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Adam has a broad range of experience representing insurers in coverage disputes around the country. His deep understanding of insurance coverage draws non-insurer clients to Adam, where he advises on limiting potential liability and avoiding future coverage issues.

OVERVIEW

Adam Berardi represents major national and international insurance companies in coverage disputes and complex commercial litigation around the country. He is Co-Chair of the firm's Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Practice Group. His practice focuses primarily on resolution of complex coverage claims for long-tail liabilities involving environmental cleanups, mass tort and product liability, many of which regularly involve hundreds of millions of dollars of disputed coverage. He has significant experience litigating and advising clients on various other high profile disputes involving concussion claims in professional sports, media claims, and opioids. Adam is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and frequently counsels clients to achieve cost-effective resolution of coverage disputes through the use of mediation or arbitration.

Adam also has considerable experience both litigating and advising insurers on a wide variety of complex and emerging coverage issues under employment practices liability, professional liability, and directors and officers policies, including high exposure claims involving securities and intellectual property disputes.

Because of his broad range of experience representing insurers, Adam is often called upon by non-insurer corporate clients to advise on risk management practices to limit potential liability and on procuring adequate and comprehensive insurance to avoid future coverage disputes. Adam also regularly advises corporate clients on environmental and product compliance regulations. He continues to stay abreast of the emerging issues, helping clients navigate coverage issues arising from PFAS, climate change, and coastal erosion claims.

PRACTICES

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

Massachusetts

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law, JD, 2007

Clemson University, BA, 2004

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Pennsylvania Defense Institute

While in law school, Adam served as an Associate Editor of the *Villanova Environmental Law Journal* and was an Executive Committee member of the Environmental Law Society.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Adam was previously selected in a survey of his peers as a Pennsylvania "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Philadelphia Lawyer's Club.

Adam provides volunteer legal services through the Philadelphia VIP Pro Bono Organization and The Committee of Seventy, a non-partisan political oversight committee whose main function is to ensure equal rights and access to all voters. He also regularly works with the SeniorLaw Center to draft wills and powers of attorneys for seniors.

In his free time, Adam enjoys playing golf and hiking with his dog, Marty (McFly).

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Successfully secured ruling from the Ohio Court of Appeals that coverage for alleged injurious exposures to coal tar pitch was barred by a liability policy's absolute pollution exclusion

Obtained summary judgment based on late notice defense in multisite environmental litigation involving more than \$100 million in alleged groundwater cleanup costs

Defeated summary judgment on the duty to defend by obtaining New York choice-of-law in the policyholder's home state of Ohio

Represented a major insurance company in an appeal before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals involving a dispute as to the applicability of the products hazard aggregate limit

Achieved significant ruling in Pennsylvania Commerce Court that Pennsylvania's "Bad Faith" Statute does not apply to out-of-state insureds

Counseled national insurance carrier in class action filed by former NFL players against the NFL for long-term injuries they allegedly sustained due to medications and other allegedly negligent treatment provided by the NFL during the players' NFL careers

Represented insurer in complex coverage matter involving alleged contamination of waterways by poultry industry

Counseled insurer in mediation involving hundreds of contaminated former gasoline stations and bulk storage plants

Represents multiple insurers in connection with numerous environmental, asbestos and other underlying claims involving Fortune 500 company policyholder

IN THE NEWS

White and Williams Announces New Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Practice Leadership
12.8.25

White and Williams Announces 15 Lawyer Promotions
1.3.22

EVENTS

Coverage College 2025
Convvene CityView, Philadelphia PA, 10.23.25

Coverage College 2024
Philadelphia, PA, 10.30.24

Coverage College 2022
10.13.22

Latest Developments in the Opioids Crisis
AIRROC Spring Membership Meeting 2022, March 29-30, 2022

Coverage College 2021
10.21.21

Perspectives on Climate Change and the Insurance Industry
CPCU Society 2021 Virtual Reinsurance, Excess & Surplus Line Symposium, 3.12.21

PUBLICATIONS

Key Takeaways – Coverage College 2024
12.12.24

18th Annual Coverage College
10.30.24

Ohio Court Refuses to Annualize Multi-Year Policies' Per Occurrence Limits
Insurance Coverage Alert, 6.8.23

The Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter - November 2022 - Special Edition
The Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter, 11.21.22

Two Decades Into Opioid Crisis, Insurance Coverage Questions Only Beginning to Find Answers
The Legal Intelligencer, 7.18.22