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PRACTICE AREAS

- Class Actions
- Climate Change
- Commercial Litigation
- Reinsurance

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: Massachusetts, New York
- U.S. District Court: District of Massachusetts

EDUCATION

- Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., 2003
- George Washington University, B.A. in Political Communications and minor in American History, 1998

Seth is a partner in the firm's Boston office where he represents clients in all aspects of litigation in federal and state courts. His practice focuses on first-party and third-party insurance coverage litigation and reinsurance matters as well as subrogation litigation. Seth has worked on numerous complex litigation cases, including several 9/11-related coverage matters. He was a member of the team representing a large property insurer in the multi-billion dollar coverage and subrogation litigation related to the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**First-Party Insurance Coverage**

Represented insurer in a reference (Massachusetts' version of appraisal) relating to a dispute over the alleged business income loss sustained by a Boston personal injury law firm. Obtained a favorable panel award after almost five full days of live testimony (*Dane Shulman Assoc. LLC v. Peerless Indemnity Ins. Co.*).

Represented insurer in a large dollar insurance coverage action arising from Hurricane Katrina-related property damage at retirement homes in Louisiana (*Maison Orleans I, LLC, et al. v. Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co.*).

Represented insurer in declaratory judgment action on insurance coverage issues arising out of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center (*Port Authority & WTC Properties v. Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Co., et al.*).

Third-Party Insurance Coverage

Represented an insurer on a national basis with respect to first- and third-party insurance coverage and claim defense issues relating to alleged damage caused by the presence of defective drywall; won favorable rulings on two summary judgment rulings (*Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. et al. v. The Overlook LLC et al.*).

Represented insurer in third-party insurance lawsuit relating to environmental contamination at dry cleaning facilities (*Kleenit, Inc. v. Royal Insurance Co., et al.*).

Subrogation

Represented insurers in \$2 billion subrogation action against airlines relating to 9/11 terrorist attack (*In re September 11 Property Damage and Business Loss Litigation*).

Business Litigation

Represented world-wide fire truck manufacturer in a breach of contract dispute relating to the sale of a fire truck to a Massachusetts municipality; obtained favorable settlement prior to trial (*Town of Lexington v. Ferrara Fire Apparatus Inc. et al.*).

Co-counsel in contingent recovery case for a number of plaintiffs who lost investments with Bernie Madoff (*Askenazy et al. v. Tremont Group Holdings et al.*).

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Do CGL Policies Provide Coverage for Coronavirus Claims and/or Lawsuits?, Zelle Webinar, April 7, 2020, co-presenter

"Controlling Large Commercial Contents Claims," Property Loss Research Bureau ("PLRB") Eastern Regional Adjusters Conference, Concord, NC, October 22-23, 2019, co-presenter

"Controlling Large Commercial Contents Claims," Property Loss Research Bureau ("PLRB") Central Regional Adjusters Conference, Minneapolis, MN, September 10-11, 2019, co-presenter

"Policy Training for CP Forms," PLRB Regional Adjusters Conferences, 2018, co-presenter

"The Mysteries of Reference Revealed: Representing Parties at Reference Proceedings Under Massachusetts Law," Boston Bar Association, September 15, 2017, co-presenter

"Mediation: Maximizing the Process," Property Loss Research Bureau ("PLRB") Annual Claims Conference, Boston, MA, March 26-29, 2017,

co-presenter

"Appraisal is an Appraisal is an Appraisal, Except in Mass.," *Insurance Law360*, December 23, 2016, co-author

"Winter is Coming: Preparing for Winter Storm Claims," Zelle Insurance Webinar Series - Catastrophes, November 17, 2016, presenter

"Mediation: Removing the Mystique," PLRB – San Antonio, Texas, April 19-20, 2016, co-presenter

"The Value of Appraisal in Property Insurance Claims," Zelle Insurance Education Webinar Series, March 2, 2016, presenter

"Weathering Winter Storm Juno With Roof Collapse Coverage," *Insurance Law360*, January 29, 2015, author

"Oil Spill Derailments Pose Challenge For Insurers," *Insurance Law360*, March 6, 2014, author

"Far-Ranging Consequences Of Superstorm Sandy Legislation," *Insurance Law360*, July 2, 2013, author

"A Super Guide to Superstorm Sandy: Key Adjustment, Coverage and Factual Issues," Zelle Webinar, April 19, 2013, co-presenter

"Hurricane Sandy's Civil Authority Issues Bear Watching by Reinsurers," *MReBA Cover Notes*, Spring 2013 issue, author

"Brace Yourselves For More Sandy-Related Litigation," *Insurance Law360*, January 8, 2013, co-author

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Boston Bar Association

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Reinsurance Bar Association, Chair of Membership Committee

Town of Franklin Zoning Board of Appeals, Associate Member

NOTEWORTHY

Seth was named a Massachusetts "Rising Star" for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (Insurance Coverage and Business Litigation) by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit, Providence, RI summer law clerk, Hon. Bruce M. Selya, 2001

Thompson Publishing Group, Washington, DC, disability law publications editor, 1998-2000