

# **SPEAKER BIOS**

# **Robert Allen**

The Allen Law Group

Bob Allen founded the Law Offices of Robert D. Allen, PLLC (LORDA) on March 1, 2013 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 transferring his practice to Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson, he was an International Partner/Principal at Baker & McKenzie and 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.



Mr. Allen's practice is primarily focused in representing parties in trial court and appellate proceedings in insurance, commercial and tort litigation in Texas and other regions of the United States. This includes complex insurance coverage, bad faith, fraud, reinsurance and regulatory litigation matters. Mr. Allen also serves as a mediator, arbitrator, umpire, and expert witness in insurance, reinsurance, commercial and tort disputes.

Over his 30 year legal career, Bob Allen has litigated several landmark and important insurance law cases in Texas and beyond. By way of example, in 2002, Bob Allen accepted the role as National Coordinating counsel for auto insurance giant GEICO on credit scoring issues that culminated in a United States Supreme Court victory in <u>GEICO v. Edo</u>, 551 U.S. 47 (2007), a federal Fair Credit Reporting Act case that was litigated through a Portland, Oregon federal court, as well as the Ninth Circuit, before the United States Supreme Court granted GEICO's Petition for Certiorari and eventually ruled in GEICO's favor in a unanimous decision. Bob was also lead counsel in the original Texas Supreme Court cases on reimbursement, <u>Texas Association of Counties County Risk Management Pool v. Matagorda County</u>, 52 S.W.3d 128 (Tex. 2001) and the dual employer doctrine for workers compensation, <u>Garza v. Exel Logistics</u>, 161 S.W.3d 473 (Tex. 2005) and he successfully represented Sentry in a case resulting in the first published opinion under Texas law involving advertising injury coverage, <u>Sentry Ins. Co. v. R.J. Weber Co., Inc.</u>, 2 F.3d 554 (5th Cir. 1993).

## **Michael Aylward**

Morrison Mahoney LLP

Michael is a partner in the Boston office of Morrison Mahoney, where he chairs the firm's complex insurance claims resolution group. For the past four decades, he has represented insurers and reinsurers in disputes around the country concerning the application of liability insurance policies to commercial claims involving intellectual property disputes, environmental and mass tort claims and construction defect litigation as well as bad faith claims arising out of such disputes.



Michael has also served as an AAA-certified arbitrator in numerous insurance coverage matters and has testified as an expert in matters involving coverage and reinsurance issues arising out of such claims. He has taken a leading role in the major defense bar associations, including DRI, FDCC and IADC and is a founding member and Immediate Past-President of the American College of Coverage Counsel, a peer-reviewed group of the pre-eminent insurance lawyers in the United States and Canada.

Michael has delivered over a hundred papers on issues relating to insurance coverage, bad faith, emerging liability topics and, most recently, cognitive issues involving the reading of digital briefs by appellate judges; cyber-threats to the U.S. energy grid and the potential impact of the American Law Institute's Restatement of Law, Liability Insurance on the scope and prosecution of insurance coverage and bad faith claims in the United States.

# Mark Boyle

Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, P.A.

Mark A. Boyle is the managing shareholder of Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, P.A., with offices in Fort Myers, FL, Tampa, FL, and Charleston SC. He began his legal career working as an Assistant County Attorney for Pasco County in New Port Richey, Florida. Mr. Boyle began his foray into the world of insurance when he became associate general counsel for Armor Insurance Company in Tampa, Florida. In 1996, he entered into private practice with Fink & Lane, P.A., which is now known as Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, P.A.



MARK A. BOYLE, ESQ.

Mr. Boyle's current areas of practice include civil litigation, with a

concentration in first and third party insurance disputes, including extra-contractual and bad faith matters. Mr. Boyle represents corporate and individual policyholders in insurance and risk management counseling, claims presentation, and litigation. Mr. Boyle was the principal attorney in *U.S. Fire Ins. Co. v. J.S.U.B., Inc.*, 979 So. 2d 871 (Fla.2007), at trial and through all phases of appeal. *J.S.U.B.* is the seminal decision in Florida as to what constitutes a covered "occurrence" and "property damage" under commercial general liability policies in a construction defect setting. Recently, with the assistance of co-counsel, the firm prevailed in the matter of *Sebo v. American Home Assurance Co.*, 208 So. 3d 694 (Fla. 2016). The *Sebo* decision reaffirmed Florida's fealty to the Concurrent Cause Doctrine in first party insurance disputes and disallowed the insurers attempt to apply the highly restrictive Efficient Proximate Cause Doctrine.

