



Kevin F. Harris is a partner whose practice focuses on advising insurance carriers in a variety of complex disputes involving commercial general liability, products liability, professional liability, and cyber liability. Kevin is a contributor to BatesCarey's Opioid Coverage Task Force, which is dedicated to monitoring and analyzing lawsuits filed by state and local governments nationwide against pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and retail pharmacies in order to assess insurance coverage issues and the risk exposure of BatesCarey's clients and the insurance industry at large.

Prior to joining BatesCarey, Kevin gained significant international business and legal experience while working in China for Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Co. in Shanghai, and in the Beijing offices of the American Chamber of Commerce in China.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Colemon v. Westport Ins. Co., 727 S.W.3d 371 (Ky. 2025) The Kentucky Supreme Court affirmed appellate ruling that defeated a \$28 million insurance claim and established Kentucky precedent that malicious prosecution "personal injury" "occurs" only on date of wrongful charging, and that insurance is not continuously triggered during the subsequent years of suffering and deprivation of rights.

Publix Super Markets, Inc. v. ACE Prop. and Cas. Ins. Co., et al., No. 8:22-cv-2569 (MD Fla. Oct. 29, 2024) Achieved ruling that multi-billion-dollar governmental opioid lawsuits present generalized economic losses and do not seek to impose covered liability for damages "because of bodily injury" where there is no claim to prove causation or damages for any individual's injury.

PRESENTATIONS

Under the Influencers: The Scope of Media Coverage in the Digital Age; Client seminar (February 2024)

America On Opioids: The Issues, The Claims, and The Coverage (Perrin Conferences, October 17, 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

"What Conn. Opioid Ruling Means for Liability Insurers" *Law 360 Insurance Expert Analysis* (January 15, 2018)

"Settlement Aspirations Enter the Opioid MDL" *Law360 Expert Analysis* (January 10, 2018)

"MDL Hearing Signals a New Phase in Opioid Suits" *Law360 Expert Analysis* (December 1, 2017)

"Big Pharma Faces Insurance Hurdles in Opioid Suits" *Law360 Insurance Newsletter* (November 8, 2017)

"The Opioid Epidemic: As the Pharmaceutical Industry Is Targeted, Will It Be Covered by

Contact Information

Email: kharris@batescarey.com
Office: (312) 762-3215

Practice Areas

- Commercial General Liability
- Professional Liability

Education

- Loyola University Chicago, J.D. 2016
- University of Iowa, B.A. in Sociology and Psychology 2011

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

Admissions

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

Insurance?" *Mealey's Emerging Insurance Disputes* (July 6, 2017)

"Oppressive Conduct and Failure to Follow Court Orders Leads to Punitive Damages Against Shareholder's Estate" *Illinois State Bar Association Business and Securities Law Newsletter* (June 2015)