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With deep knowledge in emerging and complex issues involving COVID-19, business interruption insurance, environmental, directors and officers, general liability, technology/cyber, and professional liability coverage, Dan advises major insurance clients on coverage issues and litigates actions filed in state and federal courts. Dan also is an expert on liability issues facing insurance brokerages.

OVERVIEW

Dan advises major insurance companies on coverage issues involving multiple lines of insurance coverage, including environmental, pollution, general liability, professional liability, cyber liability, and directors and officers policies. In recent months, Dan's focus has included insurance issues related to COVID-19, including issues relating to asserted business interruption coverage, property damage, remediation expenses, and civil authority coverages. Dan's practice includes not only primary policies, but also program, excess, and umbrella coverages. He is frequently engaged to analyze complicated coverage issues involving such policies and to advise clients regarding coverage determinations and strategies for resolving disputes. Dan has litigated matters involving coverage disputes and bad faith to judgment and through appeal. He also maintains an active practice representing insurance brokers in professional liability matters and litigating a broad range of business disputes in Connecticut and New York courts.

Dan earned his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. Prior to becoming an attorney, Dan worked on Capitol Hill and in educational fundraising.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented an insurer in a D&O coverage action, winning summary judgment in New York federal court on "related claims" issues and application of an insolvency exclusion.
- Successfully represented an insurer in the Seattle Big Dig/State Route 99 construction litigation.
- Successfully represented a brokerage in a major dispute involving requirements of contractual provisions.
- Secured summary judgment and victory on appeal in an environmental liability coverage dispute regarding a matter of first impression in New York.
- Representing an insurer in litigation over coverage after the insured settled with a claimant for an eight-figure amount.
- Represented an insurer in a declaratory judgment case in which the insured sought insurance coverage for

claims made by thousands of claimants infected with viruses from blood factor products.

- Represented an insurer in disputing the reasonableness of a \$100 million settlement in a securities fraud case.
- Represented a brokerage when an insured alleged in court that the brokerage had negligently obtained insurance coverage.
- Represented a media company in a securities action.

AWARDS

- *Legal 500 United States: Insurance: Advice to Insurers* (2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Insurance Law* (2025-2026)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- Directors + Officers Insurance
- Insurance + Reinsurance

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asbestos Claims
- Bad Faith
- Directors + Officers Insurance
- Employment Practices Liability
- Environmental Insurance Coverage
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Mass Torts Claims + Litigation
- Media, Technology + Cyber Liability Insurance
- Professional Liability

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Bar Association
- Little League, Simsbury, Connecticut
- Soccer Club, Simsbury, Connecticut

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Intern, U.S. Rep. Richard Neal (Massachusetts), 1997

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., *Order of the Coif*, 2007, editorial board member, *Virginia Law Review*; Dillard Fellow
- Georgetown University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1998

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York
- Connecticut
- Virginia (Inactive)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of Last Year,” Troutman Pepper, February 8, 2024.
- Speaker, “Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of Last Year,” Troutman Pepper, February 9, 2023.
- Speaker, “Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of Last Year,” Troutman Pepper, March 16, 2022.
- Speaker, “Notable Professional Liability Insurance Decisions of Last Year,” Troutman Pepper, April 6, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “D&O and Professional Liability – 2023: A Year in Review,” *Troutman Pepper*, February 28, 2024.
- Co-author, “D&O and Professional Liability 2022 | A Year in Review,” *Troutman Pepper*, February 6, 2023.
- Co-author, “Del. Related Claims Ruling Is Good News for Insurers,” *Law360*, April 6, 2022.
- Co-author, “Supreme Court of Delaware Clarifies Standard for Related Claims,” *Troutman Pepper*, March 17, 2022.
- Co-author, “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.
- Contributor, “D&O and Professional Liability Update 2019: A Year in Review,” *Troutman Sanders*, March 3, 2020.
- Contributor, “D&O and Professional Liability Update 2017: A Year in Review,” *Troutman Sanders*, February 8, 2018.
- Contributor, “D&O and Professional Liability Update 2016: A Year in Review,” *Troutman Sanders*, February 27, 2017.
- Contributor, “D&O and Professional Liability Update 2015: A Year In Review,” *Troutman Sanders*, March 26, 2016.