Mr. Boyle is a 1993 graduate from Stetson College of Law, located in St. Petersburg, Florida. In 1990, Mr. Boyle received a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences from the University of South Florida.

# **Beth Bradley**

Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi LLP

Beth concentrates her practice in insurance coverage and appellate matters, and is board certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Beth has represented primary and excess insurers, agents, and reinsurers in a variety of coverage-related litigation, including



declaratory judgment actions, primary/excess disputes, bad faith cases and appeals. In addition, she regularly advises insurers on coverage issues under general and professional liability policies, commercial auto and trucking policies, commercial property policies and homeowners' policies.

## **Timothy C. Burns**

Burns, Bowen, Bair, LLP

Tim Burns is a founding partner at Burns Bowen Bair LLP. Before founding Burns Bowen Bair LLP, Tim was a partner at three of the largest law firms in the country and led the insurance recovery practice groups at two of those law firms. Tim's practice includes representing corporate policyholders in arbitration and litigation with their insurance carriers. He has represented major policyholders in insurance coverage litigation since 1992. He combines a deep understanding of insurance law and the insurance industry with a



broad understanding of domestic and international arbitration and litigation practices, allowing him to bring creative solutions to high-stakes problems.

According to *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Tim "shines brightly in the sensitive and complex area of D&O [directors' and officers'] insurance," and corporate interviewees for the publication agreed that he "is probably the best counselor in the business for the procurement of this insurance," and he "is a real client magnet in this specialized field." According to one client, Tim "is smart, diligent, innovative, resourceful and practical." Tim is also listed in The International Who's Who of Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers and as one of the nation's top thirty policyholder-side insurance lawyers in the Executive Counsel Shortlist.

Tim built one of the world's top directors' and officers' insurance practices from scratch. Tim has resolved multiple investor claims in excess of \$75 million for numerous investment funds, including Fidelity Investments, Oppenheimer Funds, Franklin Templeton, Tremont Capital Management, and MassMutual. For years, Tim taught at directors' colleges put on by some of the foremost law and business schools in the country, including Stanford's Directors' College and the University of Chicago, Stanford, and Dartmouth Directors' Consortium. Tim literally wrote the book on insurance for investment funds: the Mutual Fund Litigation Practice Guide (LexisNexis 2012).

Jay Chappell Willis Towers Watson

#### **Relevant Experience/Specialization**

Prior to joining WTW in 2005, Jay led the executive risk practices for a global insurance brokerage's operations in the South Central region. His background includes extensive risk management and insurance consulting experience in the areas of Directors & Officers Liability and other executive risks and insurance. He is a frequent speaker on industry and legal developments that impact his clients' decision-making process.



Jay also has experience in various roles for another global broker, where he was responsible for operations, business and producer development.

#### **Role at WTW**

As Leader of Corporate Risk and Broking for Texas, Jay manages the property and casualty client teams and operations for our Dallas, Houston and Austin offices.

## Education and Credentials

Jay graduated with honors from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Canada with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

#### J. James Cooper

**Reed Smith LLP** 

Jim is a member of the Insurance Recovery and Shipping groups in Reed Smith's Houston office. He has more than 35 years of experience handling multimillion-dollar insurance coverage disputes through litigation or arbitration, many involving commercial property and business interruption losses, claims for D&O, professional liability, commercial general liability, builder's risk, and pollution coverage, including the energy, manufacturing, construction, and chemical



sectors. Jim also handles complex commercial litigation in the shipping industry, including charter party disputes, damage to international shipments of cargo, vessel arrests and claims involving maritime liens. He has extensive experience prosecuting and defending maritime arrest and attachment claims under U.S. Admiralty Rules B, C and D.

Jim is a past chair of the Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and a current cochair of the American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee. He was elected to membership in the American College of Coverage Counsel, a privilege bestowed on less than 500 attorneys nationwide. Jim has also been selected by his peers every year since 2006 for inclusion in the *Texas Super Lawyers* rankings in the area of insurance coverage, and recognized for the 15th consecutive year as one of the nation's top insurance coverage lawyers by *Chambers USA*. In 2021, *Chambers USA* awarded him a top ranking of "Band 1" for Insurance in Texas. He was also selected by *Best Lawyers in America*© as its 2019 Houston "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in Insurance Law.

