



SPEAKER BIOS

Hon. Jerome B. Abrams

JAMS

Judge Abrams joined JAMS in Minneapolis after a distinguished 14-year career as a Minnesota district court judge and 27 years as a successful lawyer with a national practice based in Minneapolis. His experience as a trial lawyer and judge has given him unique insights and allow him to serve as a neutral in all types of cases. He has also received training and served as an ADR neutral under Minnesota rules.



As a judge, Judge Abrams was appointed to many of the most complicated and high-profile cases in Minnesota state courts, including many multidistrict assignments. These cases have involved hundreds of mechanic's liens in failed housing developments and high-rises, construction defects resulting in tens of millions of dollars in claimed damages and complicated environmental cases concerning the regulation of solid waste landfills.

As a lawyer, Judge Abrams served as National Counsel for a mid-sized property and casualty insurer handling claims and coverage, as well as significant policyholder litigation. He was Counsel for many foreign insurers in the London Market and elsewhere dealing with multiyear, multi-layer complex cases. He tried as lead counsel some of the largest and most contentious coverage litigation actually taken to trial.

As a national leader for the improvement of civil justice, complex case management, court technology and e-discovery, Judge Abrams has presented on over 100 occasions to groups in the U.S. and abroad on these and related subjects. He continues to author texts on insurance coverage for business torts and e-discovery, and he wrote a bench book for business courts published by the American Bar Association. He is an Honorary Fellow in The American College of Coverage Counsel and a member of the National Board of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Robert (Bob) D. Allen

The Allen Law Group

Bob Allen founded The Allen Law Group after spending nearly 30 years with top firms. Most recently, Mr. Allen was the Partner-in-Charge of the Dallas, Texas office of Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson LLP. Prior to Meckler, he was an International Partner/Principal at Baker McKenzie where he served as the Chair of the Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes Section of its North American Litigation Practice Group. After a clerkship on the Texas Supreme Court, Bob started his career at Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox as an Associate and then a Partner.



Bob's practice is primarily focused in representing parties in trial court and appellate proceedings in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation in Texas and beyond, ranging from standard personal lines coverages to sophisticated corporate/professional policies and reinsurance treaties. Mr. Allen also serves as a mediator, arbitrator, umpire, and expert witness in insurance, bad faith, reinsurance and attorneys fees disputes.

Bob is a Fellow, Regent and Executive Committee member of the American College of Coverage Counsel (ACCC). He has been elected to membership in the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and he is active in DRI. He has been named to Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Attorneys, Best Lawyers in America and in Dallas and he has been a Texas Super Lawyer from its inception. Based on peer review, Martindale Hubbell has designated him with a Preeminent AV rating. He is double Board Certified in Insurance Law and Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Alana Bergman

MedTronic

Alana Bergman brings over two decades of legal expertise as VP, Managing Counsel, and Head of Legal Operations at Medtronic. With a solid foundation in IP law and a background in engineering, Alana creatively leverages technology to build high-performing legal teams and optimize legal operations. Alana leads Medtronic's legal digital transformation and launched a new AI legal practice group. Always striving to improve and innovate, Alana values collaboration and continuous learning and is well known for her dedication to well-being and diversity. When she's not running the legal department, you can find her cooking for her family, walking the dog, or getting lost in a good book. She received her JD from the University of North Dakota School of Law and a BS in Industrial Engineering from North Dakota State University.



John C. Bonnie

Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial

John Bonnie leads the firm's Insurance Coverage Practice Group. This national practice is devoted exclusively to complex commercial disputes, arbitration and litigation, particularly matters addressing obligations arising out of insurance contracts, written agreements to indemnify and other means of shifting and allocating risk.



John's practice runs the gamut of insurance coverage obligations implicated by first-party insurance claims and third-party liability claims, including claims advice and counseling, representation of carriers in coverage arbitration and litigation, and defense of claims alleging insurer bad faith and extra-contractual liability. His experience includes complex commercial and insurance arbitration matters, multi-party insurance litigation, London and Bermuda market policies and disputes, and national coordinating counsel roles for insurers involved in large dollar risk litigation matters.

Jeff Bowen

Lindemann Miller Bowen LLC

Jeff has been litigating and arbitrating complex insurance claims for some fourteen years, focusing on professional, directors and officers, and general liability insurance. Jeff graduated from Yale Law School and clerked for the Ninth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals. He spent the first four years of his private practice at Munger, Tolles & Olsen in Los Angeles, focusing on complex commercial litigation. Jeff co-chairs the firm's professional lines practice.



