

Dirk E. Ehlers

SHAREHOLDER

For more than two decades, Dirk Ehlers has handled insurance-related matters, focusing primarily on the resolution of coverage disputes on behalf of insurers, through a combination of direct negotiation, mediation and litigation. His approach employs not only an understanding of the subject matter but also his clients' broader business objectives. Dirk believes that "the best service to clients in the insurance industry requires always keeping the big picture in mind—not just being a strong advocate, but also considering creative alternatives beyond traditional litigation to bring our clients' disputes to a successful conclusion."

His breadth of industry experience includes handling coverage issues involving specialty lines of insurance, such as D&O/management liability, professional liability, financial institution/commercial crime bonds, cyber and technology liability and mortgage impairment products. In addition, Dirk's extensive industry portfolio includes matters arising under property/casualty lines - commercial general liability, transportation liability and marine liability - as well as the pursuit of subrogation and salvage recoveries on behalf of insurers. He has also defended banks, brokers and developers in connection with general commercial disputes.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Coverage Dispute Resolution
D&O/Management Liability
Insurance/Reinsurance Coverage
Professional Liability
Fidelity/Commercial Crime
Commercial General Liability
Transportation Liability
Marine Liability
Litigation

An active member of the Torts and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the Professional Liability Underwriting Society, Dirk has presented papers in symposia for the Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals, the American Bar Association and the Fidelity Law Association. He graduated summa cum laude from Cornell College prior to studying law at the University of Chicago.

With the addition of Dirk's coverage and liability expertise and dispute resolution skills to the already impressive Schuyler Roche & Crisham regulatory, compliance and claims team, the firm is extremely well positioned to serve the legal needs of its expanding insurance industry clientele.

EXPERIENCE

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.
Chicago, IL

Shareholder
2010 to Present

Duane Morris LLP
Chicago, IL

Special Council
2001-2010

Underwriters at Lloyd's,
London

Consultant and expert witness
2002-2004

Provided legal analysis and expert testimony on behalf of underwriting and insuring entities at Lloyd's, London and related markets

Peterson & Ross
Chicago, IL

Partner
1996-1998

Associate
1988-1995

EDUCATION AND DISTINCTIONS

J.D., University of Chicago Law School, 1988

B.A., Cornell College (summa cum laude), 1985

PUBLICATIONS

Prevailing Sources of Potential Liability for Private Companies and Their Directors and Officers—White Paper, May 20, 2010

The Impact of Carolina Casualty—Law 360, July 28, 2009

Stock Options Backdating: Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance and Indemnification Issues—Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals, Fall Conference, October 5, 2006

Bad Faith: Trends in Statutory and Common Law Framework – Fidelity Law Association Journal (Vol. IV, 1998)

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association—Torts and Insurance Practice Section

Illinois State Bar Association

Professional Liability Underwriting Society