Insurance Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability

NEW LITIGATION SKILLS WORKSHOP Strategies on Winning a 30(B)(6) Deposition  See page 2 for details

- Meet and learn from in-house counsel who manage bad faith claims nationally
- Hear about the latest trends and tactics in bad faith and how to respond successfully
- Develop skills to defend institutional allegations, bad faith setups, and punitive damage claims
- Learn pretrial and trial strategies to win bad faith insurance lawsuits

June 5–7, 2019
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Bad faith claims against insurance companies continue to evolve, with potentially devastating consequences. DRI’s Insurance Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability Seminar is the preeminent program for insurance executives, claims professionals, and outside counsel who specialize in bad faith insurance litigation. You will hear from some of the nation’s leading bad faith defense lawyers, who have a long history of winning these difficult cases, as well as many of the in-house professionals who manage significant bad faith litigation and industry consultants who assist with these cases across the country, and beyond.

This seminar can attract record numbers, so we invite you to register early. Then, come enjoy this exceptional CLE and networking opportunity and the sights and sounds of Washington, D.C.

Presented by DRI’s Insurance Law Committee

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What You Will Learn

- The latest trends and developments in bad faith litigation
- Defeating the bad faith “setup” in liability insurance claims
- Discovery and pretrial strategy against institutional and predatory methods
- In-house perspectives on what insurers want and need from bad faith defense counsel
- Insight from industry consultants on witness preparation, focus groups, and mediation
- The effect of the ALI Restatement of Law, Liability Insurance on bad faith litigation
- Effective trial strategies used to win bad faith cases

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**Program Schedule**

**Wednesday, June 5**

9:30 a.m.  **Litigation Skills Workshop Registration**

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**Litigation Skills Workshop**

**Strategies on Winning a 30(B)(6) Deposition**

Successful trial attorneys know that a properly prepared and defended 30(b)(6) deposition can be the turning point in any litigation. The DRI Litigation Skills Committee in conjunction with the DRI Insurance Law Committee are excited to present DRI’s Bad Faith Litigation Skills Workshop, designed to provide attendees with the tools necessary to shape the deposition topics, prepare, and defend your 30(b)(6) witness and turn the case in your favor. One-on-one and small group exercises will assure that you are ready to defend your client no matter what the circumstances. Space is limited to 30 attendees and spots will go fast! See registration form for pricing.

**Guy E. Hughes**, Casey Bailey & Maines PLLC, Lexington, KY

**Kevin J. Willging**, Travelers, Hunt Valley, MD

**Christopher A. (Chris) Bottcher**, McGlinchey Stafford, Birmingham, AL

Additional faculty to be determined

1:30 p.m.  **Registration**

2:55 p.m.  **Announcements**

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**Nancy J. Gill**, American Modern Insurance Group, Amelia, OH

3:00 p.m.  **Hot New Cases in Bad Faith: Caselaw Update**

By popular demand, this session provides an overview of the latest bad faith decisions from around the country. Learn how courts are reacting to evolving theories of liability and how insureds and insurers are faring in the latest battles.

**David L. Brown**, Goldberg Segalla LLP, Greensboro, NC

4:00 p.m.  **Fear of Trials? An In-House Perspective on the Vanishing Jury Trial and Outside Counsel’s Perspective on How to Manage a Bad Faith Case**

This panel, including both in-house and outside counsel, will examine the growing perception that insurers are afraid to try cases. They will also share their perspectives on how to identify and defend those cases that can be won at trial.

