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### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Insurance Services – Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation

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#### **ADMISSIONS**

Pennsylvania 2009

#### **EDUCATION**

Widener University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2009)

York College of Pennsylvania (B.A., magna cum laude, 2006)

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Star 2019

## **OVERVIEW**

Allison is a member of the Professional Liability Department where she concentrates her practice on insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. She routinely represents national/global insurance carriers in insurance coverage disputes and first-party automotive claims brought against them. Allison is experienced in many types of coverage issues, including: policy cancellation, policy reformation, phantom vehicle cases, and a variety of policy exclusions. She also defends clients in the area of bad faith litigation. She practices in Pennsylvania state and federal court, as well as before arbitration panels and appellate courts.

For two years prior to joining the firm, Allison served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Judge Donald R. Totaro in the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas. During her final year of law school, Allison served as a legal extern for the Honorable Justice J. Michael Eakin of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. She also served as a certified legal intern for the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission in the Hearings and Appeals Department.

In 2006, Allison graduated *magna cum laude* from York College of Pennsylvania. She then attended the Widener University School of Law and graduated *cum laude* in 2009. During her time in law school, Allison served on *Widener's Law Journal* and was the president of the Moot Court Honor Society from 2008 to 2009.

# ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Inns of Court

Cumberland County Bar Association

Dauphin County William J. Lipsitt Inn of Court, Associate

Pennsylvania Bar Association

### YEAR JOINED

2011

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

## Pa. Ruling Leaves Auto Policy Stacking Questions

#### Harrisburg

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# Superior Court Warns Insurers: Be Specific in RORs and Update Them When Necessary

# Insurance Services - Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation April 29, 2020

In Selective Way Ins. Co. v. MAK Servs., 2020 Pa. Super. LEXIS 342 (Pa. Super. The material in this law alert has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

# **Supreme Court Pulls Trigger on Expanding Scope of Occurrence Coverage**

# Insurance Services - Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation April 23, 2020

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has rendered an important coverage decision construing the common "occurrence" and "expected or intended" language in homeowners and personal liability policies. The material in this law alert has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

## **Legal Updates for Coverage and Bad Faith**

#### **Harrisburg**

# Insurance Services - Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation October 23, 2019

Washington Supreme Court Holds that Employee Adjusters Are Not Subject to Personal Liability for Insurance Bad Faith or Per Se Claims Under the CPA. The material in this law alert has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

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#### **Harrisburg**

# Insurance Services - Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation October 7, 2019

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Holds that Increasing UIM Limits on an Existing Automobile Policy that Insures Multiple Vehicles Constitutes a "Purchase" of Coverage Under Section 1738(c) of the MVFRL, and Therefore, New Stacking Waivers The material in this law alert has been prepared for our readers by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin.

### **CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT**

All things UM/UIM & Bad Faith in PA, Marshall Dennehey Virtual Client Presentation, February, 2021

An Overview of Pennsylvania Law for Auto Law & Premises Claims, Marshall Dennehey Virtual Client Presentation, February, 2021

Proper Handling of UM/UIM Claims: The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly, Marshall Dennehey Client Seminar, June 17, 2016

Regular Use Exclusions in Pennsylvania -- Coverage Issues and Practical Applications, Marshall Dennehey Client Seminar, June 2015

Recent Pennsylvania Trial and Appellate Case Law, Cumberland County Lunch and Learn, March 2015

#### **PUBLISHED WORKS**

"Pa. Ruling Leaves Auto Policy Stacking Questions," Law360, November 10, 2021

"Just How Hard Does Gallagher Hit the Household Vehicle Exclusion?," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 25, No. 2, June 2019

"Airbnb and Insurance Coverage: Is It Up in the Air?" *The Legal Intelligencer's* Insurance Law Supplement, page 7, August 29, 2017

"A Perfectly Imperfect Process: Dauphin County's First Post-Koken Jury Trial: Oaks v. Erie Insurance Exchange and Austin," Defense Digest, Volume 20, No. 3, September 2014

