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Larry offers a hands-on, innovative approach for every client he represents and brings over 30 years of experience litigating and arbitrating complex coverage matters.

OVERVIEW

Larry Bistany has been representing insurance companies in complex coverage matters for over 30 years. He has significant experience in litigating and arbitrating coverage matters involving professional liability, directors and officers, construction defects and intellectual property.

Larry has successfully litigated through appeal a variety of complex coverage issues in federal and state courts across the country. He works with clients in the first instance to quickly evaluate a claim and determine if a reasonable resolution can be pursued to avoid expensive litigation. If litigation is unavoidable, Larry works with clients on innovative strategies to reduce litigation expenses. He is often called upon by his clients to step into existing litigation and use his extensive experience to resolve problems.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

- Larry has been AV[®] rated by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating system.
- Larry was selected in a survey of his peers as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers* for multiple years.
- He is a volunteer for the Support Center for Child Advocates, representing children in family court matters. He also volunteers as a mentor to children who have been removed from their homes.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented D&O insurer in federal court and subsequent appeal to Third Circuit obtaining a declaration of no coverage and a judgment of \$4 million for the return of defense costs

PRACTICES

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith
Professional Liability

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, JD,
1977, *cum laude*

Georgetown University, BA, *magna cum laude*

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Professional Liability Underwriters Society

Represented insurer on one of the first cases in Pennsylvania to uphold claim made and reported provision; summary judgement was upheld on appeal to Third Circuit

Represented insurer in one of the first reported decisions on coverage under a media/special perils policy with a decision subsequently affirmed by the Illinois Supreme Court

Represented D&O insurer in Delaware action obtaining ruling for the Delaware Supreme Court granting insurance summary judgment of no coverage

Represented insurer in successfully overturning prior trial court ruling that it had a duty to defend in intellectual property case; decision of no coverage was affirmed by the Ninth Circuit