Adina Bergstrom is one of the founding partners of Sauro & Bergstrom, PLLC located in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area of Minnesota. With a background in insurance claims and regulatory compliance, she has decades of experience analyzing, resolving, and litigating insurance claim disputes as a plaintiff’s attorney and formerly as staff counsel for large insurance companies. She handles claim disputes of all types, with a particular focus on large commercial claims and agribusiness losses. Ms. Bergstrom routinely handles appraisals, trials, and appeals in both state and federal court in Minnesota and throughout the Midwest.
Bryana Blessinger, a civil litigator in Oregon and Washington, handles complex first and third party insurance coverage matters including extra-contractual bad faith claims, property loss, directors and officers (D&O), professional negligence, product defect, and crime coverage. Bryana also defends general tort actions, with an emphasis on property loss, professional malpractice, and employment law claims.

Throughout her career, Bryana has tried more than 30 jury and bench cases, including the successful defense of a $1 million first-party property claim by a wholesale automotive parts distributor for alleged damage to inventory. Bryana provides coverage opinions and analysis, as well as representation through all stages of litigation, including case analysis, discovery, and pre-trial strategy. She has arbitrated and mediated numerous cases with favorable outcomes for the client, including a multi-day arbitration resulting in a defense verdict for a real estate agent client.

Bryana also understands the risks of taking cases to trial or arbitration. She works to bring many cases to conclusion through successful motion practice in state and federal courts, sparing the cost of trying a case, but achieving the desired outcome. That includes a successful Motion for Summary Judgment (MSJ) in an $11 million construction defect lawsuit, where she successfully obtained dismissal of all claims against a general contractor. Prior to private practice, Bryana was a Deputy District Attorney for Washington County. She draws on that legal experience, where she tried many criminal cases to verdict.

Bryana has also handled large-scale environmental coverage matters, including matters involving Oregon's Portland Harbor Superfund Site. She also has an understanding of EPA, Oregon DEQ, and Natural Resource Damage remedial investigations and feasibility studies.

Bryana presents programs on insurance coverage to professional legal associations and clients and has published numerous articles on the topic. Bryana is actively involved in the Defense Research Institute (DRI), serving as an Editor-in-Chief for The Voice, the Vice-Chair of the Insurance Law Committee's Directors and Officers Substantive Law Group, and the Publications Co-Vice Chair of the Young Lawyers Committee.
Derek S. Chaiken, Esq.

Derek S. Chaiken is an experienced trial attorney who tirelessly advocates for justice on behalf of his clients. He has dedicated his practice to representing home and business owners in recovering compensation from their insurers and third parties when their property has been damaged. He has had significant success litigating on behalf of his clients at mediation, arbitration and trial. As a result of his professional accomplishments, Derek was named a Super Lawyers “Rising Star” in 2019, an honor awarded to no more than 2.5% of lawyers.

Derek attended the University of Michigan and University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law. In law school, he served as a clerk for the Honorable Bernard A. Friedman in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Derek is licensed to practice law in all of the state and federal courts in California. Derek is a member of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA), Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) and the Beverly Hills Bar Association.
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Melissa D’Alelio

Tenacious and diligent, Melissa D’Alelio provides insight, analysis, and advocacy during complex commercial disputes. Melissa divides her sophisticated insurance practice between liability and property claims, representing clients in the investigation, litigation and trial of a broad spectrum of first and third party coverage, subrogation, reinsurance, and bad faith matters. She also counsels non-insurer clients in general business litigation and contract disputes, labor and employment matters, personal injury, and products liability.

Recognized as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer, Up and Coming Lawyer, or Rising Star every year from 2011 through 2016, Melissa has extensive experience representing insurance companies across the U.S. in high-stakes property coverage investigations, appraisals, and litigation involving collapse, design defect, earth movement, environmental exposure, and catastrophe claims such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and fires. These disputes, which arise in a broad array of industries and professions, regularly involve analyzing ordinance and law, and business interruption claims. Melissa also handles computer fraud, hacking, and other cyber-crime property insurance claims, as well as policyholder misrepresentation and fraud claims.

Melissa’s practice includes representing insurers in the resolution and litigation of a broad range of liability coverage and claims handling disputes under primary and excess commercial, and other specialty line policies, evaluating their duty to defend and indemnify their insureds. Melissa is well versed in resolving claims involving personal and advertising injury, defective construction, additional and other insureds, priority of coverage, and allocation disputes.

Melissa’s extensive experience in resolving policy interpretation disputes in both the property and liability arenas enables her to assist insurers in drafting customized policy forms and endorsements. A former teacher, Melissa enjoys advising and training a wide variety of clients regarding compliance with insurance regulations, state and federal statues, and common law, recommending, as necessary, changes in policy provisions and business protocols and procedures.