Jeff co-authored the Mutual Fund Litigation and Insurance Practice Guide, a Matthew Bender publication whose most recent edition is scheduled for publication in 2024.

Jeff has frequently presented and published on insurance and general litigation issues. He has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin–Madison Law School for more than a decade. He served as the Insurance Committee Co-Chair at the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. His pro bono work primarily focuses on representing immigrants before agencies and courts.

Stacy A. Broman

Meagher + Geer, P.L.L.P.

Stacy is the Managing Partner of Meagher + Geer and served on its Management Committee for 10 years. For nearly three decades, Stacy has focused her practice on complex commercial litigation where she defends insurers in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation, and represents professionals in professional liability litigation.



For her work on behalf of the insurance industry, Stacy has been named to the *Super Lawyers*® list by Minnesota Super Lawyers magazine. She is listed in The Best Service Professionals in the United States (under Lawyers: Insurance) and in The *Best Lawyers*® in America. She was also named Insurance Law “Lawyer of the Year” for 2023 and 2013.

Stacy was elected to the American College of Coverage Counsel (ACCC) in May 2013. She was elected to the ACCC Board of Regents and served from 2015-2021.

From 2014-2020, Stacy served as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), an organization comprised of leaders in the insurance and corporate defense bar. FDCC membership is selective and by invitation to those who have been judged by their peers to have achieved professional distinction. In 2020, Stacy earned the FDCC Diversity Award through her work on the Barb Currie Scholarship, as well as the Diversity Committee, the Admissions and the Membership Committees. Stacy was appointed Chair of the FDCC Admissions Committee in 2020. She is currently on the Board of the Federation Foundation.

Stacy is also a Senior Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America – an invitation-only honor society that limits its membership to the top 0.5 percent of trial lawyers. Fellows are selected on the basis of effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation and superior ethical reputation.

Stacy is a founder of Insurance Litigation Institute of America (ILIA) of the Litigation Counsel of America, founded in 2013.

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John G. Buchanan III

Covington & Burling LLP

John Buchanan, senior counsel in Covington's Washington office and the firm's first Insurance Practice Group Coordinator, has represented policyholders in insurance coverage advocacy, dispute resolution and counseling for nearly four decades. His practice has ranged from the early DES and asbestos coverage litigation to claims for some of the largest cyber losses in history. John has litigated, arbitrated or negotiated a wide variety of complex property and casualty insurance claims, from railroad derailment claims to satellite-in-orbit claims, and from silver-theft claims to cyber claims. *The National Law Journal* named him an Insurance Trailblazer in 2021, and *Best Lawyers* has twice named him Washington Insurance Lawyer of the Year. *Chambers USA* has also consistently recognized him in its national rankings for insurance coverage lawyers (currently as Senior Statesman, previously in Band 1), as have *Best of the Best USA*, *Who's Who Legal* and other peer reviewed lawyer registries.



John became involved with emerging cyber-related coverage issues in the mid-1990s and co-authored one of the earliest treatise chapters on cyber insurance coverage in 2001. Starting with the network intrusion and payment card thefts discovered by TJX in 2006, he has represented policyholders pursuing claims for losses arising from data breaches reported to involve tens of millions of compromised records. John also regularly advises businesses in the management of their cyber and cyber-physical risks, such as those arising from products or services involving the Internet of Things (IoT)-, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs), and the Metaverse or “Web3.”

Preston Carlson

Stanford Law School

Preston Carlson is the Computable Contracts Developer at the Stanford Center for Legal Informatics (CodeX). His work primarily falls under the CodeX Insurance Initiative, where he is helping to develop a digital platform for the analysis of logic program insurance contracts. As part of this effort, he is developing, refining, and scaling techniques for encoding insurance policies as logic programs.



Preston received his MS and BS in Computer Science from Stanford University, during which he worked with CodeX to research the application of containment testing and program explanation techniques to logic program insurance contracts.

