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PRACTICES

Global Insurance Services

INDUSTRIES

Insurance and Reinsurance

Bruce M. Engel

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Bruce M. Engel focuses his practice on a wide range of complex insurance and reinsurance litigation, arbitrations, mediations, coverage analysis, and counseling. He represents insurers and reinsurers in coverage and reinsurance disputes, using litigation, arbitration, and negotiated settlements to achieve the best business outcome for his clients.

In the area of reinsurance, Bruce is experienced with issues related to the underwriting, placement, and claims handling of facultative and treaty reinsurance contracts. He routinely represents parties in arbitrations where claims are valued in multimillions of dollars and involve all forms of reinsurance claims and underwriting disputes such as misrepresentation, allocation, late notice, coverage for expenses, and application of follow the fortunes.

Also highly experienced in insurance coverage, Bruce has been lead counsel on cases involving environmental, coal ash, lead paint, product liability, asbestos, and pharmaceuticals, as well as professional liability matters. His representation of insurers in these matters includes a number of successful jury trials.

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Insurance Law, 2024-25
 - Litigation – Insurance, 2024-25
- Illinois Leading Lawyers, 2020
- *Who's Who Legal: Insurance and Reinsurance*, 2019
- Insurance: Advice to Insurers, *Legal 500 US*, 2019
- Illinois *Super Lawyers*, 2006, 2010-11

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1984
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, B.A., 1981

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ARIAS (AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Arbitration Society)

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PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- **“Court rules that insurers are parties of interest in bankruptcy proceedings,”** *InsuranceNewsNet*, June 21, 2024
 - “Significant Reinsurance Cases of 2006,” *Mealey’s Litigation Report Reinsurance*, April 2007
 - “Significant Reinsurance Cases of 2005,” *Mealey’s Litigation Report Reinsurance*, May 2006
 - “Current Reinsurance Claims Issues,” Editor and Contributing Author, Annual Report
 - “The Continuing Evolution of the ‘Follow the Fortunes’,” *Claims Guide*, October 2005
 - “Significant Reinsurance Cases of 2004,” *Mealey’s Litigation Report Reinsurance*, April 2005
 - “Significant Reinsurance Cases of 2003,” *Mealey’s Litigation Report Reinsurance*, April 2004
 - “The Party-Appointed Arbitrator: When is Neutral Really Neutral?” *ABA Committee News – Excess, Surplus Lines and Reinsurance*, March 2004
 - “The Party-Appointed Arbitrator: When is Neutral Really Neutral?” *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Reinsurance*, March 2004
 - “Reinsurance of Extra Contractual Obligations Enforceable or Not?” *RISE*, June 2003
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PRESENTATIONS

- “In re-Viking Pump / Allocation and Non-Cumulation of Liability,” AIRROC Commutations and Networking Forum, New Brunswick, NJ, October 16, 2017
 - “Allocation and Non-Cumulation of Liability,” AIRROC Networking and Regional Education Day, Chicago, IL, June 7, 2017
 - “Best Practices and Ethical Issues in Collateral Litigation—Pre-, During and Post-Arbitration,” ARIAS U.S. Spring Conference, Naples, FL, May 4, 2017
 - “Courtroom Activity: An Examination of Recent Decisions Affecting Reinsurance and the Arbitration Process,” *Mealey’s Fundamentals of Reinsurance Litigation and Arbitration Conference*, Boston, MA, March 24, 2006
 - “Recent Reinsurance Coverage Issues,” CPCU Society Reinsurance Section Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, May 13, 2004
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WEBINARS

- “An Illinois Primer: Critical Insurance Coverage Issues in the Land of Lincoln,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, February 20, 2025
- “Reinsurance 101: An Overview of Important Concepts,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, June 18, 2024