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Jonathan P. McHenry is the Chair of Connell Foley's Insurance Coverage Practice Group. Since joining the firm more than 15 years ago, Mr. McHenry has established himself as a leading member of Connell Foley's nationally recognized litigation practice. His practice involves the representation of domestic and internationally-based clients in a variety of disputes, with a particular emphasis on serving as lead counsel in a broad range of complex insurance coverage litigation and arbitration matters. Mr. McHenry's extensive insurance coverage experience includes matters involving general liability, environmental and mass tort claims, construction defects, products liability, subrogation, class actions, aviation law, bankruptcy protection, professional liability, personal and advertising injuries, and bad faith/extra-contractual claims. He also regularly counsels insurers in connection with the handling of complex claims prior to litigation and/or arbitration.

He is also a member of various insurance law sub-committees in USLAW, the Defense Research Institute, the American Bar Association, and the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Prior to joining Connell Foley, Mr. McHenry's experience included working for the United Nations Center for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland and serving on the staff of the Lt. Governor of South Carolina as a speechwriter, among other endeavors.

Representative Matters

- Summary judgment for primary insurer in NY action involving a multi-million dollar manufactured gas plant pollution exposure;
- Lead trial counsel for major domestic primary insurer in multi-million dollar environmental coverage action involving 36 polluted sites located nationwide. Obtained summary judgment, voluntary dismissals and/or full releases for vast majority of waste sites involved in the litigation. Successfully negotiated a favorable settlement with respect to the remaining sites;
- Representation of airline in the multibillion dollar property and wrongful death consolidated lawsuits arising from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks;
- Lead trial counsel in multi-million dollar class-action coverage litigation involving landlord of properties located in New Jersey;

Practice Areas:

Insurance Law
Mass Tort and Toxic Tort Litigation
Environmental Law
Product Liability and Tort Law
Business Litigation

Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Education:

South Carolina Honors College,
University of South Carolina (B.A., 1992)
Emory University School of Law
(J.D., 1995)

Affiliations:

American Bar Association
New Jersey State Bar Association
Essex County Bar Association

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- Lead coverage counsel for insurer in connection with bankruptcy filings of major US corporation. At issue was millions of dollars of insurance coverage and multiple settlement agreements sought to be discharged by debtor/policyholder;
- Representation of charter jet company involved in major NTSB investigation and resulting high exposure litigation arising from airplane accident with multiple fatalities;
- Successfully obtained summary judgment and voluntary dismissals for insurer with respect to multi-million dollar declaratory judgment action involving contaminated sites located throughout the country based upon coverage issues including successor liability, after-acquired liabilities, and application of the pollution exclusion;
- Obtained summary judgment with respect to a multi-million dollar contaminated environmental site located in Massachusetts based upon the application of the pollution exclusion contained in various primary insurance policies;
- Obtained summary judgment upon reversal on appeal for insurer sued by policyholder with respect to multiple acts of sexual molestation.

Professional Activities

- Member, Defense Research Institute
- Member, USLAW Network's Insurance Practice Group

Publications

- Co-Author, "Pulling the Right Trigger: Identifying the Appropriate Insurance Policy Trigger Approach at the Inception of a Construction Defect Coverage Case" *USLAW* magazine (Spring/Summer 2010)
- "Contamination From Intentional Operations Excluded, Judge Rules," Mealey's Litigation Report: Insurance, Vol 23, No. 22 (April 9, 2009)
- "Defense, Indemnity Coverage Must be Allocated On Pro Rata Basis, N.J. Judge Says," Mealey's Litigation Report: Insurance, Vol. 15, No. 25 (May 1, 2001)
- "New Jersey Court Rules No Coverage For Sexual Molestation," Mealey's Emerging Insurance Disputes, Vol. 5, No. 24 (December 20, 2000)

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