Since 2011, Melissa has been Vice Chair of the American Bar Association’s Property Insurance Law Committee (PILC). In this leadership role, Melissa has spearheaded major advances in PILC membership and diversity, and has been instrumental in the planning and management of the PILC annual meeting. She is a frequent speaker on various property and liability insurance matters, both at PILC events and on behalf of the Property and Liability Resource Bureau (PLRB).
Lindsey Davis

Lindsey’s practice is focused on complex insurance and reinsurance disputes, representing insurers in a wide range of coverage matters. She has handled first-party property coverage disputes in a variety of contexts and has dealt extensively with issues relating to policy interpretation, the application of various coverage exclusions and policy endorsements, and bad faith. In addition to her experience with insurance coverage and reinsurance issues, Lindsey has extensive experience defending financial services firms in challenging, high stakes lawsuits involving multi-million dollar claims of negligence, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and violations of state and federal statutes. She currently represents Freddie Mac and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver for 38 Closed Banks in the LIBOR antitrust litigation. Lindsey uses her knowledge and experience to teach legal writing to first year law students at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.
Ms. D’Alelio is a partner at Robins Kaplan LLP in Boston. She successfully counsels clients in cases involving a wide variety of insurance lines, including commercial property and homeowner’s policies, and represents them in litigation and trial. Ms. D’Alelio has substantial experience defending litigation over collapse, design defect, earth movement, environmental exposure, and catastrophe claims such as tornados, floods, earthquakes, fires, and windstorms. She also helps her clients quickly and efficiently resolve measurement disputes in appraisal and reference.

Ms. D’Alelio’s insurance practice also includes the resolution and litigation of liability coverage issues under commercial, and other standard form and manuscript policies. She advises insurers in complex coverage disputes involving advertising injury coverage, additional and other insured questions, the application of misrepresentation defenses, and exclusions under claims made and occurrence based policies. Ms. D’Alelio works with her clients to avoid the escalation of conflict and to achieve reasonable and cost-effective determinations, counseling her clients on effective ways to minimize exposure to extra-contractual “bad faith” liability claims.

Ms. D’Alelio served as the Program Co-Chair for the Property Insurance Law Committee (“PILC”) of the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (“TIPS”) and has been a vice-chair for several years. Ms. D’Alelio was recently accepted into the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (“FDCC”). Ms. D’Alelio is also a member of Massachusetts’ Equal Justice Coalition, which is committed to securing civil legal aid in the state, and the Massachusetts Womens’ Bar Foundation, where she represents abused women. Ms. D’Alelio was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Women’s Bar Association as part of the “Women’s Leadership Initiative,” was awarded “Excellence in the Law” recognition by Massachusetts Lawyer’s Weekly, and has been recognized as a Massachusetts “Super Lawyer” for the past six years.

Ms. D’Alelio graduated from Mount Holyoke College and Northeastern University School of Law. She is the first college graduate and lawyer in her family. Earlier in her career, Melissa was honored to serve as a legislative intern to Massachusetts’ first woman majority leader, and as a judicial intern to the nation’s first African-American Chief United States Magistrate Judge. She was also an associate in the Global Risk Management sector of the Financial Aid Assurance Practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers. All that being said, Melissa believes some of her best training as a lawyer came from growing up in a large, Italian family, where she frequently negotiated and advocated over the dinner table. She enjoys continuing to hone these skills with her husband and three small children.
GERALD P. DWYER JR.

Kip Dwyer is chair of Robinson+Cole’s Insurance + Reinsurance Group and is a nationally recognized insurance coverage counselor and litigator. He has represented major insurers in disputes pending in trial and appellate courts in more than 25 states, including federal multi-district litigation proceedings, syndicated quota share insurance litigation and arbitration, and class action litigation. Mr. Dwyer has also served as national and coordinating counsel for major insurers in response to catastrophic and high-impact losses, including Superstorm Sandy, Chinese Drywall, and Hurricane Katrina. During his 20+ years of legal practice, he has successfully litigated, from the pleading and discovery stage through the appellate process, numerous eight-figure coverage and claim-handling matters.

In recognition of his knowledge and experience, Mr. Dwyer was retained as the testifying expert by a quota share syndicate of insurers (ACE, AIG and CNA) on the subject of United States insurance law in a high-exposure coverage dispute pending in Quebec Provincial Court.

Mr. Dwyer was selected by Appleman On Insurance to write the authoritative treatise’s first chapter on claim handling. After more than two years of drafting, Chapter Four: The Claim Process, Appleman On Insurance, Liability Edition was published in 2010. Mr. Dwyer has been on the UConn Law School faculty as an Adjunct Professor since 2008, and he currently teaches a substantive course entitled ‘Property Insurance,’ which is an accredited class for Juris Doctorate and Insurance LL.M. degrees, as well as the certificate issued by Center for Energy & Environmental Law.