"Where to Sue Since Summy," Defense Digest, Volume 20, No. 3, September 2014

Legal Updates for Coverage and Bad Faith, Editor, 2014-present

"Reservations Over Reserving Your Rights," *Defense Digest*, Volume 19, No. 4, December 2013

"Predicting the Future of Predictive Coding," *Defense Digest*, Volume 18, No. 1, March 2012

## **RESULTS**

# Summary Judgment for Large Insurance Carrier in a Breach of Contract Case.

# Insurance Services - Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation December 31, 2018

The parties had filed cross-motions for summary judgment. The issue for the court was whether the carrier had breached the terms of the policy when it denied the plaintiff's first-party benefits claim relating to medical bills for PTSD allegedly caused by the underlying accident.

# Summary Judgment in Class Action Lawsuit On Behalf of Large Insurer.

### Class Action Litigation August 24, 2018

We obtained summary judgment in a putative class action lawsuit in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on behalf of a large insurer. The case dealt with a letter the insurance carrier would send to their insureds following a motor vehicle accident in which they advised their insureds that they would have a rental vehicle for five days. The named plaintiffs argued the letter misrepresented the policy language and they sued for breach of contract, bad faith, declaratory judgment and equitable relief.

## **Defense Prevails in Automobile Liability Case.**

# Insurance Services - Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation May 11, 2018

We secured the dismissal of a declaratory judgment action filed in federal court against a large insurer. This case arose from a motor vehicle accident that occurred in 2015. The plaintiff averred that she had sustained injuries in excess of the tortfeasor's bodily injury liability limits and sought stacked underinsured motorist (UIM) benefits. While the plaintiff had admittedly signed a rejection of UIM coverage form and a rejection of UIM coverage stacked limits form, she argued that her insurer had altered the statutorily required forms by adding additional language.

# Successful Defense of Bad Faith Case Against Insurer

# Insurance Services - Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation May 11, 2017

Secured summary judgment in federal court in a bad faith case against a large insurer. The case arose from a pedestrian-motor vehicle accident that occurred in 2008 and dealt with the insurer's handling of the plaintiff's UIM claim following that accident. The plaintiff was run over by a rollback truck that was being repossessed on behalf of the owner. Because there were conflicting versions of events regarding how the accident occurred, the case went to arbitration on the issue of liability.

# **Arbitration Panel Sides with Defense in Neighbor Disputes**

### General Liability January 22, 2016

Obtained two defense verdicts from a Lancaster County arbitration panel in two separate neighbor dispute cases involving the same parties. In the first of the two cases, the plaintiff claimed that his neighbors had damaged his concrete driveway while using a boom lift on his property to install an air conditioning unit on the roof of their home. The plaintiff sued for trespass. At the arbitration, pre-loss photos established that the cracks in the driveway were pre-existing and were not caused by the boom lift. The arbitration panel unanimously ruled in favor of the

### **SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Assisted with obtaining summary judgment in favor of the insurer in federal court on all 7 counts of the complaint, including breach of contract, insurance bad faith, misrepresentation, negligence, deceit, breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and unfair trade practices.

Assisted with obtaining a decision from the Superior Court of Pennsylvania affirming the trial court's entry of summary judgment in favor of the insurer on counts of insurance bad faith and violations of the MVFRL.

Assisted with obtaining a decision from the Commonwealth Court affirming the Insurance Commissioner's decision in favor of the insurer, where the policyholder had challenged a homeowner's policy cancellation.

Assisted with obtaining summary judgment in favor of the insurer in Pennsylvania

state court on counts of breach of contract and insurance bad faith.

Worked on multiple cases regarding the validity and applicability of stacking waivers on Pennsylvania auto policies, and obtained summary judgment in several of those cases.

Assisted with successfully opposing a Motion for Class Certification in a Philadelphia County TCPA case.

Obtained a defense verdict from a Philadelphia County arbitration panel, where the underlying issue was permissive use of a vehicle.

Obtained defense verdicts from Lancaster County arbitration panels in two separate property damage cases involving a neighbor dispute.

Obtained a defense verdict from a magisterial district judge for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

Second-chaired and received a defense verdict in a high-profile casualty case, where the plaintiff sustained serious injury in a sprint car accident.