

John B. McDonald

Of Counsel

John has a wide variety of experience representing insurers in first- and third-party coverage disputes, including defending claims for breach of contract and bad faith, and including pursuing contribution claims. John's experience includes handling matters large and small, ranging from first-party property cases to coverage for mass-tort sexual abuse, the opioid epidemic, PFAS, the intersection of 11 U.S.C. § 524(g) and state coverage matters, and many other high-profile issues. John handles these matters from inception of the case through arbitration and/or trial. He prides himself on providing timely, efficient, and creative solutions. He also has extensive experience advising clients on the potential for coverage under a variety of insurance products, both old and new.

John also has extensive experience in international litigation, and he served for two years as a staff attorney with United States Customs and Border Protection, a component agency within the Department of Homeland Security, where he managed federal litigation with other agencies such as the FBI. He has litigated matters coast-to-coast. In his free time, he enjoys exploring the Pacific Northwest with his family and he is an avid fan of the NBA.

PRACTICE EMPHASIS AND EXPERIENCE

- Insurance Advice
- Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

RECOGNITION

- John has been recommended by Legal 500 as a top attorney for Insurance Advisory Practice.



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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, 2007.

University of Miami School of Law, Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, 2010.

BAR / COURT ADMISSIONS

State of Washington

State of New York

United States District Court, Western District of Washington

United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington

United States District Court, Southern District of New York

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York

Second Circuit Court of Appeals

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REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented primary and excess insurer in coverage dispute over legacy asbestos claims for Fortune 500 company, including in state-court coverage action and parallel bankruptcy action employing 11 U.S.C. § 524(g) channeling trust.
- Represented excess insurer in multi-insurer dispute over coverage for mass-tort sexual abuse at historic non-profit hospital, including in settlement of underlying cases and follow-on contribution action.
- Represented primary and excess insurer in coverage dispute over issues related to distressed-fund trading.
- Represented primary and excess insurer in coverage dispute over PFAS and opioid-related issues.
- Represented various primary and excess insurers in coverage disputes related to EPA-mandated cleanup at several federal Superfund Sites throughout the country.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Washington State Bar Association.
- New York State Bar Association.
- Mentor to University of Miami law students.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- John McDonald, Don't Cross That Line!: The Case For the Extraterritorial Application of the National Labor Relations Act, 64 U. MIAMI L. REV. 369 (2009).