Prior to joining Robinson+Cole, Mr. Dwyer was an in-house attorney in Travelers' law department, where he managed the litigation of coverage and claim-handling suits in courts across the country. In that role, Mr. Dwyer developed unique insight into the real-world dynamics between corporate law departments and their internal stakeholders, and the importance of managing expectations at all stages of the case.
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A director at Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert, Tred is a founding member and past chair of the Hawaii State Bar Association’s Insurance Coverage Litigation section. He currently serves as a co-editor the ABA’s Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee’s social media sites. His blog, insurancelawhawaii.com, has been continuously recognized nationally in its ten years of existence. He frequently writes and speaks on insurance coverage issues. Tred’s passion is assisting clients work through coverage issues to reach a satisfactory result.
Laura F. Farrant

Laura F. Farrant is an experienced property insurance coverage attorney in the Fort Lauderdale office of Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass LLP. Ms. Farrant regularly litigates and advises clients on property insurance coverage issues and allegations of bad faith and unfair claims settlement practices. Ms. Farrant has extensive experience representing insurers in cases involving Florida’s Bad Faith Statute and Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, and the Federal Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and Unfair Claim Settlement Practices Act as related to matters of significant exposures. She is also experienced regarding the timing and triggers related to undisputed and interim payments, as well as the procedures for proper adjustment of insurance claims. Ms. Farrant has presented and published on this issue for the American Bar Association’s Torts Trial and Insurance Property Section.
J. Ryan Fowler, Esq.

After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, Ryan attended Baylor University School of Law where he was a member of the nationally-ranked mock trial advocacy teams. Immediately following graduation, Mr. Fowler began his career working for a well-known East Texas Plaintiffs’ firm representing victims of catastrophic injury and corporate neglect.

Ryan is a graduate of the Trial Lawyers College, an intensive three-week program designed to help lawyers refine their trial skills. Ryan has dedicated his entire career to representing real people who have been wronged by large corporations and billion dollar insurance companies. Ryan has tried multiple cases to verdict including personal injury, contracts, products and first party insurance disputes. Ryan believes that every client’s case deserves to be handled with personal attention and should be meticulously prepared as if it is going to trial. He prides himself on being able to try any case in any venue at any time.

Mr. Fowler is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. In his free time, Mr. Fowler enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons.
Dr. Fox oversees graphics technologists across a number of Engineering Systems Inc. (ESi) offices. His teams work with in-house consultants and ESi clients to visualize data and create demonstrative aids and exhibits. These tools assist experts testifying in high-stakes litigation. He works to integrate data capture technologies with a wide array of visualization tools to produce 3D animations and Virtual Reality applications that are accurate depictions of often unseen events.

Dr. Fox leverages his 20 years of experience in the litigation graphics industry to guide a team of animators and artists that produce teaching tools that are second-to-none. With an academic background in neuroscience, Dr. Fox provides insight into how visual teaching tools can be used most effectively to teach difficult-to-understand concepts.

Before joining ESi, Dr. Fox served as Vice President at Demonstratives, Inc. for 14 years. At DI, he led the Life Sciences Group - a team that focused on biotechnical, pharmaceutical and biomedical litigation services. These services included production of 3D animations, Flash, and PowerPoint presentations. He led graphics development in cases involving high tech patents and trade secrets. The Life Sciences Group developed sophisticated methods for visualizing macromolecules and animating the processes behind much of today’s biosciences industry.

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Postdoctoral Fellow, Mental Health Research Institute, University of Michigan, 1991-1995
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Engineering Systems Inc., Ames, Iowa
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Director, Visualization Practice Group, 2015 – Present
Senior Managing Consultant, 2015 – Present
Senior Consultant, 2014 – 2015

Demonstratives, Inc., Ames, Iowa
Vice President, 2001 – 2014

Engineering Animation, Inc., Ames, Iowa
Director of Biotechnical Litigation Services, 1999 – 2000
Director of Production, Interactive Division, 1997 – 1999
Project Manager, Interactive Division, 1995 – 1997

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A Partner at Butler, John V. Garaffa practices in our Construction, Coverage Defense, and Cyber Losses departments. He has extensive experience with construction defect litigation and cyber coverage and defense.

John has written widely on first-party bad faith, punitive damages, discovery disputes, and on the application of state valued policy laws to property losses in Florida and other Gulf Coast states. He has also served as the Vice Chair of the Property Insurance Law General Committee within the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association.

John received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Minnesota, *cum laude*, in 1982 and his Master of Laws degree, *with distinction*, from Georgetown University in 1991. Prior to joining the firm in 2003, John served on active duty for twenty-one years as a member of the Judge Advocate Generals Corps, United States Navy, retiring as a Captain.
Jennifer Gibbs

Licensed in Texas, Arkansas, and the District of Colorado, Jennifer has over twenty-years’ experience in the insurance industry.