Jim has previously served as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee's Annual Conference, as well as the ABA's Emerging Insurance Coverage Issues and Products Liability Insurance Coverage subcommittees. He also served as the course director for the 2014 State Bar of Texas Advanced Insurance Law Course. He is a former chair of the Houston Bar Association's Historical and Professionalism committees, and was presented with President's Awards in 2010 and 2013 in recognition of his service on those committees. Jim also received the prestigious Jim D. Bowmer Professionalism Award from the College of the State Bar of Texas in 2012.

#### **Marc Gravely**

Gravely P.C.

Marc Gravely founded and leads Gravely Attorneys and Counselors, a construction defect and insurance claims law firm working throughout Texas. As counsel of record for hundreds of property owners' and policy holders legal claims over the past decade, Marc represents Texas businesses and governmental entities.



In the construction defect claims side of Marc E. Gravely's legal practice he pursues construction defect claims and litigation against general contractors and designers on behalf of: Texas ISDs & Charter Schools, Universities, Municipal Buildings, State and County Projects, Transit Authorities, Texas Public Hospitals, other Government Facilities and Retirement Communities, Homeowner Associations, Condominium Boards, Private Hospitals and Medical Buildings, Apartments, and Private Companies.

In the insurance coverage and insurance bad faith side of Marc's law practice he works on behalf of insurance policyholders facing denials, delays, and other wrongful conduct by insurance companies typically with the following types of damage: Hurricanes, Floods, Fires, Wind, Hail, Tornados, and Wrongful Conduct.

Marc Gravely has filed many Amicus briefs on behalf of Texas trade groups on important issues involving the rights of property owners.

# **Christine S. Haskett**

Covington & Burling LLP

Christine Haskett is a trial lawyer who represents insurance policyholders in litigation, arbitration, and claims disputes with commercial insurance carriers. Christine's practice encompasses almost every type of insurance coverage dispute, and she frequently litigates nine-figure claims on behalf of corporate policyholders. She has a chemical engineering background, which gives her special expertise in insurance cases involving the chemical, oil, and manufacturing industries. Christine is ranked by *Chambers USA* as a



leading insurance policyholder attorney, which recognizes her "expert handling of insurance coverage disputes" and describes her as "a subject matter expert for technical issues."

#### **Michael Huddleston**

Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, PC

Mike's practice focuses on commercial insurance, risk management, litigation management and appeals. He routinely represents corporate and professional policyholders and assists claimants in insurance recovery involving commercial insurance, including director and officer, general liability, excess/umbrella, commercial automobile and trucking, commercial property, cyber-liability, technology errors and omissions, pollution and environmental coverages, professional liability (including coverages for health care providers and medical equipment



manufacturers, architects/engineers), specialty health coverages (including Medicare fraud, FLSA, etc.) aviation, reinsurance, fidelity, etc. He is often hired to manage large scale and complex litigation, particularly claims involving multiple claimants and/or excess and super-excess coverages, including providing advice on assisting the carriers to properly evaluate the case, assisting in the development of defense issues, particularly involving technical legal defenses, appellate issues and related insurance coverage issues.

Mike is a leader in the insurance law field. He is a Fellow and current President of the American College of Coverage and Extra-Contractual Counsel. He was recently awarded the 2017 Thomas Segalla Service Award for his creativity, persistence, volunteerism and leadership in the practice of law as a policyholder counsel. He was selected the "Go-To Lawyer" in Insurance Law by *Texas Lawyer* in 2012, and has been named a "Top Ranked" Leader in Their Field, Band 1 in Insurance Law by *Chambers USA* since 2004. He was one of the founding officers and is a past-Chair of the State Bar of Texas Insurance Section. He is a frequent speaker at insurance and business law seminars in Texas and nationally.

## **Patrick Kenny**

Armstrong Teasdale LLP

Patrick Kenny is a trial attorney with significant experience in class actions, bad faith and insurance coverage disputes, ERISA litigation (pension and benefits), subrogation, disputes over business transactions, noncompete agreements and fraud litigation. He has tried jury cases to verdict in Missouri and Illinois, handled and supervised numerous appeals, and served as a neutral in scores of cases. He also serves as an expert witness with respect to insurance coverage issues.



