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Crichton advises clients on complex insurance coverage matters under all manner of policies. Whether litigating a bad faith action or helping insurers and their insureds resolve high-exposure claims, Crichton brings a strong commercial perspective to his practice and understands the nuances of handling claims involving sophisticated insureds and insurers.

OVERVIEW

Crichton focuses his practice in the area of insurance coverage and litigation. He regularly counsels major domestic and international insurers on policies involving professional liability for architects, engineers, and other design professionals, lawyers professional liability, environmental, commercial general liability, directors and officers, property and business interruption, and excess coverage. In addition, he litigates on behalf of insurers in complex insurance coverage actions across the U.S. Crichton also advises clients on pre-litigation issues such as general claims handling, claims investigation, and defense and indemnity obligations.

Since March 2020, Crichton has devoted significant time to analysis and advice regarding insurance issues arising in the COVID-19 context, particularly with respect to business interruption and event cancellation policies. He serves as counsel to a number of clients dealing with business interruption issues under various types of policies.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing clients in numerous COVID-19-related coverage claims and lawsuits involving alleged losses ranging from seven to nine figures, including in the food and beverage, entertainment, and event sectors.
- Counseling London Market insurers on coverage issues arising out of the postponement of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- Counseling London Market insurers in connection with E&O policies issued to professionals, including architects, engineers, and lawyers, and resolution of high-exposure claims against insureds.
- Representing a major domestic insurer in connection with class action lawsuit arising out of alleged sexual abuse at insured for-profit detention facility.
- Obtained an affirmance by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit of a summary judgment ruling in favor of an employment practices liability insurer finding that an EEOC Charge of Discrimination constituted an “administrative proceeding” and therefore a “claim” made prior to the relevant policy period.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Insurance Law* (2022-2026)
- *Super Lawyers®: "Rising Star," Georgia* (2021, 2023)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Professional Liability

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- Bad Faith
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Professional Liability

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Atlanta Bar Association Litigation Section
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- The Cathedral of St. Philip, Stewardship Committee
- Washington & Lee University Alumni Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2015, senior notes editor of, and was published in, the *Georgia Law Review*
- Washington and Lee University, B.A., *cum laude*, *George Washington Honor Scholar*, 2011

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Georgia State Courts
- Georgia Superior Courts
- Court of Appeals of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, “[2024 D&O and Professional Liability Year in Review](#),” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Contributor, “[D&O and Professional Liability – 2023: A Year in Review](#),” *Troutman Pepper*, February 28, 2024.
- Contributor, “[D&O and Professional Liability 2022 | A Year in Review](#),” *Troutman Pepper*, February 6, 2023.
- Contributor, “[D&O and Professional Liability 2021 | A Year in Review](#),” *Troutman Pepper*, February 22, 2022.
- Contributor, “[D&O and Professional Liability 2020 | A Year in Review](#),” *Troutman Pepper*, March 1, 2021.
- Author, “Where Do We Go Now? The Uncertain Future for 18 U.S.C. § 1301(b)(1), Private Equity Funds, and Multiemployer Pension Plans After Sun Capital,” 49 *GA. L. REV.* 209, 2015.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Mentioned, “[11th Circ. Backs Insurer in Restaurant Co.’s EEOC Fight](#),” *Law360*, July 13, 2023.