

Paul E. Del Vecchio

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OVERVIEW

Paul Del Vecchio is a partner in the firm. He concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation, including insurance coverage litigation and counseling. He has been involved in asbestos bodily injury and environmental property damage insurance coverage cases in numerous jurisdictions. He has handled many insurance matters involving first-party property losses, as well as nuclear energy liability insurance and directors and officers insurance matters.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Paul has practiced in the firm's Litigation and Disputes Resolution practice area and its Insurance Recovery and Counseling practice group for over 30 years. He has served on both the hiring committee and associate development committee for the firm's Pittsburgh office, and he has served as the mentoring coordinator for the Pittsburgh office's mentoring program for new lawyers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation in Pittsburgh, PA, 2024-2027

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, Emerging Risks and Recent Trends in Environmental Claims Panel at Perrin Emerging Insurance Coverage & Allocation Issues Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 11 April 2018
- Panelist, Insurance Coverage Panel at *Mega Superfund Sites* Symposium presented jointly by the Environmental and Emerging Claim Manager Association (EECMA) and the Association of Insurance Run-Off and Reinsurance Companies (AIRROC), Philadelphia, PA, 7 September 2017
- “Excess Insurer Issues” presented at *Claims Made and Professional Liability Insurance* Conference sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia, PA, 22 August 2008 and 2 December 2011

- "Insurance Claims Issues and Disputes" presented at *Business Insurance* Seminar sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia, PA, 25 February 2005
- "Understanding Lloyd's and Equitas" presented at *Insurance 101* Conference sponsored by Mealey's Publications, Philadelphia, PA, 25 March 2004
- "Discovery of Underwriters at Lloyd's: The Equitas Collection" presented at Lloyd's and Equitas 2001 Conference sponsored by American Bar Association, Chicago, IL, 24 May 2001

EDUCATION

- J.D., Cornell Law School, 1993 *(cum laude)*
- B.A., College of William and Mary, 1988

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 10 August 2020, Strategic Insurance Considerations for Emerging Coal Ash Bodily Injury Claims
- 20 March 2019, Identifying and Preserving Coverage for Alleged Coal Ash Liability

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Excess Insurer Issues: Exhaustion of Underlying Policy Limits and Rights and Obligations Regarding the Settlement and Defense of Underlying Claims," *PBI Claims and Professional Liability Insurance Seminar*, by John M. Sylvester and Paul E. Del Vecchio, October 2011
- "Excess Insurer Issues" *presented at Claims Made and Professional Liability Insurance Conference sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute*, Philadelphia, PA, 22 August 2008 and 2 December 2011
- "Insurance Claims Issues and Disputes" *presented at Business Insurance Seminar sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute*, Philadelphia, PA, 25 February 2005
- "Understanding Lloyd's and Equitas" *presented at Insurance 101 Conference sponsored by Mealey's Publications*, Philadelphia, PA, 25 March 2004
- "Pennsylvania Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Policyholders in Sunbeam Environmental Coverage Case," *Pittsburgh RIMarks*, by John M. Sylvester and Paul E. Del Vecchio, January 2002

- "Discovery of Underwriters at Lloyd's: The Equitas Collection" *presented at Lloyd's and Equitas 2001 Conference sponsored by American Bar Association*, Chicago, IL, 24 May 2001

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Appellate Litigation
- Commercial Disputes

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Nuclear Energy

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Counseling policyholders on liability and first-party property insurance claims
- Represented successor to a Pennsylvania product manufacturer in AAA arbitration proceeding adverse to London Market Insurers regarding insurance coverage for asbestos-related liabilities
- Review and analysis of general liability and first-party property insurance policies
- Represented Pennsylvania policyholder regarding insurance coverage for asbestos-related bodily injury claims of former employees
- Litigated insurance coverage disputes for utilities regarding manufactured gas plant-related environmental liabilities and losses
- Represented Pennsylvania-based companies in first-party property insurance claims for fire loss
- Litigated commercial mortgage foreclosures for bank mortgagees
- Litigated insurance coverage dispute for a Pennsylvania product manufacturer regarding toxic tort bodily injury liabilities (including asbestos) through final judgment and appeals
- Litigated environmental insurance coverage disputes for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Oregon, Washington and California corporate policyholders involving general liability policies and first-party property policies
- Prosecuted replevin actions to repossess equipment
- Defended RICO securities fraud class actions