Patrick was named the Best Lawyers® 2016 Insurance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in St. Louis and has received numerous other recognitions in connection with his insurance and commercial litigation practices. Those include long term listings in Best Lawyers® for Insurance Law, as a Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation by Martindale-Hubbell and American Lawyer Media (ALM), as a "Super Lawyer" by Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers / Super Lawyers Business Edition, and inclusion in Chambers USA's recent addition of Missouri insurance lawyers to its listing of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

In addition to his substantial insurance practice Patrick chairs the firm's Class Action Practice Group and co-chairs the firm's Pro Bono Committee.

Patrick also serves numerous leadership roles in professional organizations focused on insurance law and commercial litigation. He long has been active with Lex Mundi, an international law group, and serving as the Chair of its Insurance / Reinsurance Practice Group from 2013 to 2019, and now serving as its Chair Emeritus. He also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Daubert Online published by DRI, served for many years on the Steering Committee for DRI's Commercial Litigation Committee, and has served in many other positions for the Commercial Litigation Committee and the Life, Health and Disability Committee of DRI.

Patrick frequently presents in trainings and seminars, both public and private (in-house), on commercial and insurance matters.

#### **Michael Levine**

Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

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's policyholder representation focuses on: Property damage and business interruption



claims, including COVID-19 losses; Commercial, professional, corporate and employment liabilities under CGL, pollution, E&O, D&O and EPLI insurance policies; Construction liability and damage under Builders' Risk, OCIP, CCIP, Construction Bonds and Inland Marine Coverages; Captive Insurance; Event cancellation insurance counseling; and Representations and warranties coverage.

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 2000, Mike has exclusively helped policyholders maximize their insurance recoveries, where Mike leverages his substantial insurance industry experience to obtain the greatest possible recoveries.

In recent years, 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 serves as an editor of the ABA's insurance coverage journal, *Coverage*, as well as manager and editor of the firm's Insurance Recovery Blog.

#### Barbara M. G. Lynn Chief United States District Judge United States District Court Northern District of Texas

Barbara M. G. Lynn took the oath of office as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas on February 14, 2000. On May 1, 2016, Judge Lynn became the Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas, the first female Chief in Texas.

A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Virginia, Judge Lynn graduated first in her class at SMU's Dedman School of Law in 1976. Upon her graduation from law school, she joined the Dallas law firm of Carrington,



Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, and remained there until she took the bench.

Judge Lynn is the President of the American Inns of Court Foundation. She has served as the Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation and of its Judicial Division. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award for private practice from SMU's Dedman School of Law in 1999 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from SMU in 2021. She was the first recipient of the Louise Raggio Award given by the Dallas Women Lawyers Association for her contributions to the profession. She was listed in the Best Lawyers in America in Business Litigation from 1994-99 and was designated by the National Law Journal in 1998 as one of the fifty most influential women attorneys in the country. In 2004, Judge Lynn was recognized as Judge of the Year by the Dallas Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. In 2006, she was recognized by the Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas as the Sarah T. Hughes Woman Lawyer of Achievement. In 2010, she was recognized by the International Womens Forum with the Women Who Make A Difference Award. In 2011, a new American Inn of Court chapter in Dallas, dedicated to intellectual property, was chartered and designated by its founding members as The Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn American Inn of Court. Judge Lynn was the recipient of the 2012 Dallas Bar Foundation Fellows Award and the 2012 Athena Award from the Dallas Regional Chamber. Judge Lynn received the 2018 Morris Harrell Professionalism Award from the Dallas Bar Association and Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Judge Lynn was the recipient of the 2019 Texas Bar Foundation Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award. In 2021, she received the Jurist of the Year Award from the Dallas Bar Association; it will hereafter be called the Barbara M. G. Lynn Jurist of the Year Award. Judge Lynn was the recipient of the Samuel E. Gates Litigation Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2022, for significant contributions to the improvement of the litigation process.