As a litigator, Jennifer’s practice is focused on first-party property insurance coverage disputes resulting from catastrophic losses such as hail, wind, ice, water damage, collapse, fire, and explosion.

As an insurance agent and risk manager, Jennifer specialized in large commercial property accounts, including property management companies, rural electrical cooperatives and publicly-traded corporations.

Jennifer’s unique and specialized knowledge of property insurance risks from the perspective of both a lawyer and insurance-industry insider allows her to effectively resolve complex disputes on a cost-effective basis for her clients.

Through talent combined with effort, Jennifer has become an expert and go-to lawyer for her clients in the field of property insurance law. To that end, in 2017 Jennifer received an L.L.M. in Insurance Law from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and was awarded the CALI Award for Excellence in both Property Insurance and General Liability Insurance courses.
Scott Green

Based out of Chicago, I have spent the last seven years specializing in litigating insurance disputes on behalf of policyholders. My clients include not only commercial and residential property owners who have suffered a denied or underpaid claim, but also the contractors and public adjusters working on their behalf. I run a completely virtual law practice that allows me to maximize my time in the field i.e., at my client’s properties. I believe this is the only way to truly understand the complexities of a claim.
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Joe Lavoie

Joe is originally from Dover, New Hampshire. Following graduation from Central High School in Manchester, New Hampshire, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of New Hampshire.

Before law school, Joe was involved in a variety of community development and social justice efforts in Rochester, New York. He worked and lived (voluntarily) at a homeless shelter for men, spent time as a domestic violence court advocate, developed a college and career center at an inner city school, and helped create community workshops on principled and tactical nonviolence with the Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

He returned to school at the University at Buffalo School of Law, where he served on the Moot Court Board and where he represented his school in two international negotiation competitions. Joe currently works as an associate attorney at Sulloway & Hollis, PLLC, in Concord, New Hampshire. He is a member of TIPS Property Insurance Law Committee and of the Massachusetts Insurance and Reinsurance Bar Association.

Joe focuses his practice on insurance coverage matters and general litigation. He is a self-described cryptocurrency enthusiast who was recently invited to guest lecture at the University of New Hampshire on cryptocurrency and the law.
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Jon is a partner in the Philadelphia office of Zelle LLP. His practice focuses on the representation of domestic and international insurance and reinsurance markets in coverage disputes, claim evaluations, and recovery efforts arising out of residential, commercial and industrial losses throughout the United States. These include fire, explosion, collapse, construction defect, equipment failure, design error, and natural catastrophe.

His practice includes evaluation of coverage in All-Risk, Builder’s Risk, Homeowners, Boiler and Machinery, Energy, Contingency and Product Recall/Contamination claims. Jon is also retained to defend domestic and international insurance and reinsurance markets in the defense of coverage litigation and extra-contractual claims, including bad faith. He has also been retained to investigate and defend fraudulent insurance claims.

Jon served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s office from 1995-1999. While there he tried hundreds of cases to verdict. In his final assignment he was one of two prosecutors assigned to an elite unit tasked with investigating and prosecuting large scale auto theft rings.
Leonard E. Murphy, Vice President of the Property & Liability Resource Bureau, has responsibilities of General Counsel for the PLRB, human resources, and management of the PLRB Building Codes Department.

Len joined the PLRB in 1997 bringing insurance experience in both legal and engineering environments. Len gained experience as a litigation attorney for Prusik Selby and Daley, a Chicago-based insurance defense firm. Prior to legal work, he served as a Fire Protection Engineer for the Kemper National Insurance Company in their Highly Protected Risk Division.

Len graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering and earned his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Len is admitted to practice in Illinois, the District of Columbia, Colorado, and the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Len has been a presenter at the PLRB Claims Conference, where he conducted workshops on learning to research coverage issues in the PLRB Search system. Other speaking engagements include the Second International Conference on Fire Research in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where he discussed the topic "The Trouble with Performance-Based Codes: Judicial Interpretation!"

In 1999, Len received the first-place award for excellence in technical writing from the American Society of Safety Engineers for his article "Should Your Commercial or Industrial Product Be Designed to Protect Against Injury to Children," an analysis of the foreseeability of injury to children from industrial or commercial products and equipment. The article was published in the March 1998 edition of Professional Safety.

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Ms. Karpa Schollard was recognized as a "Rising Star" in the area of insurance coverage by Massachusetts Super Lawyers in 2018 and has been nominated for the same honor for 2019.

She has written numerous industry articles, including (please include the "insurers may have a duty to defend" one you had and the one from the last newsletter).

She is a magna cum laude graduate of Northeastern University and a cum laude graduate of New England Law | Boston, where she was an editor of the law review and was awarded the CALI Award of Excellence in Trial Practice and Consumer Protection.

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