



Jonathan Walton is a partner who serves as coverage and litigation counsel to domestic and international insurers in a variety of complex insurance coverage matters, including third-party and first-party coverage matters.

Jonathan regularly provides his clients with comprehensive coverage analysis in coverage disputes involving primary and excess general liability, professional liability, admiralty, and first-party property claims. He also has experience litigating contested coverage cases relating to the pharmaceutical industry, including regulatory investigations and proceedings and multidistrict litigation, as well as matters involving opioid litigation, sexual harassment claims, property damage claims and coverage issues arising from construction defects and construction site accidents. Jonathan also has experience litigating issues relating to late notice, relatedness of claims, allocation and the scope of the insurer's duty to defend. Jonathan's work on behalf of clients has earned him recognition by *The Best Lawyers in America* in its 2026 list and inclusion in the Rising Stars list in Illinois by *Super Lawyers* for Insurance Law from 2021-present.

Jonathan earned his law degree, magna cum laude, from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he served as a notes and comments editor of the Chicago-Kent Law Review and as a Kent Legal Scholar.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Confidential Arbitration Jonathan recently won a confidential arbitration resulting in a savings to his errors and omissions carrier client of \$10 million.

Fives St Corp. v. Allied World Surplus Lines Ins. Co., No. 5:22-cv-12683 (E.D. Mich.), *affirmed* No. 24-1921 (6th Cir. Jun. 10, 2025) The Sixth Circuit affirmed that the insured's prior knowledge of a dispute with an equipment purchaser precluded coverage for the underlying lawsuit.

PUBLICATIONS

"Creditor's Rights Chapter on Equitable Remedies Available to Judgment Creditors," Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, December 17, 2018

"Policy Limits Demands and Time Limit Demands Duty to Settle," The Brief, November 9, 2018

"Recent Developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution," American Bar Association, April 1, 2018

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Practice Areas

- Admiralty & Maritime
- Bad Faith
- Commercial General Liability
- Counseling and Risk Management
- Coverage Litigation
- First-Party Property
- Healthcare Insurance and Reinsurance
- Professional Liability

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D. 2012, *magna cum laude*
- University of Illinois, B.A. English 2007

Memberships

- American Bar Association (Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section)

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern Districts of Illinois
- U.S. District Courts for the Central Districts of Illinois
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern Districts of Illinois