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Anthony J. Golowski II

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Anthony J. Golowski II focuses his practice on alcoholic beverage law, business litigation and consulting (with an emphasis on insurance fraud litigation), and corporate law and commercial transactions. Tony represents alcoholic beverage clients at all levels of the three-tier system, providing regulatory advice, consulting services, defending licensees charged with violations of alcoholic beverage laws, and closing millions of dollars of transactions annually. He frequently works with real estate and land use attorneys who consult with him on licensing issues.

In his business litigation and consulting practice, Tony represents clients in insurance premium disputes, insurance fraud investigations, shareholder/member disputes, business breakups, contract disputes, professional malpractice claims, internal investigations, and employee dishonesty claims. Forensic investigation and analysis are a large part of Tony's practice, and he is equally adept in representing clients in complex commercial transactions and complex commercial litigation.

In business litigation, Tony represents clients in insurance premium disputes, fraud investigations, shareholder/member disputes, business breakups, contract disputes, and professional malpractice claims. Forensic investigation and analysis is a large part of Tony's practice, and he has advised clients with regard to internal investigations and employee dishonesty claims.

Tony also advises corporate clients in mergers and acquisitions, governance and compliance issues, employment law, commercial real estate, and tax audits. He serves as outside general counsel for corporate clients and negotiates a broad range of contracts, including intellectual property licensing agreements.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Alcoholic Beverage Law

Tony combines elements of his corporate and litigation practices to offer specialty defense and counsel in matters involving alcoholic beverage law. A former deputy attorney general assigned to the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Tony has represented licensees at every level of New Jersey's three-tier system in corporate and business matters as well as a wide range of litigation—spanning license acquisition/sale, regulatory compliance, contract disputes, defense of disciplinary actions, challenging proposed legislation, and seeking changes to existing laws. His clients include restaurants, liquor stores, wholesalers, and other businesses involved in the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages. Representative matters include:

- Successfully closing millions of dollars in liquor license purchase/sale transactions
- Securing the transfer of liquor licenses over the objections of competitors, municipalities, and property owners
- Representing an alcoholic beverage producer in litigation relating to a shareholder buyout and the dissolution of a business venture
- Coordinating with developers, landlords, and licensees in the construction and licensing of restaurants

PRACTICES

Corporate Law and Transactions

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

Global Insurance Services

Management and Professional Liability

Retail and Hospitality

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

INDUSTRIES

Retail and Hospitality

Food and Beverage

Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries

Insurance and Reinsurance

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Insurance Fraud Litigation

With a detailed understanding of corporate and tax issues, Tony's insurance practice involves representing insurers in premium collection actions, prosecuting civil insurance fraud claims, and defending bad faith claims. Much of Tony's work representing insurers or parties in ownership and contract disputes involves detailed forensic analysis of business and tax records. Representative matters include:

- Successfully recovering millions of dollars in lost premium
- Successfully resolving breach of contract claims
- Securing the dismissal of bad faith claims
- Conducting internal investigations related to alleged regulatory violations and employee dishonesty claims

Corporate Law and Commercial Litigation

A versatile counselor to domestic and international businesses in many industries, Tony is equally adept at providing guidance on complex issues of business law and handling litigation involving commercial disputes, intellectual property, shareholders' issues, and more. Representative matters include:

- Representing purchasers in acquisitions of retail and manufacturing companies and business assets
- Serving as outside general counsel to consumer goods and construction manufacturing companies
- Securing the dismissal of a minority shareholder oppression lawsuit
- Negotiating business, employment, and intellectual property licensing agreements for clients working in the pharmaceutical, data management, and software industries

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, LL.M., Taxation
- Rutgers University School of Law, J.D.
- Fordham University, B.S., Finance

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Advisory Committee
- National Association of Licensing Compliance Professionals

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- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), Insurance Fraud Committee
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LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- Italian

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

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- “Life Insurance Claims Adjusting and Fraud” (Co-Author), *New Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition*, LexisNexis, 2013
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PRESENTATIONS

- “Identifying and Handling Insurance Fraud Cases,” (Moderator and Speaker), New Jersey Institute for Continuing Education, April 17, 2023
 - “Identifying and Handling Insurance Fraud Cases,” (Moderator and Speaker), New Jersey Institute for Continuing Education, New Brunswick, NJ, June 11, 2019
 - “Premium Fraud – Field Auditor Perspectives,” New Jersey Insurance Auditors Association, Cherry Hill, NJ, April 11, 2019
 - “So the Redevelopment Project You’re Working On Will Include F&B? Welcome to the World of Legal Issues Related to Serving Alcoholic Beverages in NJ,” Annual Redevelopment Law Institute, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, NJ, February 8, 2019
 - “The ABCs of Liquor Licensing,” New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, NJ, November 15, 2018
 - “Insurance Premium Audits,” Philadelphia Insurance Auditors Society, Willow Grove, PA, May 4, 2018
 - “Undisclosed Interests,” New Jersey Licensed Beverage Association, Atlantic City, NJ, November 16, 2016
 - “Emerging Unique Legal Risks and Liabilities Associated With Legalization and Decriminalization of Marijuana,” CLM’s South New Jersey Chapter’s Educational and Networking Event, January 13, 2016
 - “NJ Sales Tax Audits,” New Jersey Licensed Beverage Association (NJLBA), Atlantic City, NJ, November 18, 2015
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WEBINARS

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