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Overview

Shawn's practice focuses on resolving complex insurance coverage and reinsurance disputes through litigation and arbitration. Some of his largest cases have involved sorting out insurance and reinsurance issues stemming from major asbestos, construction defect, health hazard, pollution, natural disaster, property, bankruptcy and insolvency actions. He has a long record of success in state and federal courts, including at both the trial court and appellate court level. His clients include some of the leading insurance companies in the US, with a growing insurance-based practice in the UK.

Experience

- Successfully represented a large domestic insurer in a massive asbestos coverage litigation involving more than \$1.85 billion in asbestos liabilities, producing a multimillion-dollar judgment for insurer-client.
- Successfully represented ceding insurers and assuming reinsurers in a wide variety of reinsurance disputes, including numerous confidential arbitration proceedings and several matters before the US Court of Appeals.
- Successfully represented \$11 billion in pension funds in the largest insurance rehabilitation proceeding in New Jersey history.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- Listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Insurance, New Jersey (Band 1), 2016–2020. These accolades were conferred by Chambers and Partners. Learn more about Chambers and Partners' methodology. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- *Best Lawyers in America*

- Commercial Litigation (2007–present)
- Insurance Law (2007–present)

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- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2006–2017. These accolades were conferred by Super Lawyers. Learn more about Super Lawyers' methodology . No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- Recognized as a leading insurance and reinsurance lawyer in *The International Who's Who of Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers*, 2013 and 2016. These accolades were conferred by Who's Who Legal. Learn more about Who's Who Legal's methodology . No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Insights

- Co-author, "New Jersey's Natural Resource Damages Initiative: Is the "Sleeping Giant" Waking Up," Part One, *56 Fed'n Def. & Corp. Couns. Q.* 345, 2006
- Co-author, "New Jersey's Natural Resource Damages Initiative: Is the "Sleeping Giant" Waking Up," Part Two, *56 Fed'n Def. & Corp. Couns. Q.* 345, 2006

Activities and Affiliations

- Member, Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
- Member, Section of Tort and Insurance Practice, American Bar Association

Presentations

- Panelist "Social Unrest Claims and the Impact of the Pandemic on Court Proceedings, Insurance Claims, and Juror Attitudes," AIRROC webinar, September 2020
- "Reinsurance Dispute Developments in the U.S.," Gotham Insurance Symposium, New York, April 2016
- "Selective Litigation Developments in New Jersey and New York Impacting Insurance Coverage Disputes", Gotham Insurance Symposium, New York, April 2015
- "US Asbestos: A New Legal Landscape or False Hope," IntAP Technical Meeting, Cologne, Germany, December 2006
- "Recent Developments in Asbestos, Pollution and Health Hazards Litigations," ARC Legacy Group, London, April 2009

Areas of focus

Practices

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Appellate Advocacy
- Dispute Risk Management

- Insurance Litigation and Arbitration
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Industry sectors

- Insurance Litigation and Arbitration
- Insurance
- Insurance Related Insolvencies
- Reinsurance

Region

- United States

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, 1978, JD
- Duke University, 1974, AB, Political Science

Admissions and qualifications

- New Jersey
- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- US District Court for the District of New Jersey
- US Supreme Court