

# Insurers

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

## Claims Counseling

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

## Litigation

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

## Reinsurance

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

## Policy Drafting

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

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

### Extra-Contractual/Bad Faith

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

### Insurance Transactions

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

### Experience

Obtained Multiple Dismissals in Favor of an Insurance Company Client

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

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

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

Served as Co-Counsel for a Life Insurance Company Against a Lawsuit Brought by a Beneficiary

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

Secured a Verdict in Favor of the Client for a Bad Faith Suit

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

Granted Summary Judgment in Telephone Consumer Protection Act

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

Obtained Summary Judgment Rulings in a Washington State Environmental Coverage Action

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Firm News

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

Firm News, January 25, 2024

Amundsen Davis Named in the 2024 Edition of Best Law Firms®

Firm News, November 2, 2023

91 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America

Firm News, August 17, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### In the Media

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

### Alerts

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

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

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

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

### Events

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

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

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

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

### Published Works

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

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