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Crighton 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, Crighton brings a strong commercial perspective to his practice and understands the nuances of handling claims involving sophisticated insureds and insurers.

OVERVIEW

Crighton focuses his practice on insurance coverage and litigation. He regularly counsels London Market insurers and major domestic insurers on policies involving professional liability for architects, engineers, and other design professionals; lawyers professional liability; commercial general liability; malicious attack; environmental; first-party property and business interruption; and excess coverage. He litigates complex insurance coverage actions on behalf of insurers across the U.S. Crighton advises clients on pre-litigation issues such as claims investigation and handling, policy limit settlement demands, and defense and indemnity obligations. In addition to his coverage litigation practice, Crighton frequently serves as insurers' monitoring counsel in high-exposure casualty claims.

In 2025, Crighton spent five months seconded to a leading Lloyd's syndicate, where he managed a portfolio of complex North American general liability and professional liability claims. Through that experience, he gained a unique understanding of the London insurance market and the vital role the relationships between brokers, insureds, insurers, and insurers' counsel play in the claims resolution process and valuable insights into what insurer clients need and expect from their outside counsel.

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

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"administrative proceeding" and therefore a "claim" made prior to the relevant policy period.

AWARDS

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- *Best Lawyers in America®: Insurance Law (2027), Litigation – Insurance (2027)*
- *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

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- 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, "2025 Professional Liability Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 24, 2026.
- 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.