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Areas of Practice

Insurance & Reinsurance

Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith

Litigation

Commercial Litigation,
Insolvency & Creditors' Rights

Class Action

Education

Duke Law School, J.D.,
2002, *magna cum laude*,
Order of the Coif,
Outstanding Achievement
in Family Law Award,
Editor, *Journal of Law and
Contemporary Problems*

College of William and
Mary, B.A., 1999, *summa
cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar & Court Admissions

Arizona

Erin E. Bradham

Erin E. Bradham is of counsel in the Phoenix office of Steptoe, where she focuses her practice on commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on defending major insurance companies.

Commercial Litigation

Ms. Bradham has extensive experience in both federal and state courts. She has represented clients in matters pending in jurisdictions across the country, including Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, and New Mexico, among others. Ms. Bradham has experience representing clients in all phases of litigation, including pretrial discovery, depositions, mediations, motions practice, oral argument, and serving as trial counsel.

For example, Ms. Bradham led motions practice and discovery for a leading prescription benefits company in a multi-million dollar contract dispute.

Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation

Ms. Bradham represents insurance companies in matters involving complex coverage and claim-handling decisions including fraud-related allegations, allegations of bad faith and breach of contract, and punitive damages claims. She regularly advises insurance carriers in matters involving automobile, homeowners', commercial, and medical malpractice coverages.

Ms. Bradham's practice includes significant work for automobile insurance carriers. In 2011, she served as trial counsel in a seven-day jury trial in Arizona State Court for an insurance carrier in an institutional bad faith case. Ms. Bradham also assisted Steptoe's trial team in the successful defense of bad faith claims in a two-week jury trial in Arizona State Court.

Ms. Bradham also managed the discovery team for a major insurer in a nationwide class action brought in Arkansas. Discovery efforts involved nationwide document gathering and review and production of millions of pages.

Recently, Ms. Bradham helped secure summary judgment for Allstate Insurance Company in litigation arising from a homeowners' insurance claim, where the plaintiffs alleged company-wide bad faith. On appeal, Ms. Bradham successfully drafted the brief to Maryland Court of Special Appeals, which upheld the lower court's grant of summary judgment on all claims.

Pro Bono Service

Ms. Bradham has been committed to pro bono service throughout her career. She has successfully secured asylum and other immigration relief for nine clients fleeing political persecution or harm in their home country. Ms. Bradham helped to create Steptoe's Children's Immigration Rights Clinic, which led to successful legal representation for more than a dozen refugee children. Ms. Bradham was named a "Top Pro Bono Attorney in Arizona" in 2005 by the

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Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education.

Noteworthy

- "Rising Star," *Southwest Super Lawyers*, 2012

Select Seminars & Events

"Advanced Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Law," *National Business Institute*,
June 8, 2011

Professional Affiliations

Arizona Women Lawyers Association