Judge Lynn chaired the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System of the Judicial Conference of the United States and the Dallas Chapter of the International Womens Forum. Judge Lynn is a member, and was President, of the Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court and is a founding member of the North Texas Federal Criminal Practice Inn of Court. She is a member of the Executive Board at SMU's Dedman School of Law. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a member of the American Law Institute. Judge Lynn is a judicial advisor to the patent projects of the Sedona Conference.

Judge Lynn is married to Michael P. Lynn, a Dallas trial lawyer at Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann LLP. They have two daughters, two granddaughters and a grandson.

## **Ernest Martin**

Haynes and Boone, LLP

Ernest Martin has spent his career serving as a close ally to companies, helping them maximize recoveries when their insurance carriers refuse to pay claims and defense costs. With decades of experience handling complex insurance litigation, Martin knows how insurance companies operate and puts that knowledge to use exclusively on behalf of corporate policyholders. His success at helping corporate clients has earned him a Band 1 rating every year since 2004 as one of the top-ranked insurance lawyers in Texas in the *Chambers USA* directory. (Chambers and Partners.)



The head of Haynes and Boone's Insurance Recovery Group, Ernest has represented private and public policyholders, including many prominent public companies, in coverage disputes before state and federal courts in Texas and across the nation. His practice spans the gamut of industries and coverage disputes, including property damage and business interruption claims, general liability claims, professional liability claims, director and officer liability claims, cyber liability claims and other claims arising from natural and workplace disasters, personal injury suits, and other catastrophic events, such as the recent, widespread disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Ernest consults with clients on the purchase and renewal of policies, as well as leveraging coverage in the defense and settlement of claims.

Ernest has served in a leadership role for the insurance bar at a local, state and national level for many years. He is the co-founder of the State Bar of Texas Insurance Section. He currently cochairs the American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, comprised of 2,400 members nationwide. He also speaks and writes frequently about cutting-edge legal topics and serves as adjunct professor of insurance law at the SMU Dedman School of Law. Ernest has similarly served in many leadership roles within Haynes and Boone, including as a board member and managing partner of the Dallas office. He is currently serving again as a board member of the firm's managing board of directors.

## **Douglas M. McIntosh**

Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd.

Doug McIntosh concentrates his practice in the areas of professional liability defense and catastrophic damages defense, as well as in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. He co-chairs the firm's Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith practice group.

Doug helps clients with prompt and meaningful case assessments and solutions, especially with timed settlement demands and assisting insurance carriers with meeting their good faith claim-handling obligations under a variety of state laws.



Over the course of his career, Doug has tried more than 100 cases in state and federal courts. He also has argued appeals in each of Florida's five District Courts of Appeal, the Florida Supreme Court and the Fifth and Eleventh U.S. Circuits Courts of Appeal.

Clients turn to Doug and his insurance coverage team for innovative and effective skills managing difficult liability and damages claims analyses, particularly when coupled with limited time to act. He provides creative solutions to complex legal issues, often in situations with catastrophic casualty events and significant towers of insurance coverage for clients' insureds, as well as coverage towers provided to other potential defendants.

He has been qualified in and has testified live in state and federal courts in Florida and elsewhere as an authority in bad faith litigation, insurance coverage and attorney fee dispute cases. Doug is fluent with all forms of insurance contracts, including auto, CGL, D&O, professional liability, excess and umbrella insuring agreements. He has represented reinsurers and performed audits of a variety of facultative and other reinsurance treaties.

Doug believes the highest level of the practice of law requires client relationships built on trust and results. His steady and focused approach has saved clients millions of dollars over his career. He has secured countless defense verdicts, reversals and affirmances on appeal and successfully mediated more than 1,000 cases to extremely satisfactory negotiated resolution.

Prior to joining the firm, Doug was the founder of McIntosh, Sawran & Cartaya, which under his leadership became one of the leading boutique defense trial practices in Florida.

# **Aaron Mitchell**

Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP

Aaron L. Mitchell's practice focuses on the active representation of insurance companies, and sometimes policyholders, in coverage and extra-contractual litigation.

He has litigated and provided counsel on many issues, including apportionment and contribution among carriers in multi-insurer situations, disputes among excess/umbrella carriers and primary carriers/self-insureds, additional insured coverage issues, duty to



defend issues under liability policies, Deceptive Trade Practices Act and Insurance Code litigation, the duty of good faith and fair dealing, and other issues presented by allegedly improper claims handling.