Angela Elbert

Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP

Angela is chair of the firm's Insurance Policyholder practice group, a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and the President-Elect for the American College of Coverage Counsel. She counsels corporate policyholders on complex risk management and insurance issues and develops custom strategies to maximize recovery when claims arise. With over 25 years of experience, Angela has been instrumental in recovering hundreds of millions of dollars of insurance for her clients through negotiation, mediation and, where necessary, litigation. Her nationwide risk management practice spans a broad range of capabilities, including negotiating insurance with the best terms available, providing strategic assistance on the insurance aspects of complex corporate transactions, resolving financial insolvency concerns and evaluating, preparing and enforcing indemnification agreements.



With considerable experience managing insurance coverage and commercial litigation disputes before state and federal courts and arbitration panels, Angela focuses her national litigation practice primarily on prosecuting policyholder claims for a wide array of insurance lines. Angela is a frequent speaker on insurance topics and is a former chair of the Insurance Committee of the ABA's Section of Litigation.

Her clients hold numerous, complex insurance policies, and typically need guidance to orchestrate the coverage those policies provide. After thoroughly reviewing clients' insurance portfolios, Angela assists clients in establishing necessary coverage levels and eliminating gaps that could leave their businesses exposed.

Angela's enthusiasm for her work helps her build valuable, enduring relationships with clients, peers, and industry leaders, enabling her to solve challenges and close complicated deals. Ranked in various industry sources, her clients say, "She is always on top of the detail, business-focused, and her experience in insurance law is terrific." - *Chambers USA* 2017.

Sarah Greening

Larking Hoffman

Sarah Greening focuses her practice on representing business owners, organizations and private clients in litigation and business matters. Sarah advises clients on matters relating to insurance coverage, employment law, franchise and commercial disputes. While attending the University of Minnesota Law School, Sarah was a student director for the Center for New Americans Detainee Rights Clinic and advocated in immigration court for relief for detained immigrants in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.



Laura J. Hanson

Meagher + Geer, P.L.L.P

Laura serves as Chair of the Insurance Coverage practice group for the firm's Minneapolis office. She focuses her practice on commercial insurance coverage—particularly environmental and construction defect claims and litigation, which she has handled throughout the United States in the state and federal trial and appeals courts. She has appeared in three state supreme courts and four different federal circuit courts of appeals.



Her practice also includes insurance coverage disputes under life, health and disability policies; medical stop-loss policies; and insurance agent errors and omissions policies.

Laura has the experience to advise her clients on the potential outcomes and cost of litigation and let that drive the strategy. She's passionate about achieving her client's goals by looking at individual cases and claims in the context of the client's business and strategy.

Laura repeatedly has been named to the *Super Lawyers*® list in the category of insurance coverage by Minnesota *Super Lawyers* magazine. She has also appeared in that publication's list of Top 100 Women Super Lawyers. She is also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for her insurance coverage practice. Laura is named a Fellow in the American College of Coverage Counsel.

In addition to her legal practice, Laura served as co-chair of the Section of Litigation's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee for the American Bar Association from 2013-2016. She served as vice-chair for the 2008 meeting of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association and she served as the chair for that meeting in 2009. She is a member of the Defense Research Institute and a speaker at insurance conferences sponsored by Defense Research Institute and the American Bar Association.

Laura has also published articles in insurance publications, including Claims Magazine, and the publication of National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC).

Ruth Kochenderfer

Marsh

Ruth Kochenderfer is Marsh's D&O Product Leader and a broker for Marsh's FINPRO (Financial and Professional lines) practice in Washington, DC. As a broker, she advises clients on the evaluation and design of risk transfer solutions that address financial and professional exposures, including directors and officers liability, errors and omissions, employment practices liability, fidelity (crime), employed lawyers liability, and fiduciary liability. Ruth's clients include publicly traded, as well as private, US and multinational clients in various industries.



Prior to joining Marsh in 2014, Ruth practiced law for more than 17 years as an insurance coverage litigator. Immediately prior to joining Marsh, Ruth was a partner in the insurance coverage litigation group at Steptoe & Johnson in DC. She advised insurance companies on a wide array of issues arising under professional liability, errors and omissions, and commercial general liability policies.

Ms. Kochenderfer frequently speaks on a wide array of insurance subjects. She has served as a chair of the American Bar Association's Women of Insurance Network Conference, as a vice co-chair of the American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, and served a clerkship with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Mark Lanterman

Computer Forensic Services

Mark has over 30 years of security and forensic experience and has testified in over 2000 cases. Before entering the private sector, Mark was a member of the U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Taskforce.

