance Company in Connection with a Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award

Obtained a Voluntary Dismissal of a Lawsuit Alleging Claims for Negligent Entrustment and Loss of Consortium Against Insurance Company

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Represents Commercial Auto Carrier of a Rideshare Company Providing Coverage Advice for Claims of Rideshare Drivers, Passengers and Third-Parties Seeking Liability

Obtained Multiple Dismissals in Favor of an Insurance Company Client

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of an Insurance Carrier in a Declaratory Judgment Action

Obtained Judgment on the Pleadings for a Carrier in a Declaratory Judgment Action that Sought to Stack Multiple Per Vehicle Limits in a Single Policy

Favorably Settled a Declaratory Judgment Action on Behalf of a Carrier for Less than Policy Limits

Helps a National Multi-Line Insurance Company With Multiple Areas of Representation and Business Operations

Negotiated to Secure Multiple Additional Layers of Coverage Below the Client's Policy

Secured Summary Judgment for a Life Insurance Carrier After a Policy Holder Provided Fraudulent Answers to Questions on Their Criminal History

Resolved a Dispute Concerning Payment Issues Between a Service Provider and Insurance Plan

Obtained Summary Judgment in Connection With a Claim for Underinsured Motorist Benefits

Obtained Summary Judgment in a Class Action Lawsuit Alleging an Insured Targeted Financially Troubled Customers and Extracted Fees for Worthless Services

Received Summary Judgment From an Indiana Federal Court Which Found No Duty for the Client

Granted Summary Judgment in Telephone Consumer Protection Act

Obtained Summary Judgment Rulings in a Washington State Environmental Coverage Action

Obtained a Summary Judgment Ruling that its Insurer Client Owed no Defense or Indemnity Under a Business Auto Policy of Insurance

Prevailed in a Declaratory Judgment Action on Behalf of an Insurer on Two Issues

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of Insurance Company on Uninsured Motorist Claim

Favorable Decision in Underinsured Motorist Dispute from Illinois Appellate Court

Firm News

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, January 21, 2025

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, January 25, 2024

Amundsen Davis Named in the 2024 Edition of Best Law Firms®
Firm News, November 2, 2023

82 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America
Firm News, August 17, 2023

Rachael Winthrop Joins Amundsen Davis as Senior Counsel
Firm News, March 1, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, January 23, 2023

Congratulations to Christine Anto on Being Named Chair of the USLAW NETWORK Insurance Law Practice Group
Firm News, December 20, 2022

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2022 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, November 15, 2022

U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2023
Firm News, November 3, 2022

Amundsen Davis Welcomes Attorney Michelle E. Tinajero to Insurance Services Group
Firm News, October 3, 2022

37 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023
Firm News, August 18, 2022

29 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 28, 2022

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U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” 2022
November 4, 2021

29 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022
Firm News, August 19, 2021

In the Media

Insurer Says Ruptured Pipeline Damages Not Covered – Law360 Article Mentions
Christine Anto
Media Mention, *Law360*, October 1, 2021

Alerts

Insurance Coverage For COVID-19 Claims Under D&O Policies
Amundsen Davis Insurance Alert, May 19, 2021

IWCC Establishes Emergency Rule for Certain Workers Sickened with COVID-19
Amundsen Davis Insurance Alert, May 19, 2021

Insurance Coverage for COVID-19 Claims Under CGL Policies
Amundsen Davis Insurance Alert, June 2, 2020

Defense of COVID-19 Bodily Injury Litigation in Illinois
Amundsen Davis Insurance Alert, June 2, 2020

Events

Trucking Accident Cases and Insurance Coverage Complexities: Guidance for
Personal Injury Counsel and Industry Professionals
Speaking Engagement, Stafford, Webcast, June 6, 2024

Trucking Accident Cases and Insurance Coverage Complexities: Guidance for
Personal Injury Counsel and Industry Professionals
Speaking Engagement, Stafford; Webcast, June 2, 2022

USLAW Network Virtual Worldwide Retreat: 2021 and Beyond
USLAW Network, Webcast, September 30, 2020 - October 9, 2020

CLE and Reception at Lodge Kohler
Event, Lodge Kohler; Green Bay, WI, February 28, 2018

Published Works

The importance of client service and relationships
Publication, *The Indiana Lawyer*, June 8, 2022

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