Mr. Mitchell's coverage litigation experience includes matters involving such complex issues as intellectual property and defective construction. He also provides coverage opinions and does appellate work, primarily on coverage and bad faith issues. Mr. Mitchell is the author of numerous articles relating to insurance coverage and claims handling.

#### Julia Molander

JAMolander Consulting, LLC

Julia Molander is a leading consultant in complex insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. She has been retained in many matters as an expert consultant on the availability of insurance and strategic litigation issues, in the United States and UK. She has testified as an expert witness on claims handling in both state and Federal matters.



Prior to her consultancy business, Julia represented clients for more than 40 years in virtually all aspects of the insurance business, including insurance coverage litigation, insurance counseling, crisis management, extra-contractual (bad faith) liability, insurance fraud, underwriting matters, policy drafting, regulatory compliance, brokerage and agency liability, insurance insolvency, reinsurance matters and legislative issues. She has acquired deep insurance policy knowledge and experience in CGL, excess, D&O, E&O (brokers and agents, lawyers, accountants, architects and engineers), commercial and individual property, food liability, products liability, trucking and transportation, auto and cyber liability, written by US and European insurers.

During her legal career, Julia has served as first-chair in many bench trials, jury trials and arbitrations. She has reviewed and analyzed thousands of claims files from dozens of insurance companies across the country, as nationally retained counsel in litigated matters, as coverage counsel, and as monitoring counsel in insurance company audit monitoring. This breadth of claims experience provides her with detailed information as to insurance industry custom, standards, and practices. She also has participated in insurance company roundtables, and has given numerous courses to insurance personnel on various aspects of claims handling, bad faith and state regulations (including the NAIC Model Unfair Claims Practices Act, as adopted by many states). She also is familiar with claims manuals and claims bulletins adopted by insurance companies. She has been qualified as an expert in both state and Federal courts in California to testify as to claims handling and duties in malpractice and bad faith cases. She has engaged in insurance archeology to reconstruct missing policies and insurance charts for long-tail exposures.

#### Vincent E. Morgan

Bracewell LLP

Vince Morgan has helped clients obtain billions of dollars in insurance proceeds and other recoveries. He represents corporate policyholders in complex coverage matters related to all types of policies, including commercial property and business interruption, reps and warranties, CGL, cyber, professional and fiduciary liabilities, D&O, E&O, environmental, trade credit and intellectual property. Many of these have involved some of the most pressing issues of recent times, ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Deepwater



Horizon disaster, virtually every hurricane and other major weather disaster in the last 20 years, major wildfires, the Japanese earthquake and tsunami and the opioid crisis. Aside from representing corporate clients, Vince has also obtained millions of dollars on behalf of pro bono clients.

Currently, Vince is representing clients across a multitude of industries including hospitality, professional sports, retail, healthcare, real estate, and energy on COVID-19 losses. He is also representing several private equity funds on claims under reps and warranty policies. Additionally, Vince is handling other coverage matters such as property damage and business interruption claims from recent hurricanes and other catastrophes as well as the placement of cyber insurance policies.

He is an author of the only legal treatise specifically focused on insurance coverage for catastrophe losses, having written the chapters on the Claim Process and Business Interruption, and he is currently writing a new chapter for that treatise on COVID-19 losses. Vince is perennially listed in major peer-based rankings and market commentators have praised him as "a fantastic tactical lawyer." Vince has handled matters all across the US involving events spanning the globe and has served as an expert witness on insurance law in cases in the US and Europe. From time to time, he also serves as a mediator and arbitrator in coverage disputes.

Vince is also the host of Covered, a podcast for corporate policyholders on issues in insurance law and how companies can manage risk.

# **Christopher Mosley**

Foley Hoag

Working from Denver, Colorado, 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.

#### Jason P. Nance

## Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

Jason P. Nance is the Judge James Noel Dean and Professor of Law at SMU Dedman School of Law. He received his B.A., *cum laude* with University Honors with Honors Thesis, from Brigham Young University in 1996, his M.A. in 2000 and Ph.D. in 2002 from The Ohio State University, and his J.D. in 2006 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was Articles Editor and Associate Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

Prior to joining SMU, Dean Nance was a member of the law faculty at



the University of Florida Levin College of Law from 2011 to 2022. He most recently served as Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development. Previously at UF Law, he served as Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs, as an Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Relations, and as an Associate Director for Education and Law at the Center on Children and Families. As Professor of Law, he taught education law, torts and remedies. He also oversaw the continued development and implementation of the Introduction to Lawyering and the Legal Profession Program, which was designed to help first-year law students develop key competencies to become effective lawyers. Prior to joining UF Law, he was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Villanova University School of Law and a Visiting Assistant Professor of Applied Statistics at The Ohio State University's College of Education and Human Ecology.

