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ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
1995

U.S. District Court of New Jersey
1996

EDUCATION

Claude W. Pettit College of Law
(J.D., 1994)

Rutgers, The State University of
New Jersey (B.A., 1990)

OVERVIEW

David is a member of the firm's Professional Liability Department and devotes his practice largely to insurance coverage, bad faith litigation, and the defense of insurance agents/brokers. His experience with insurance coverage matters include all lines of business including first party property, commercial liability and specialty lines policies. David provides consultation services to insurers and self-insured clients covering all aspects of New Jersey claims handling practices. Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, David was assistant solicitor for the City of Pleasantville, New Jersey, City of Absecon, New Jersey, Northfield, New Jersey and special counsel to the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA), as well as assistant planning board attorney for Galloway Township, New Jersey.

David is a 1990 graduate of Rutgers University (NCAS) and received his *juris doctor* from Claude W. Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in 1994. While in law school, David received the American Jurisprudence Awards for Excellence in the study of Insurance Law, Trusts & Estates and Secured Transactions as well as making the Dean's List.

HONORS & AWARDS

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ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Camden County Bar Association

New Jersey State Bar Association,
Insurance Section

YEAR JOINED

2009

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Supreme Court of New Jersey Rules That Insurers Do Not Have a Duty to Defend or Indemnify for 'Laidlow' Claims—as Long as the Policy Includes the Correct Exclusionary Language

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April 7, 2025

New Jersey Supreme Court Decides Laidlow Exclusion Is Valid

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Workers' Compensation
Employment Law
Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
December 20, 2024

Rodriguez v. Shelbourne Spring, LLC, A-2079-22, December 12, 2024 New Jersey Legal Update – December 20, 2024,

New Jersey Legislature Passes Bad Faith – What's Next??

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January 14, 2022

New Jersey is on the brink of its first insurance bad faith statute after clearing both the Senate and Assembly by vote on January 10, 2022. Legal Updates for Insurance Services – January 14, 2022, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

New Jersey Auto Insurers, Get Ready for First-Party Bad Faith!!!

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Automobile Liability
February 1, 2021

New Jersey is poised to pass its first-party bad faith statute. After passing the Senate on Friday 21-9, it only needs to pass the Assembly. Legal Update for Insurance Services - February 1, 2021, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

Bad Faith Law From NJ Assembly Finance Committee Is Structured to Strike a Blow to Auto Carriers

Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
April 24, 2020

In June of 2018, the New Jersey Senate passed a bad faith bill, marking the first time a bad faith bill made it out of the Senate. Legal Updates for Insurance Services - April 24, 2020, has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

PRESENTATIONS

Bad Faith and Fair Dealing in New Jersey, client seminar, May 26, 2021

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Supreme Court of New Jersey Rules That Insurers Do Not Have a Duty to Defend or Indemnify for 'Laidlow' Claims—as Long as the Policy Includes the Correct Exclusionary Language," *New Jersey Law Journal*, April 7, 2025

"State Of The Occurrence," *Defense Digest*, 2012-06, Vol. 18, No. 2

RESULTS

Defense Verdict Secured in Contentious Fire Loss Case

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March 22, 2024

We obtained a hard fought defense verdict in a contentious case involving a total fire loss at a duplex owned by a single mother. The investigation revealed that the named insured did not reside in the home and, instead, rented the two units. The claim denial included application misrepresentations and issues related to the fact that the insured property did not meet the policy's definition of a "residence premises." Ultimately, the court decided that the property did meet the "residence premises" definition.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Warren & Maryann Andrews v. Merchants Mutual Ins. Co., 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89997

Reina v. Twp. of Union, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 103406 (D.N.J. July 24, 2013)

Kouveliotes v. USCC Cas. Ins. Co., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 148373 (D.N.J. Oct. 16, 2012)

Klama v. Zuniga-Elizando et al., DOCKET NO. A-1382-09T2, 2011 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 653 (App. Div. 2011)

D.E. v. N. Hunterdon-Voorhees Reg'l High Sch. Dist., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45121 (D.N.J. June 20, 2007)

South Jersey Family Med. Ctr. v. City of Pleasantville, 176 N.J. 184 (N.J. 2003)

Moore v. Acme Corrugated Box Co., 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9897 (E.D. Pa. July 6, 1998)

Boody v. Township of Cherry Hill et. al, 997 F. Supp. 562 (D.N.J. 1997)