



Brian Watson is a partner who concentrates his practice in the area of third-party and first-party insurance coverage, including major property losses, business interruption claims, builders risk claims and pursuing subrogation in large commercial property losses. Brian also has considerable experience representing insurers in connection with Directors & Officers, Errors & Omissions and Employment Practices Liability coverage, including litigated matters before state and federal courts. He has first-chair jury trial experience and he has resolved numerous disputes through alternative dispute resolution and negotiated settlements..

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

XL Specialty Insurance Company v. WMI Liquidating Trust, Case No. 499, 2013 (Del. Supr. Ct.)
Defended U.S. insurer in declaratory judgment action seeking coverage under excess Side A D&O Policy.

Kruise v. Bloom Companies, LLC, Case No. 10-18726 (Wisc. Cir. Ct., Milwaukee) Defended
U.S. architects and engineers insurer in direct action lawsuit.

YRC Worldwide, Inc. v. XL Insurance (Bermuda) Ltd., Case No. 11-cv-2534 (D. Kan.) Defended
Bermudian insurer in a declaratory judgment and breach of contract action seeking
coverage under an EPL policy.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. v. Vigilant Ins. Co., Index No. 600979/09 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) Defended
U.S. insurer in declaratory judgment action seeking coverage under Financial Institution
E&O policy.

TOUSA, Inc. v. Federal Ins. Co., 09-02281 (S.D. Fla.) Defended Bermudian insurer in
declaratory judgment action seeking coverage under Side A D&O policy.

PUBLICATIONS

"Known Loss Doctrine Precludes Insurance for Hijacked Cargo Shipment," *The Maritime Advocate* (July 18, 2017)

"Navigating Maritime Liens: Protections Afforded To The Vessel Owner," *Marine Insight* (July 14, 2017)

"Recent 'Wrongful Birth' Decisions Turn on the Health of the Child," *DRI's The Voice* (July 12, 2017)

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Practice Areas

- Admiralty & Maritime
- Bermuda Forms
- First-Party Property
- Professional Liability

Education

- DePaul University College of Law, J.D. 2006, *cum laude*
- Member of the DePaul Law Review, CALI Award in Legal Writing
- Northwestern University, B.A. Economics and Classics 2002

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

Admissions

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