Dean Nance clerked for the Honorable Kent A. Jordan in the United Stated Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware after graduating from law school. Following his clerkships, he was a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, from 2007 to 2011, focusing on corporate and securities law.

# **Sherilyn Pastor**

McCarter & English

Chair of the firm's Insurance Recovery, Litigation & Counseling Group, Sherilyn Pastor is a formidable advocate for corporate policyholders who leverage her decades of experience litigating complex coverage matters throughout the country and abroad. Her well-established track record of success has engendered the trust of an impressive roster of corporate policyholder clients for whom she has recovered well over a billion dollars in coverage through negotiation, arbitration, litigation, and trial verdicts.



Sheri has litigated many of the industry's most significant and high-stakes coverage disputes, achieving wins that not only resulted in substantial awards but also set precedent, leading to significant advances for corporate policyholder litigants.

In addition to her work as a litigator, Sheri regularly provides insurance coverage advice to clients, assessing their potential risks, analyzing new insurance products, considering the adequacy of their programs, and advising on insurance issues related to corporate transactions.

Sheri is the a Past President of the American College of Coverage Counsel (ACCC). She also is the Past Chair (Policyholder Side) of the ABA Litigation Section's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (ICLC), having served as Vice-Chair from 2009-2012 and as co-chair of various ICLC subcommittees since 2002. She was a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court's Professional Responsibility Rules Committee for over a decade and a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court's Working Group on Ethical Issues Involving Metadata in Electronic Documents. She also serves as an Editorial Consultant to *Law360: Insurance* and was on the Editorial Boards of the *Insurance Coverage Law Bulletin* and a consultant on the *New Appleman Insurance Law Practice Guide*.

## **Jake Posey**

The Posey Law Firm, P.C.

Jake Posey was admitted to the bar in 2003 from the Texas A&M University School of Law. He was a Dean's List Graduate and member of the Mock Trial Team in 2001-2002. Mr. Posey regularly speaks at public engagements over various legal and public policy topics.

Born Beaumont, Texas, admitted to bar, 2003, Texas. Licensed to practice before all Texas District Courts, Texas Supreme Court as well as the U.S. District Court - Southern District of Texas and Western District of Texas.



## **Neil Rambin**

Neil Rambin Law PLLC

Neil Rambin has tried and litigated civil cases for more than 42 years, primarily on behalf of the property and casualty insurance industry. His trial practice began with an insurance defense and workers' compensation trial docket that gave him many opportunities to be in the courtroom. As a young lawyer he also represented product manufacturers in mass tort litigation. Over time his practice evolved into larger and more sophisticated matters involving the representation



of insurance companies and reinsurers in commercial disputes, insurance coverage disputes, extra-contractual claims and disputes between insurance and reinsurance companies.

Neil has litigated claims and disputes arising from general liability, professional liability, property, marine, aviation, life, workers' compensation, fidelity, automobile, excess liability, umbrella and surplus lines policies. Those disputes were located in diverse venues including state and federal courts and arbitration panels sitting in Texas, California, Oregon, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Massachusetts.

Given his deep understanding of the nuances of the insurance industry, the evolution of the law defining the obligations of insurers, the business realities facing insurance companies and the dynamics of how sophisticated disputes and litigation typically play out, insurers often seek Neil's counsel regarding best practices, litigation avoidance and the prevention of bad-faith claims. He has advised reinsurers and their reinsureds on obligations arising out of reinsurance agreements. He has also served as an expert witness regarding the obligations of liability insurers arising out of third-party liability claims including the duty to defend and the proper response to a policy limits demand.

