# **INSURANCE & REINSURANCE LITIGATION PRACTICE**

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#### AWARD-WINNING LEADER IN INSURANCE LAW

A recognized leader in insurance law, Duane Morris represents many of the most prominent insurers in the United States and Europe in their most critical matters throughout the world. We efficiently handle the full range of insurance coverage and litigation matters, from the routine to the most complex, for clients in all lines of insurance and reinsurance, including property and casualty, life and health, and financial guaranty. In addition to our active litigation and coverage practice, Duane Morris handles complex corporate, M&A transactional and regulatory matters in all sectors of the insurance industry.



# CHAMBERS USA RANKS DUANE MORRIS AMONG NATIONAL LEADERS IN INSURANCE LAW

Chambers USA recognizes Duane Morris as one of the TOP LAW FIRMS REPRESENTING INSURERS in the United

States, and as one of the top law firms representing insurers in California. Clients described Duane Morris as:



- "The firm delivers on value with superb advice and counsel. The partners are extremely tied into the insurance industry and up to date on statutory developments and case precedent."
- "Duane Morris can handle the most complex and sophisticated matters. The firm provides great advice."

#### EXPANSIVE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REACH

With more than 100 insurance attorneys handling complex issues and major insurance matters throughout the United States; in the U.K. and Europe through our London office; in Asia through our offices in Singapore, Shanghai, Vietnam and Myanmar, Duane Morris has one of the largest insurance practices in the world.

#### **OFFICE LOCATIONS & REACH**



#### UNITED STATES

| Atlanta     | Miami            |
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| Austin      | New Jersey North |
| Baltimore   | New Jersey South |
| Boca Raton  | New York         |
| Boston      | Philadelphia     |
| Chicago     | Pittsburgh       |
| Dallas      | San Diego        |
| Fort Worth  | San Francisco    |
| Houston     | Silicon Valley   |
| Las Vegas   | Washington, D.C. |
| Los Angeles | Wilmington       |
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#### INTERNATIONAL

| Hanoi            | Shanghai  |  |
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| Ho Chi Minh City | Singapore |  |
| London           | Sydney    |  |
| Myanmar          |           |  |
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- > Also satellite offices, including Bangor and Portland, Maine; Berwyn, Pennsylvania; and Seattle, Washington
- > Alliances in Mexico and throughout Latin America
- Leadership position with international network of independent law firms

### RANKED IN THE LEGAL 500 U.S. 2024 GUIDE



"This firm literally wrote the book-or wrote the insurance policy. The team I work with has drafted numerous insurance policy forms that are used throughout the market. Furthermore, they have litigated many insurance coverage disputes."

"What I enjoy is that there is no learning curve with the firm... They grasp the issues and provide their services in an effective and efficient manner."

### **EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK**

#### **Coverage Litigation Results**

- Successfully obtained a reversal and remand before the California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board of a \$3.5 million regulatory penalty imposed by the Division of Workers Compensation against a third-party claim administrator client, delivering a rare loss to the state regulatory agency.
- Affirmance by Ninth Circuit of summary judgment in California pollution coverage case based on lack of actual tender (as opposed to alleged constructive tender), as well as lack of harm to policyholder based on other settlements.
- Successfully obtained a reversal with directions to enter a new judgment for a client in a California state court appeal arising from an adverse jury verdict regarding intentional interference with prospective economic advantage in a multimillion dollar dispute between insurance brokers.
- California state trial court victory in an asbestos coverage action involving a several hundred million dollar primary versus excess equitable contribution dispute involving various allocation, drop down and equitable contribution theories.
- Successfully pursued a petition for writ of mandate to the California Court of Appeal and obtained a reversal of a breach of contract summary judgment ruling in a multimillion dollar asbestos insurance coverage dispute.



- Reversal by Ninth Circuit of adverse trial court decision in Hawaii construction pollution coverage equitable contribution case, enforcing excess other insurance clause.
- Reversal by Ninth Circuit of adverse trial court decision in California products liability coverage equitable contribution case, concerning \$100 million-plus litigation over energy product facilities in Nova Scotia, finding known damage provision had to be applied separately to separate structures in differing conditions.
- Affirmance by Second Circuit of summary judgment in pollution coverage case for California sites, enforcing New York choice of law clause and that state's common law rule that prejudice need not be shown to deny coverage for law notice.
- Affirmance by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania of decision that coverage for \$2.5 million racial discrimination jury verdict was barred by applicable public policy against insurance for willful wrongdoing.

## RANKED IN BTI CONSULTING GROUP'S LITIGATION OUTLOOK 2025



- LITIGATION LEADER 2025
- Named an AWESOME OPPONENT and received its first LITIGATION
  POWERHOUSE designation
- Ranked a LITIGATION LEADER in multiple categories, including Commercial Litigation and Complex Commercial Litigation
- Ranked a DISTINGUISHED FIRM and STAND OUT FIRM and recognized in seven litigation categories

# NAMED TO BTI CLIENT SERVICE 30 FOR $4^{TH}$ CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN 2024



"Duane Morris are the gold standard in excellent client service performance."

 Ranked among core law firms that serve Fortune 1000 and large private clients

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- Asbestos/Pollution Health Hazard
- Bad Faith Defense
- Bankruptcy
- Class Action Defense
- Construction
- Corporate and Regulatory
- Directors & Officers

- General Liability, Primary and Excess
- Life/Health/Disability
- Marine
- Professional Liability
- Rehabilitation,
- Liquidation & Insolvency • Reinsurance
- Createlty Lin
- Specialty Lines



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