Jesse Dunbar

Partner

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Education

- Emory University School of Law, JD
- American University, School of International Service, BA

Practices & Industries

- Insurance Coverage & Regulation
- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials
- Professional Liability
- International
- Canada-US Cross-Border
- Insurance & Reinsurance

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Court Admissions

- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York

Biography

Jesse is an experienced commercial litigator and counselor with a significant domestic and international practice. His insurance and reinsurance clients and counseling matters relate to primary, excess, and umbrella general liability insurance; reinsurance; professional liability; and financial and other product lines. Jesse has represented clients externally and as a former in-house general counsel in transactional, high-profile coverage matters, litigation, declaratory judgment, and insurance defense matters. Jesse also counsels clients in many different industries, including in claims and litigation, insurance and reinsurance, contracts, and other commercial and transactional matters. Jesse's clients are located throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Bermuda, and Europe. He is part of the firm's Canada-US Cross-Border Team.

After gaining significant experience in a law firm setting, Jesse served for several years as general counsel and officer for an NYSE-traded global insurer and reinsurer headquartered in Bermuda. Based in the United States, he was responsible for insurance and reinsurance transactions, corporate acquisitions, corporate governance, employment counseling and disputes, employment counseling and disputes, commercial litigation, leases, US and foreign licensing, compliance, and regulatory matters. Additionally, he served on national and international executive committees with global responsibilities.

Bar Associations

- New York State Bar Association

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- ARIAS-US
- Canadian Association of New York
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society

Representative Experience

- Counsels corporate clients, including start-ups and more-established companies, on insurance, contract, and transactional matters as well as on matters relating to existing business operations or business expansion in the United States.
- Defends clients in commercial litigation in state and federal courts, including high-profile coverage and other matters.
- Represents clients in arbitration matters in New York State courts, federal courts, and elsewhere in commercial litigation and other matters.
- Represents reinsurers, intermediaries, and cedants on US reinsurance arbitrations and litigation.
- Provides coverage advice and counseling to insurers and reinsurers, including proposed policy terms, conditions, sub-limits and programs, contracts, and other aspects of their business.

Prior Experience

- White and Williams, LLP, Counsel
- Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited, Global Legal Team, US, Canada, and Latin America Insurance and Reinsurance Business Platforms

Selected Community Activities

- Emory Law School Alumni Association, New York and Connecticut Chapters Member

Selected Speaking Engagements

- New York State Bar Association Seventh Corporate Counsel Institute Program, “Insurance Claims Lifecycle Management”
- Westchester/Southern Connecticut Association of Corporate Counsel Chapter, “Topical Issues of Importance to the Insurance Industry and to Connecticut's Corporate Citizens”
- US Regional Conference, “New York’s Contract Certainty Initiative, Excess and Surplus Lines Claims Association/Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel”
- HB Litigation Conference, “The Right to Associate Counsel in Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes"
- 22nd International Reinsurance Congress in Bermuda, “Current Trends and Issues Impacting the Reinsurance Industry”

Selected Media

- *ARIAS-US Quarterly*, “Understanding the Impact of Cosmetic Talc Case Verdicts”

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- Insurance Agent Held Not Liable for Alleged Failure to Obtain Flood Insurance Coverage
- Ethical Considerations For Attorneys In The Evolving World Of Cyber Security And Data Breaches