Mark is faculty for the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C., the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, and the University of Minnesota. Mark is a professor in the cybersecurity program at the St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Mark has provided training in digital evidence, computer forensics and cyber security to the United States Supreme Court. He has also presented to the 8th and 11th Circuit Federal Judicial Conferences as well as numerous State and Federal Judicial Conferences across the United States.

Mark completed his postgrad studies in cybersecurity at Harvard University and is certified as a Seized Computer Evidence Recovery Specialist (SCERS) by the Department of Homeland Security.

Mark is a member of the Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board and serves on its Rules & Opinions Committee.

Michael S. Levine

Hunton Andrews Kurth

Mike is a *Legal 500* and *Chambers USA*-ranked lawyer with more than 25 years of experience litigating insurance disputes and advising clients on insurance coverage matters.

Mike Levine is a partner in the firm's Washington, DC office and a member of the firm's Insurance Recovery team.



Mike has spent his entire career advising clients about insurance and handling insurance coverage disputes. Previously, Mike represented the insurance industry in some of the highest-stakes matters, including the property, liability and reconstruction appraisal proceedings arising from the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Since 2005, Mike has exclusively helped policyholders maximize their insurance recoveries, where Mike leverages his substantial insurance industry experience to obtain the greatest possible recoveries.

Mike has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars of insurance proceeds for clients under general liability, property, directors and officers, cyber, errors and omissions, employment, environmental, and representations and warranties insurance coverages, among others.

Mike is a prolific writer and frequently serves as a faculty member and lecturer on issues concerning insurance recovery, insurer bad faith and unfair claims practices and assessing coverage for new and emerging risks, such as COVID-19, cyber and disruptive technologies. Mike also is Editor-in-Chief of the ABA's insurance coverage journal, *Coverage*, as well as manager and editor of the firm's [Insurance Recovery Blog](#).

Evans Mburu

Medtronic

I'm a strategic legal partner who is passionate about enabling the business to innovate and effectively manage risks. My value add is in synthesizing complex legal and regulatory information to provide proactive and actionable guidance to empower the business to drive growth and improve outcomes.



In 13+ years of experience in-house, I have earned a reputation for serving as a trusted business partner to executives and functional leaders in multiple business lines. My experience includes legal and compliance risk management across a wide array of business initiatives including technology development, healthcare law, licensing, privacy, sales and marketing, M&A and intellectual property law.

Margaret Mede

AXIS Capital

Margaret joined AXIS Insurance as the Head of Canada Claims in 2019. With an insurance career that began in Professional Lines, Margaret has extensive experience handling high-severity and high-complexity liability claims. A native Montrealer, Margaret became a member of both the Quebec and Ontario bar associations following the completion of her law degree at McGill University in 2007. She holds a Masters in International Business Law from University College London and is licensed as a commercial lines claim adjuster with Quebec's Autorité des marchés financiers.



Kate Middleton

ECOLAB

Kate Middleton is Associate General Counsel for Ecolab. In addition to overseeing Ecolab's general litigation function, Kate routinely counsels internal clients on AI matters and spearheaded the development of Ecolab's AI governance. Kate has a Master of Science in Business Analytics and AI from NYU Stern School of Business. Outside of work, Kate is most likely spending time with her dogs, going for a run, or building LEGOs and jigsaw puzzles.



Christopher R. Mosley

Foley Hoag LLP

Chris Mosley is a partner in Foley Hoag's Insurance Recovery practice. He specializes in representing corporate policyholders in disputes against their insurers. He also advises companies on various risk management issues, including the development of complex insurance programs and assistance in due diligence and other activities related to M&A and similar activity.



Throughout Chris' career, he has helped businesses recover more than \$150 million from insurance companies. His expertise extends to all types of commercial insurance policies in virtually all industries.

Chris is the former national Chair for the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section. Chris has also been selected as a Fellow in the American College of Coverage Counsel, where he serves as a board member. Chris has been selected Colorado's Policyholder of the Year twice and honored as a Top 100 Colorado lawyer since 2016.

Chris regularly speaks on insurance coverage issues and has authored several articles and advisories addressing insurance-related issues, including multiple presentations and publications addressing insurance coverage for pandemic-related losses. He has also been involved in some of the most significant and groundbreaking legislation benefiting corporate policyholders in Colorado.

