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Areas of Practice

Asbestos, Silica & Related
 Bankruptcy Litigation

Complex Litigation

Construction Defect
 Coverage

Environmental Coverage
 Litigation & Counseling

Financial Products
 Coverage Litigation &
 Counseling

Hazardous Products/Toxic
 Torts Coverage Litigation
 & Counseling

Insurance & Reinsurance

Insurance Coverage & Bad
 Faith

Litigation

Professional Liability

Reinsurance Litigation,
 Arbitration & Counseling

Education

The Catholic University of
 America, Columbus School
 of Law, J.D., *cum laude*,
 1986, Associate Editor, *The
 Catholic University Journal of
 Contemporary Health Law
 and Policy*

Georgia Institute of
 Technology, B.S., Industrial

Harry Lee

Harry Lee is a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where he is a member of the Litigation Department and heads the firm's Insurance/Reinsurance Practice Group. His primary practice has covered a broad range of insurance and reinsurance disputes.

Insurance/Reinsurance

For more than 25 years, Mr. Lee has represented insurers and reinsurers in arbitrations and judicial proceedings, where he has litigated complex insurance coverage disputes. He has advised reinsurers with respect to treaty and facultative coverage and billing issues arising from mass torts (e.g. tainted blood) and property damage (e.g., defective railroad ties). He has also represented major direct insurers in complex coverage litigation involving environmental (e.g., chemical plants, landfills, manufactured gas), toxic tort/product liability (e.g., asbestos, silica, hearing loss), professional liability (e.g., legal malpractice) and financial insurance matters. A substantial portion of Mr. Lee's current practice involves insurance issues arising from mass tort driven bankruptcies.

Complex Litigation

Mr. Lee has also handled a variety of diverse, complex commercial disputes, including litigation of professional malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act claims brought against attorneys, accountants, insurance brokers and agents, and corporate officers and directors. He has also litigated contract claims, Title VII discrimination claims, conflicting claims to real property, and bankruptcy disputes. These claims have all presented common procedural issues, including complex document and database management concerns.

Speaking Engagements

Mr. Lee has extensive speaking and writing experience on a wide range of insurance coverage and litigation matters, including asbestos, misrepresentation, mold, construction defects, first-party property, reinsurance, and emerging legal and legislative issues.

- Mealey's Asbestos Litigation Conference, Co-Chair, Philadelphia, PA, April 2010
- "Developments in Reinsurance Arbitrations: What Works and What Does Not in the US, Bermuda, and the UK," Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Reinsurance Group, Washington, DC, February 8, 2008
- "US Legal/Legislative Update," IntAP Autumn Technical Meeting, Cologne, Germany, December 5, 2007

Harry Lee

Management, Economics,
1982

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia

Maryland

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals:
District of Columbia,
Second, Fourth, Fifth,
Sixth, Seventh, and Federal
Circuits

US District Court for the
District of Columbia and
the District of Maryland

- "Proving Policy Impairment: Issues and Strategies in Establishing Exhaustion, Obtaining Contribution and Collecting Reinsurance, Mock Case Study," Liberty Mutual Group Complex and Emerging Risks Claims Department, Boston, MA, September 28, 2007
- "Procedural Issues in Reinsurance Disputes: Courts and Arbitration," Mealey's Fundamentals of Reinsurance Litigation & Arbitration Conference, March 15, 2007
- "Brave New World: How the 2006 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Will Change Electronic Discovery," Riverstone Resources, Manchester, NH, November 30, 2006
Cavell/Resolute N.E., Cambridge, MA, November 2, 2006
St. Paul Travelers Companies, Hartford, CT, October 10, 2006,
November 10, 2006
- "Allocation," Mealey's Asbestos Insurance Conference, Chicago, IL, June 8, 2005
- "Arbitration, Mediation, and Other Methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution: Are They Really Serving Their Purpose?," Environmental Claims Managers Association ("ECMA") Spring 2004 Meeting and Conference, Sanibel Island, FL, April 28, 2004
- "Construction Defect and Mold Claims Under Third-Party Insurance Policies," Mealey's Practical Training for the Claims Professional Conference, Stamford, CT, March 4, 2004
- "First-Party Property Issues," Mealey's Second Annual Advanced Insurance Coverage Conference: Top 10 Issues, Philadelphia, PA, January 29, 2004
- "Allocation Models – How Are They Similar and/or Different When You Are in Bankruptcy?," Mealey's Insurance Allocation Conference, Naples, FL, November 17, 2003
- "Coverage Issues for Mold Claims Under First-Party and Third-Party Insurance Policies," Mold & Fungus Litigation Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 8, 2003

Noteworthy

- Ranked, *Chambers USA 2007-2011: America's Leading Business Lawyers*; Insurance: Insurer (District of Columbia)
- Named a Top Lawyer in Insurance by *Washingtonian* magazine, 2011

Harry Lee

- *Euromoney's* Expert Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers (2008, 2010)

Selected Publications

The Allocated Share Set-Off Rule: New York Enters the Debate
January 1, 2012, *Insurance Coverage Law Bulletin*

Insurance Misrepresentation Principles at Work
Spring 2007, *The Insurance Coverage Law Bulletin*

The Scope of Absolute and Total Pollution Exclusions
September 2006, *The Insurance Coverage Law Bulletin*

Major Legal Challenges for Reinsurers
February 2004, *Insurance Day*

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association, Litigation Section

District of Columbia, Litigation Section

Maryland, Litigation Section