

Practices

Insurance Litigation

High-risk, high-exposure litigation presents a distinct set of challenges for insurers, from negative publicity to hostile forums to unpredictable defense costs. Meticulous case management—coupled with efficient representation from experienced counsel—can lead to successful dispute resolution both in and out of the courtroom.

Akerman represents leading domestic and foreign carriers in insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. We also represent insureds, self-insured corporations, and municipalities in insurance defense cases. Recognized by *Chambers USA* for our “strong advocacy skills,” we know the art and science of trying cases—particularly in plaintiff friendly venues. Our sophisticated case assessment, coupled with aggressive trial preparation and careful budget planning, lessens unwelcome surprises related to defense costs and exposure to damages. We are serious about trying cases, but we also vigorously pursue favorable settlement opportunities for our clients.

Our practice includes litigation and consultation regarding insurance coverage, class actions, and insurer bad faith disputes. We methodically consult with insurers prior to the inception of litigation regarding bad faith and coverage issues, particularly where there is significant potential exposure to damages. We also have extensive experience guiding insurers through all the critical phases of the class action process, having defended several hundred insurance class action lawsuits challenging claim adjustment practices, agency issues, premium and

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pricing issues, regulatory issues, and subrogation procedures on behalf of our insurer clients.

In addition, our team serves as panel counsel for numerous insurance companies, representing insurers nationwide in specialty excess work, including catastrophic loss, wrongful death, and damage to property.

What We Do

- Defend carriers in coverage disputes, bad faith claims, class actions, and other extra-contractual actions
- Intensive case assessment, budgeting, trial planning, and implementation, including use of focus group and other jury studies
- Evaluate order of coverage, allocation of coverage, and similar complex claim issues
- Coordinate coverage issues among multiple carriers and/or multiple insureds
- Prosecute and defend appeals
- Arbitrate non-litigated disputes
- Conduct in-house best practices training, seminars, and compliance reviews to prevent or minimize litigation
- Advise carriers regarding staff counsel and similar ethical issues
- Defend self-insured entities as panel counsel