Barbara A. O'Donnell

McAngus Goudelock & Courie

Drawing on more than 20 years of experience in resolving complicated coverage disputes and bad faith claims, as well as leadership roles held with the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel (ACCC), Barbara O'Donnell serves as regional coverage counsel for several leading property and casualty insurance companies in the New England area. Admitted to practice in the state and federal courts in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, she has a proven track record of resolving defective construction, additional insured, priority of coverage, allocation and unfair claims handling disputes for insurers throughout the Northeast. To assist insurers in effective ways to minimize exposure to extra contractual liability claims, Barbara and her colleagues regularly provide insurer clients with customized presentations on proactive measures to avoid bad faith claims and emerging coverage issues and trends.



Barbara has served on the faculty of the FDCC's Insurance Coverage Training Academy Boot Camp, an "immersion level" program offered to insurance industry professionals from around the country. She has written numerous articles on coverage and claims handling topics based upon her participation on panel presentations at DRI, FDCC and ACCC programs.

Barbara lives in Rockport, Massachusetts where she enjoys the thriving arts and music scene on Cape Ann (the "other cape" north of Boston that includes Gloucester, a historic seaports that just celebrated its 400th anniversary). She enjoys spending time with the friends she has made through her many years of active involvement in the FDCC and ACC, and has also started carving out time for travel outside the U.S., including Smithsonian trips to Ireland, Sicily and S. Italy with more to come in future years.

Neil B. Posner

Much Shelist, P.C.

Neil successfully counsels his clients on the complexities of buying and maintaining insurance and using insurance as part of an overall risk-management program. Chair of the firm's Insurance – Policyholders group, Neil focuses on insurance recovery and dispute resolution, risk management, loss prevention, and cost containment. His clients include public and private companies, organizations, boards of directors, individual officers, and other policyholders.



Neil is an elected fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel, the preeminent association of approximately 300 U.S. and Canadian lawyers who practice in insurance coverage. Neil is one of over 150 fellows who represent the interests of policyholders. He also currently serves as Co-Chair of the organization's Professionalism and Ethics Committee.

Neil assists clients in analyzing, negotiating, and enhancing a wide range of insurance policies and plans. In addition to counseling clients regarding ongoing and future insurance requirements, Neil helps policyholders resolve all types of insurance coverage disputes, through negotiation, litigation, and other forms of dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration, and settlement.

He has successfully obtained insurance coverage for defendants involved in a variety of class actions and other complex lawsuits. For example, when the former CEO of a bankrupt Chicago area public company was named in a shareholder class action brought by the bankruptcy estate – alleging securities fraud and breach of fiduciary duty, and seeking to recover damage claims totaling nearly \$400 million – Neil helped his client obtain effective insurance coverage.

He regularly counsels boards of directors and officers of nonprofit entities in matters of governance, fiduciary duty, strategic planning, leadership development, and other matters.

Neil also practices extensively in the area of lawyer's professional liability, which includes counseling lawyers and law firms on professional responsibility and ethics

matters. He has served as an expert witness in this area, and he speaks and writes extensively on the subject.

Neil also has significant insurance and risk management experience in the construction industry. On the transactional side, Neil is well-versed in the full range of construction-related insurance policies, including CGL, workers' compensation, professional liability, wrap up (OCIP and CCIP), builder's risk, owner's protective, subcontractor default, project specific, green building, technology risk, and cybersecurity. On the disputes side, he represents owners, contractors, subcontractors, and other types of insureds in claims for design errors, construction and engineering defects, catastrophic loss, and claims and losses directly or indirectly related to construction.

As a regular speaker at industry and legal seminars around the country – and author of articles and educational materials for dozens of conference training sessions – Neil has given presentations on issues as diverse as securities litigation, directors' and officers' insurance, change-of-control situations, errors and omissions insurance, non-traditional insurance options, cyber liability, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, negotiating policy provisions and considerations, maximizing insurance coverage, recovering e-commerce and Internet claims, and directors' and officers' liability in consumer class action matters. Neil has also taught insurance law at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

While in law school, Neil earned awards for achieving highest grades in Legal Writing and Research, Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders, and Business Bankruptcy. He also served as Lead Articles Editor for the *Marquette Law Review*.