**Rhonda J. Tobin**, Robinson and Cole, Hartford, CT

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5:00 p.m.  **Adjourn**

6:00 p.m.  **Networking Reception**  
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**Thursday, June 6**

7:00 a.m.  **Registration**

7:00 a.m.  **Continental Breakfast**  
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7:00 a.m.  **First-Time Attendees Breakfast**  
**F. Lane Finch, Jr., Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers LLP, Birmingham, AL**

8:00 a.m.  **Welcome and Introductions**  
**Roman Lifson**, Christian & Barton LLP, Richmond, VA

**W. Edward Carlton**, Quilling Selander Lownds Winslett & Moser PC, Dallas, TX

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**Naomi B. Kinderman**, W.R. Berkley Corporation, Greenwich, CT

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**Denotes the DRI CLIENT CONNECTION: In-house and claims professional speakers**
8:15 a.m.  **Trends and Developments in Bad Faith Litigation: The Latest**  
The ins and outs of bad faith litigation are ever evolving. Hear about the latest trends and tactics: the expanding consequences of breaching the duty to defend, personal liability of insurance adjusters, attacks on the attorney-client privilege in the prelitigation setting, the use of appraisal decisions and communications to create new extracontractual claims, the continuing evolution of bad faith “set up” strategies, and much more.

*William J. Kobokovich, Jr., Travelers, Hunt Valley, MD*

*Ronald J. Clark, Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, Portland, OR*

9:15 a.m.  **Institutional Bad Faith Claims: Defending Discovery and Other Practical Considerations**  
Institutional discovery that transcends an individual claim and instead focuses on institutional business practices is frequently used by a plaintiff’s counsel to drive up the cost of defense and the value of the suit. Learn how to respond to and defend against these broad discovery attacks.

*Demetrius E. Rush, Zurich North America, Schaumburg, IL*

10:00 a.m.  **Effective Strategies to Win Bad Faith Cases: Lessons Learned from Recent Victories**  
An effective, well-planned defense strategy implemented from the inception of the case and carried through the conclusion of trial is essential. A successful bad faith defense attorney will explain the strategies and techniques that have worked for him to win dozens of high-profile bad faith cases across the country.

*Christopher W. Martin, Martin Disiere Jefferson & Wisdom LLP, Houston, TX*

10:20 a.m.  **Preparing Company Witnesses for Depositions and Trial**  
Winning a bad faith case is increasingly difficult in today’s climate of juror suspicion and condemnation of large corporations. Find out what you can do to win a jury trial from a renowned consultant—hint, preparing company witnesses for deposition and trial testimony is critical!

*Rick R. Fuentes, PhD, R&D Strategic Solutions LLC, Mobile, AL*

12:05 p.m.  **Lunch (on your own)**

1:20 p.m.  **Why Plaintiffs/Policyholders Win Bad Faith Claims**  
The successful defense of a bad faith claim requires coverage counsel to anticipate their opponents’ strategies and arguments. In this unique presentation from the other side of the bar, two policyholder attorneys, moderated by an insurer-side attorney, will share their insights into litigation strategies and themes that succeed in bad faith cases, emerging areas of bad faith exposure, as well as the things that insurance companies (and their coverage counsel) do to make their job easier.

*John G. Buchanan III, Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, DC*

*Michael S. Levine, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, McLean, VA*

*John B. Mumford, Jr., Hancock Daniel Johnson & Nagle PC, Richmond, VA*

2:10 p.m.  **Ethical Issues Arising from Third-Party Bad Faith Setups and Consent Judgments**  
It is not uncommon for policyholders or their counsel to manage a claim so as to “set up” the carrier for a subsequent bad faith action, laying traps along the way. It is crucial that the insurer recognize when this is happening and employ strategies to prevent bad faith liability. An experienced in-house professional and outside counsel will address ethical considerations and preventive strategies.

