

# Madeleine J. Knaus Associate

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### **OVERVIEW**

Madeleine is an associate in the firm's Insurance + Reinsurance Practice Group. Her practice involves litigation, arbitration, and counseling on a wide range of commercial disputes, with an emphasis on complex insurance disputes. Madeleine has represented clients in insurance litigation involving policy rescission, bad faith underwriting and claims-handling practices, and general coverage.

In addition to her litigation work, Madeleine is also involved in a variety of pro bono matters including immigration, veterans' benefits, and sentence reduction.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Achieved victory on behalf of an insurer in a \$100 million dispute with its policyholder regarding whether the insured person was rendered unable to perform, per the terms of a total disability policy.
- Secured the release of a client incarcerated for more than 30 years under the D.C. Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act.
- Achieved a favorable settlement on behalf of a national insurance broker regarding various breach of contract claims.
- Achieved victory on behalf of a retired Air Force veteran in an action seeking combat-related special compensation benefits for injuries sustained during service from the Department of Defense.

# **TOP AREAS OF FOCUS**

• Insurance + Reinsurance

#### PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board director, Specialty Family Foundation, February 2016 – present

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

• Judicial intern, Honorable Bruce D. White, Fairfax Circuit Court, June 2019 - July 2019

# **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **EDUCATION**

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., cum laude, 2021
- The George Washington University, B.A., 2015

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- · District of Columbia
- California

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- 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, "<u>D&O and Professional Liability 2021 | A Year in Review,</u>" *Troutman Pepper*, February 22, 2022.