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Bill counsels and represents insurers in connection with coverage issues and disputes arising under professional liability and general liability insurance policies. Bill's legal expertise is complemented by significant operational experience at a major insurance carrier, where he served as a claims director with responsibility for physical damage coverages in the Mountain West and Mid-Atlantic regions.

Representative Matters



- Counsels insurers in matters involving first-party cyber insurance incidents, including claims for business interruption, data recovery, cyber extortion, and other first-party coverages.
- Represents insurers for third-party claims arising from cyber and privacy-related matters, including for technology-related professional services.
- Conducts legal research and drafts pleadings addressing a wide variety of procedural and substantive issues for insurers involved in coverage litigation.
- Assists in monitoring complex litigation in state and federal courts and counsels professional liability insurers on coverage issues with respect to such litigation.

Professional Experience



- Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO)
 - Claims Director (2015-2019)
 - Claims Manager (2012-2015)

Practice Areas



Insurance

Credentials



Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Antonin Scalia Law School,
George Mason University

B.S., B.A., with honors and with distinction,
The Schreyer Honors College at
Pennsylvania State University

Law Journals

Member, *Journal of Law, Economics and
Policy*

Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar

Virginia Bar

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

U.S. District Court for the Western District of
Virginia

- Various management roles (2005-2012)

Affiliations

- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- American Bar Association