## Jay Sever

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Jay Sever is a partner in the Insurance and Reinsurance group of Phelps Dunbar. He is the Regional Practice Coordinator for the firm's insurance practice group and is also head of the insurance and reinsurance practice group in the New Orleans office. He serves as local, regional and national coverage counsel for both foreign and domestic insurance companies. He counsels clients, manages disputes and tries cases involving a wide variety of insurance coverage issues, including matters arising from bad faith, construction defects



claims, third-party liability claims, first-party claims, professional liability claims, crane and rigging claims, racing and competitive sport claims, entertainment claims, transportation claims, environmental claims, general and toxic tort claims, advertising, copyright and trademark claims, media liability claims, multiple-year trigger and allocation issues, marine liability claims, Louisiana direct action claims and numerous others.

#### Amy Stewart

Amy Stewart PC

The firm's founder and managing principal, Amy is one of the preeminent insurance coverage lawyers in Texas and a self-described insurance nerd. She authored the must-have book on insurance coverage litigation for Texas practitioners, Texas Insurance Coverage Litigation, The Litigator's Practice Guide, published by Texas Lawyer Books and American Lawyer Media (ALM).



Leveraging years of experience as coverage counsel to insurance companies, Amy now exclusively represents corporate policyholders in insurance-related matters. She is fluent in insurance-speak, helping corporations navigate their policies and develop effective strategies for managing insurance claims and resolving disputes. If a claim can't be resolved through negotiation, Amy tackles complex insurance coverage litigation with an enthusiasm that can only be described as infectious. She is a master of her craft and an invaluable resource for her clients, obtaining exceptional results through diligent preparation and meticulous attention to detail.

Amy's insurance expertise and commitment to excellence are consistently recognized by clients and peers alike. She was elected to the American College of Coverage Counsel in 2013 and is rated AV® Preeminent<sup>™</sup> 5.0 out of 5 by Martindale-Hubbell®. Amy has been selected as a Texas Super Lawyer® in insurance coverage by Thomson Reuters every year since 2009, while *D Magazine* has named her a Best Lawyer in Dallas annually beginning in 2013. Amy speaks and writes regularly on insurance coverage issues for the State Bar of Texas, the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, and other organizations. Her State Bar of Texas accredited course, "Insurance 101: The Fundamentals of Insurance for In-House Counsel," has been particularly well-received by corporate legal departments. Amy is honored to serve on the State Bar of Texas' Pattern Jury Charges—Business, Consumer, Insurance & Employment Committee. In 2015, she began a three-year commitment and renewed that commitment to serve on the committee until 2024.

# Timothy R. Sullivan

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Mr. Sullivan has tried over 30 jury trials as well as numerous bench trials involving insurance defense, insurance coverage, and bad faith cases. Based on that experience, he was selected to be a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Mr. Sullivan's trial practice has taken him from the federal courts to county courts throughout the San Joaquin Valley. He has also handled appeals in the California Supreme Court, the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Fresno, and the U.S. Ninth Circuit.



Mr. Sullivan has often spoken at training seminars for both insurance professionals and lawyers on subjects pertaining to insurance and trial practice. He has also written chapters on property insurance, liability insurance, errors and omissions insurance, title insurance, cyber insurance, and bad faith for six treatises published by CEB, and is the Consulting Editor for CEB's new book on Property Insurance.

Mr. Sullivan is admitted to practice law in the state of California, U.S. District Courts, Northern, Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California, and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

#### Stephen E. Walraven

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Stephen E. Walraven has been practicing as a trial lawyer in San Antonio and South Texas since 1975. He has successfully handled a variety of commercial lawsuits, including contract disputes, construction claims, negligence suits, and in particular insurance disputes. The major portion of his practice is devoted to handling insurance disputes. These lawsuits include disputes between policyholders and their insurance carriers, between two or more insurance carriers, between primary and excess carriers, among



insurance carriers and their reinsurers and claims by or against insurance agents and brokers. Mr. Walraven has represented these parties in disputes in arbitration, jury trials, and throughout the appellate court system. This practice also frequently involves claims of insurance bad faith and various statutory claims under the applicable Insurance Codes. Mr. Walraven has litigated disputes involving liability policies, property policies, inland marine coverages, directors and officers' policies, various errors and omissions coverages, excess and umbrella policies, farm and ranch policies, fidelity bonds, and both facultative and treaty reinsurance. Mr. Walraven also serves as an Arbitrator in insurance disputes and testifies as an expert witness in insurance matters.