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Curriculum Vitae

JOHN T. COYNE is a member of the Firm's Litigation and Insurance Services Practice Group, and he concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation. He represents a major consumer products company in a variety of matters, including consumer class actions, product liability suits, discrimination and whistleblower claims by current and former employees and disputes with vendors, with a particular emphasis on supply agreements. He devotes a significant portion of his practice to counseling primary and excess insurers regarding their coverage obligations under many types of policies. He has handled a number of multi-million dollar declaratory judgment actions in state and federal court involving insurance contracts. He has extensive experience in defending claims seeking to impose extra-contractual liability on insurers for bad faith denial of coverage and failure to settle.

Mr. Coyne's practice also involves a variety of other types of work. Since 2000, he has served as lead outside counsel to a New Jersey-based staffing company and provided representation and counseling on all types of employer-employee disputes. He has also defended numerous other employment discrimination actions, including an age discrimination suit filed by seventeen plaintiffs against a major corporation following a reduction in force. Additionally, Mr. Coyne has defended professional liability claims brought against insurance brokers and agents, attorneys and accountants. He has represented manufacturers and distributors in a number of products liability and toxic tort suits filed by persons suffering catastrophic injuries. The products involved in the cases include over-the-counter

medications, aircraft, industrial lift trucks, farm equipment, pesticides and various chemicals. Mr. Coyne also has defended statutory and common law claims arising from environmental contamination. He has extensive experience in matters involving claims of unfair competition and violation by ex-employees of covenants not to compete. Mr. Coyne's practice also focuses on complex civil litigation arising from contractual disputes. He has tried multiple cases to conclusion and argued many cases before the New Jersey Supreme Court and Appellate Division. In addition to his litigation practice, he has also assisted clients in negotiating contracts, preparing handbooks, conducting internal investigations, and providing crisis counseling.

Mr. Coyne is a member of numerous bar associations and professional groups, including the Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association - Civil Trial Section. He has published numerous articles on a various topics and lectured at seminars presented by the New Jersey State Bar Association, the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education and other groups.

He is admitted to the bars of the State of New Jersey, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Coyne graduated from The Johns Hopkins University in 1987, and from Rutgers Law School in 1991. From 1991 to 1992, he served as Law Clerk to The Honorable John M. Boyle, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, General Equity Part.

Awards

- Recognized in Chambers USA (2018-2026) in the area of Insurance. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE.
- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2006-2027), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Insurance Law. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Super Lawyers® (2005-2020, 2023), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of Insurance Coverage, Business Litigation, and Employment & Labor: Employer. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- In 2004, he was named to the *New Jersey Law Journal's* "40 Under 40", a list of the State's top forty attorneys under the age of forty. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

Cases

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Miller v. McClure,
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154 N.J. 496 (1998)

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151 N.J. 80 (1997)

Samco Rockaway 90 v. Lawyers Title Ins. Corp.,
1995 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7380 (D.N.J. 1995)

Industries

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Practices

Antitrust
Appellate Practice
Class Actions
Environmental
Insurance Coverage
Labor & Employment
Litigation
Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices & Life Sciences
Product Liability
Professional Liability

Education

Johns Hopkins University (B.A. 1987)
Rutgers U. School of Law - Newark (J.D. 1991)

Admissions

State of New Jersey
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit