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Practice Areas

Business Litigation
Intellectual Property
Insurance Coverage
and Bad Faith Law

A litigation attorney, Christopher focuses his practice on the areas of business litigation, insurance bad faith and insurance coverage.

Christopher's business litigation practice involves an array of commercial matters, including breach of contract litigation, trade secret misappropriation and DTSA matters, trademark infringement, and disputes involving the sale of goods under UCC Article 2 and the United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods ("CISG"). Christopher's experience in international commercial litigation and arbitration matters involves issues surrounding service of process and the taking of evidence pursuant to the protocols of the Hague Convention.

In his insurance bad faith litigation practice, Christopher has served as counsel for major national insurers in actions involving construction defect claims, latent and progressive injury claims, long-tail environment exposure claims, disputed uninsured and underinsured motorist claims, first-party property losses, and excess verdicts. Christopher's insurance coverage practice involves the preparation of coverage opinions and analyses in matters involving reservation of rights, disclaimer of coverage, examinations under oath, declaratory judgments, rescission, and extracontractual exposure.

In addition to his traditional commercial and insurance litigation practice, Christopher has developed a focus on emerging issues at the intersection of artificial intelligence and the law. He advises clients on matters involving artificial intelligence, including liability frameworks for AI systems and legal implications arising from algorithmic decision-making. His work in this area includes speaking and writing on AI-related legal developments.

Christopher is a member of the Commercial Litigation and Insurance Committees of DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the Pennsylvania Defense Institute, where he is a frequent speaker on key insurance law developments and insurance bad faith in Pennsylvania.

Bar Admissions

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- State of Ohio
- State of West Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia

- United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

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Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.
Research Editor of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review
Certificate in International & Comparative Law
Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna Austria
- University of Richmond, B.A.
Magna Cum Laude

Awards/Recognition

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer, 2019-2025
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2011-2016
- Best Lawyers in America®, 2024 - 2026

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Allegheny County Bar Association
- Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Member, Pennsylvania Defense Institute
- Member, Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (PAMIC)
- Member, DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar
- Member, Commercial Litigation and Insurance Committee- DRI– The Voice of the Defense Bar

Community Involvement

- Former President, Board of Directors, North Allegheny School District
- Former Board Member, McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- ***Notice of Avoidance Under the CISG: A Practical Examination of Substance and Form Considerations, The Validity of Implicit Notice, and The Question of Revocability***, 64 U. Pitt. L. Rev. 407 (Winter 2003).
- ***Navigating the Appraisal and Arbitration Processes in Property Claims***, PLRB 2025 Western Regional Adjusters Conference, June 24-25, 2025 | Phoenix, AZ | Presenter
- ***Protecting the Attorney-Client Privilege in Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation***, DRI Insurance Coverage and Claims Institute, July 26, 2021 | Chicago, IL | Presenter
- ***Auto Claims in Pennsylvania***
DRI Webcast, May 24, 2019
- ***The ‘Selective Way’ Decision: A Catalyst for Increased Coverage Litigation?***
The Legal Intelligencer, Insurance Law Supplement – August 30, 2016
- ***I’ve Got You Covered (But I Reserve My Right Not To)***
Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
April 10, 2018 - Gettysburg, PA (Presenter)
- ***Reservation of Rights: General Principles and the Lessons of Lobenthal***



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Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies

April 12, 2017 – Gettysburg, PA (Presenter)

- **Key Insurance Law Developments 2009**

Pennsylvania Defense Institute - Case Law & Legislative Update

July 14, 2009 – Pittsburgh, PA (Presenter)

Representative Cases

- *QBE Ins. Corp. v. Adjo Contracting Corp.*, 997 N.Y.S.2d 425 (2d Dept. 2014) Summary judgment in favor of Pennsylvania insurer entered by New York appellate court in complex coverage matter arising out of underlying construction defect litigation, finding no “occurrence” under Pennsylvania law.
- *USF Ins. Co. v. Orion Dev. RA XXX, LLC*, 756 F. Supp.2d 749 (N.D.W.Va. Nov. 18, 2010) Declaratory judgment in favor of commercial general liability insurer, finding no duty to defend or indemnify insured in underlying lawsuit alleging sexual assaults, where allegations did not establish “bodily injury” under West Virginia law.
- *Victoria Ins. Co. v. Ren*, 2008 WL 2371850 (E.D.Pa. June 9, 2008) Dismissal of insured’s statutory bad faith counterclaim in declaratory judgment action, ruling that insurer’s litigation of legitimate coverage issues is not bad faith under Pennsylvania law.
- *In re Finney*, 184 Fed. Appx. 285 (3d Cir. 2006) Affirmance of summary judgment in favor of insurer’s attorney in wrongful use of civil proceedings, malicious prosecution and abuse of process action arising out of handling of insured’s fire claim.
- *State ex. rel. Erie Ins. Prop. & Cas. Co. v. Mazzone*, 625 S.E.2d 355 (W.Va. 2005) Petition for Writ of prohibition to West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals granted with respect to discovery order directing disclosure of insurer’s reserve information, finding that trial court failed to make proper relevancy determination.