

Lian Skaf

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OVERVIEW

Lian Skaf is a Partner in the Subrogation Department and practices exclusively in the field of property subrogation. He handles major property losses involving fires, water leaks, structural damage, product and construction defects and other catastrophic failures. He has worked in the field of subrogation for over 15 years.

Lian is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and has litigated cases in twelve other jurisdictions as lead counsel with the assistance of local counsel. He has experience both resolving matters prior to filing suit and litigating complex matters. Lian works with his clients to investigate the facts of a loss and develop a strategy for recovery, often from the day of a loss through completion. He has taken several cases through trial and has successfully mediated numerous others.

Prior to joining the firm, Lian served as law clerk to the Honorable Francine Axelrad in the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. While in law school, he served as the Lead New Developments Editor for the *Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion*, which published his note on mitigating evidence in capital murder cases. Lian also participated in the Rutgers Hunter Moot Court Competition, placing in the top ten oralists, and in the Rutgers Street Law program which sends law students to neighboring Camden schools to discuss legal principles.

Lian is a certified arbitrator for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Lian handles pro bono cases for Philadelphia VIP.

PRACTICES

Subrogation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

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

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

EDUCATION

Rutgers School of Law - Camden, JD, 2008

Georgetown University, BA, 2001

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Litigated \$3 million case on behalf of several insurance companies pertaining to an electrical fire in New Jersey; involved complex litigation with several defendants and co-plaintiffs

Represented insurance carrier and recovered favorable settlement in negligent construction and design matter in Florida

Represented insurance carrier and recovered settlement in breach of contract case in Ohio

Represented insurance carrier and recovered favorable settlement in water loss case in Massachusetts

IN THE NEWS

White and Williams Announces 15 Lawyer Promotions
1.3.22

Subrogation Lawyers Get Real Life Fire Training
10.27.21

EVENTS

Cutting Your Losses: Signs That It's Time to Fold a Losing Hand
2026 NASP Spring Conference, 3.20.26

Did I Do That? Tips and Advice on Identifying Contractors and Product Manufacturers
2025 NASP Annual Conference
Chula Vista (San Diego), CA, 10.27.25

In the Hot Seat: How Not to Get Burned By Expert Depositions
2024 NASP Annual Conference, 10.29.24

Recovery on the Rooftop: Nothing But (Mostly) Clear Skies
2024 NASP Annual Conference, 10.28.24

Finding the Sweet Spot...What Do You Do When the Claim is Not Finalized
2024 NASP Spring Conference, 3.22.24

PUBLICATIONS

Texas Allows Wide Scope for Certificate of Merit
The Subrogation Strategist, 12.20.24

Federal Court Sets High Bar for Pleading Products Liability Cases in New Jersey
The Subrogation Strategist, 10.28.24

West Virginia Addresses Its Strict Liability Standard
The Subrogation Strategist, 7.17.24

Missouri Protects Subrogation Rights
The Subrogation Strategist, 3.19.24

New York Preserves Subrogation Rights
The Subrogation Strategist, 8.11.23

New York Court Enforces Economic Loss Doctrine
The Subrogation Strategist, 5.17.23

Michigan Court Waives Goodbye to Subrogation Claims, Except as to Gross Negligence
The Subrogation Strategist, 2.28.23

Hold on Just One Second: Texas Clarifies Starting Point for Negligence Statute of Limitations
The Subrogation Strategist, 6.3.22

Waive It Goodbye: Despite Evidence to the Contrary, Delaware Upholds an AIA Waiver of Subrogation Clause
The Subrogation Strategist, 4.12.22

Who's on First: How First-Party Claims Adjusters Add Value to Subrogation Recovery Efforts
Subro Sessions, 12.30.21

As Time Rolls On So Do Spoliation Claims
Subrogator Magazine, Fall/Winter 2021

Spoliation: Often Argued, Rarely Understood
Subro Sessions, 9.23.21

Mindful Mediation: Navigating the Path to Recovery (Part 2)
Subro Sessions, 7.16.21

Mindful Mediation: Navigating the Path to Recovery (Part 1)
Subro Sessions, 6.4.21