Jascha Prosiegel

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Jascha Prosiegel is the North America Lead for AI risks at Munich Re, the leading global reinsurance and insurance group. The team works with corporations to support adaption of AI across all industries by providing targeted insurance solutions for AI and GenAI. Jascha joined Munich Re in 2014 and has worked on a range of new technology risk topics before joining the AI risks team. He is a mathematician and actuary by training and currently lives in San Francisco, CA.



Professor Daniel Schwarcz

University of Minnesota Law School

Professor Schwarcz is an award-winning teacher and scholar. His research principally focuses on insurance law and regulation, spanning a broad range of issues such as systemic risk, regulatory federalism, health insurance, and coverage litigation. A separate strand of Schwarcz's research explores the impact of Artificial Intelligence on legal education, the practice of law, and consumer protection.



Schwarcz's scholarship has received numerous accolades. In 2017, the American Law Institute awarded Schwarcz its highly selective Early Career Scholars Medal, which recognizes “outstanding law professors whose work is relevant to public policy and has the potential to influence improvements in the law relevant to the real world.” Schwarcz has also been awarded the Liberty Mutual Prize for penning an outstanding insurance law article and been recognized as one of the most cited legal scholars writing on tort or insurance topics.

Schwarcz's scholarship has been published in a wide range of leading law reviews and journals, including the University of Chicago Law Review, Virginia Law Review, UCLA Law Review, Southern California Law Review and Journal of Empirical Legal Studies. He is also a co-author of the leading insurance law casebook in the country, Insurance Law and Regulation (7th edition 2020) which has been used as the principal text in courses on insurance law in more than 100 American law schools. Media outlets such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and National Public Radio have covered Schwarcz's scholarship. He has testified to U.S. Congressional committees on more than a half-dozen occasions and regularly serves as an expert witness in insurance-oriented disputes.

Schwarcz has won the University of Minnesota Law School's Stanley V. Kinyon teaching award on three separate occasions since joining the law school, most recently in 2023. In 2024, Schwarcz received the University of Minnesota's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education. He teaches a broad range of classes at the law school, including torts, contracts, insurance law,

health care regulation and finance, health insurance law, regulation of financial institutions, commercial law, introduction to law for undergraduates, law and artificial intelligence, and judicial opinion writing.

Schwarcz joined the University of Minnesota Law School faculty in 2007, after completing a Climenko Fellowship at Harvard Law School. He has also taught as a visiting professor at Washington University School of Law, UCLA Law School, and Berkeley Law School.

Schwarcz earned his A.B., magna cum laude, from Amherst College and his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. While in law school, he was an articles editor for the Harvard Law Review and a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics. After law school, he clerked for Judge Sandra Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and practiced at the law firm Ropes & Gray, where he worked mainly on insurance law matters.

Amy Woodworth

Travelers Insurance

Amy Woodworth has over 27 years of experience as an insurance coverage lawyer. Amy started her career at Meagher & Geer law firm as an insurance coverage litigator. She left the firm to work in the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General for three years. She returned to the insurance coverage group at Meagher & Geer and became a partner at the firm. Her practice involved representation of insurance companies in coverage and bad faith litigation around the country, and providing counsel to insurers in a wide variety of insurance claims. In 2021, Amy accepted a position at Travelers Insurance as Senior Counsel in the Claim Legal department. Amy provides legal advice on coverage issues and manages outside counsel in coverage litigation against the Company.



Christopher Yetka

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Christopher Yetka is a commercial trial attorney focusing his practice on insurance recovery disputes. He has successfully enforced the coverage rights of policyholders across the country in cases relating to nearly every type of insurance policy. He has represented and counseled financial institutions, utilities, medical device companies, construction companies, product manufacturers, transportation companies, agricultural businesses and technology companies. Chris has successfully represented beneficiaries in trust actions, and minority shareholders in business disputes. Chris provides advice to general counsel in the areas of legal and regulatory compliance, records management and document retention, and in the evolving area of cyber security. Chris has also worked with human resources professionals and general counsel in labor and employment matters.



Chris is a Fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel, a Vice Chair (and former Chair) of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the ABA, and a Program Committee Member of the Minnesota Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS).

Chris also authors the [Insurance Insight Series](#) on the Larkin Hoffman Real Estate and Construction Blog. The series focuses on common insurance issues that are faced by businesses, including who should be included as insureds, common exclusions and how to avoid gaps in insurance coverage.