

Insurance



CWM is an insurance defense and coverage law firm, providing legal services to leading American and London market insurers. Our insurance practice spans many market segments, including marine, property/casualty, employment, construction, surety, and professional liability.

Insurance Defense

While our practice is predominantly in Virginia and North Carolina, we often handle insurance cases in other states along the east coast and throughout the southeastern United States. Where necessary, we work with local counsel in jurisdictions preferred by our clients or selected by us from our domestic and international networks of specialized practitioners.

In our extensive litigation practice, the multi-dimensional experience of our firm has put our attorneys in the forefront of several traditional practice areas, including:

- Commercial Auto/Truck,
- Railroad liability,
- Maritime law,
- Governmental liability,
- Environmental/toxic torts,
- Construction/surety law,
- Employment law,
- Indemnity/contractual liability, as new and evolving practice areas:
- Cyber security/data privacy law; and
- Autonomous/unmanned systems.

Insurance Coverage

The Firm has been assisting underwriters across varied market segments with policy coverage analysis, thorough coverage opinions and reservations of rights letters. The firm also provides monitoring services where excess policies are at risk or in matters involving insureds with high retentions. We also defend claims of bad faith and other first party claims. In our coverage work, we have evaluated virtually all standard policy forms and many manuscript policies.



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Our Approach to Your Assignments

Our attorneys, paralegals and administrative staff are well-attuned to the needs of insurance claims professionals, from file assignment to file closing. We understand that our clients expect exceptional legal expertise at reasonable cost. We are committed to delivering on that expectation and also provide an equally exceptional service experience, including:

- Accurate budgeting,
- Timely and comprehensive status reporting,
- Thorough case development,
- Early case resolution strategies, and
- Guideline-compliant billing.

While our goal is to pursue the earliest, most favorable and cost-effective outcome possible for our clients, the underwriters who depend on us know that not every case can be resolved outside the courtroom. Thus, if trial is the required course of action, it will also be pursued with the confidence instilled by the experience and ability of our seasoned trial attorneys. The firm is known for successfully championing its clients' interest at trial, whether before judge or jury, in both state and federal courts.