*Krista Horn-Watkins, Travelers, Lake Tahoe, CA*

*Asim K. Desai, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP, Los Angeles, CA*

3:10 p.m.  **Refreshment Break**

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3:30 p.m. Claims of Post-Litigation “Continuing” Bad Faith
Allegations of post-litigation conduct by an insurer as further bad faith conduct continue to trend upward. This experienced attorney will address current ways that plaintiffs’ counsel are bringing these allegations, traps for the unwary, and strategies to respond to such allegations.
Greg K. Winslett, Quilling Selander Lownds Winslett & Moser PC, Dallas, TX

4:15 p.m. The Art and Science of Bad Faith Mediations
With fewer and fewer cases ever reaching trial, effective and well-planned mediations can be an insurer’s best tool for getting extricated from a bad faith case. This presentation will provide insight and tips from the perspective of insurer counsel and a mediator to assure that you are ready to negotiate all factors and components of your case.
The Honorable Stuart A. Nudelman, Ret., ADR Systems Mediation & Arbitration, Chicago, IL
Laurie C. Barbe, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Morgantown, WV

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

6:00 p.m. Networking Reception
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7:00 p.m. Dine Arounds | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (on your own). More details on-site.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 a.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:05 a.m. Announcements
Laurie C. Barbe, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Morgantown, WV

8:10 a.m. Punitive Damages: The Latest Trends and Theories
In most jurisdictions, bad faith claims go hand in hand with demands for punitive damages. Punitive damages can dwarf the size of the actual claim, as juries strive to make an example of the insurance company and deter similar conduct in the future. The stakes are high! This presentation will share strategies for defending against and minimizing punitive damages awards and also discuss the latest trends and theories.
Rick L. Hammond, HeplerBroom LLC, Chicago, IL

8:55 a.m. Best Practices: What In-House Counsel Want and Need in Bad Faith Defense Counsel
The successful defense of a bad faith action requires a true team effort, from the attorney handling the defense, to the claims professionals involved, to the in-house counsel providing oversight. This panel of in-house professionals will provide insight into the management of bad faith litigation and their perspectives on what outside counsel should know and attempt to provide in defending insurers against bad faith claims.
Jennifer D. Eubanks, Canal Insurance Company, Greenville, SC
Nancy J. Gill, American Modern Insurance Group, Amelia, OH
Byron P. Hansbro, State Farm Insurance Company, Bloomington, IL

9:55 a.m. Refreshment Break
10:15 a.m. ALI Restatement: What Happened and How It May Affect Extra-Contractual Claims
In 2018, after eight years of debate and controversy, the American Law Institute approved its new Restatement of Law, Liability Insurance, including significant new provisions relating to obligations of insurers to make “reasonable settlement decisions” and to investigate, defend, and resolve claims against policyholders. Love it or hate it, this new Restatement will likely have a significant effect on the future of bad faith litigation. Two individuals who were
deeply involved in its development and debate leading to ALI approval will discuss the key provisions bearing on bad faith claims and how they contrast with the common law approach that most states follow.

**Michael F. Aylward**, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Boston, MA

Thomas A. Chaseman, AIG, New York, NY

11:00 a.m. **Use of Jury Consultants/Mock Trials/Focus Groups**

What insights can a jury consultant provide to assist counsel in risk assessment, theme development, and jury selection at trial? This presentation will take a deep dive into the four current generational groups that are eligible to serve on juries: traditionalists, baby boomers, Generation X, and millennials. Our panelists will provide a lively interactive program demonstrating how jury consultants can be invaluable allies in understanding these four groups, how themes can be developed and modified to resonate with each group, how mock trials or focus groups can uncover case weaknesses and strengths of each group, and how voir dire questions can be constructed to expose bad jurors and hide favorable ones.

**Rick M. Goldberg**, Goldberg & Associates, Houston, TX

**Sean C. Griffin**, Dykema Gossett PLLC, Washington, DC

11:45 a.m. **First-Party Property: Bad Faith Allegations in Catastrophic Claims**

Catastrophic claims present the perfect conditions for imperfect claims handling—real and perceived. Bad faith actions often spring from the many challenges resulting from sudden, severe, and widespread damages. This presentation identifies common problems associated with “CAT” claims and discusses how to avoid or mitigate exposure.

**J. Pablo Cáceres**, Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP, Tampa, FL

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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