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Michael T. Glascott

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EXPERIENCE

Michael T. Glascott focuses his practice on complex insurance coverage, bad faith, commercial litigation, tort, and New York Labor Law litigation. Mike counsels and represents insurers in courts throughout New York and other northeastern states.

Mike gained extensive trial experience as an assistant district attorney for the County of Erie, where he prosecuted to verdict a variety of criminal matters, including homicides. He has also successfully defended personal injury claims and represented clients in commercial litigation matters during his time with private firms in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Buffalo, New York.

Since 2003, Mike has been a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), a membership which is granted by invitation only following an extensive peer-review selection process, and is limited to 1,200 of the top defense attorneys in the country. Mike's high-profile participation in the international organization – founded on the principles of knowledge, justice, and fellowship – includes previous leadership positions as president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, senior director, director, chair of the Membership Development and Retention Committee, chair of the Insurance Coverage Section, and chair of the Insurance Industry Committee. In 2016 Mike received the Joseph R. Olshan Award in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the organization following his leadership with the FDCC Advance Committee. He also received the FDCC Connect award in 2017 and the John Alan Appleman Award in 2012 for his service as chair of the FDCC's Insurance Coverage Section.

Highly regarded among his colleagues, Mike possesses an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest available rating. The Best Lawyers in America regularly selects him for inclusion in the Insurance Law category, including naming Mike the Lawyer of the Year for Insurance Law in Buffalo in both 2022 and 2024. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Insurance Law, 2015–26
 - Insurance Litigation, 2022-26
 - Construction Law, 2023
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - “Lawyer of the Year,” Insurance Litigation (Buffalo), 2022, 2024
- *Buffalo Business First's* Legal Elite of Western New York, 2018-20
- Connects Award for the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, 2017
- Joseph R. Olshan Award, Outstanding Chairperson of an Administrative Committee, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Advance Committee, 2016
- Top Rated Lawyer in Litigation, American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell, 2014
- John Alan Appleman Award, Outstanding Chairperson of a Substantive Law Section, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, 2012

PRACTICES

Global Insurance Services
Commercial Litigation and Arbitration
Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
Management and Professional Liability
Construction Litigation and Counsel

INDUSTRIES

Construction
Sports and Entertainment
Insurance and Reinsurance

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- *Business First's* Who's Who in Law (Insurance)
- Upstate New York *Super Lawyers*, 2012–25; Top 50 List, 2014–15

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
 - U.S. District Courts for the Western, Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of New York
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits
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EDUCATION

- University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D., 1983
 - State University of New York at Buffalo, B.S., 1979
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Coverage and Counsel: Fellow
 - Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), 2003-present
 - Chairman of the Board of Directors, 2021–22
 - President, 2020-21
 - President-Elect, 2019-2020
 - Secretary-Treasurer, 2018-present
 - Senior Director, 2015–18
 - Director, 2012–15
 - Annual Meeting Convention Chair, La Malbaie, Quebec, 2016
 - Winter Meeting CLE Program Chair, Amelia Island, Florida, 2015
 - Chair, Membership Development and Retention Committee, 2017–18
 - Member, Finance and Budget Committee, 2017–18
 - Chair, Finance and Budget Committee, 2018–19
 - Member, Admissions Committee, 2012–17
 - Chair, Insurance Coverage Section, 2010–12
 - Eastern Coordinator, State Representative Program, 2009–14
 - Program Co-Chair, I-3 Insurance Symposium, New York, N.Y., October 2013
 - Co-Chair, Insurance Industry Committee, 2014–16
 - Co-Chair, Advance Committee, 2015–17
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- School Board for Southtowns Catholic School: Member 2009–10; Vice President 2010–12

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

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- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2022 Update—Part II**,” (Co-Author) *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, March 16, 2023
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2022 Update—Part I**,” (Co-Author) *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, January 10, 2023
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2021 Update—Part II**,” (Co-Author), *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, April 2022
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2021 Update—Part I**,” (Co-Author), *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, March 2022
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2020 Update—Part II**” (Co-Author), *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, May 2021
- **Goldberg Segalla Attorneys Contribute to FDCC Collection of COVID-19 Stories**, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, May 24, 2021
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2020 Update—Part I**” (Co-Author), *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, November 2020
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2019 Update—Part II**” (Co-Author), *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, April 2020
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2019 Update—Part I**” (Co-Author), *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, March 2020
- “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2018 Update — Part I**” (Co-Author), *Mealey’s Litigation Report*, March 2019
- Co-Author, “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2017 Update — Part Two**,” *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, February 2018
- Co-Author, “**Construction Defect Claims: A 2017 Update — Part One**,” *Mealey’s Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, January 2018
- Co-Author, “**The Emperor’s New Clothes and Cyber Insurance**,” *FDCC Quarterly*, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Spring 2013
- Author, *Calculating the Amount of Coverage*, New Appleman On Insurance 3d Edition, Chapter 47, LexisNexis, Spring 2011

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter/Author, “**Landmines For Lawyers**,” FDCC Annual Meeting, Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 1, 2013
- Presenter/Co-Author, “**The Emperor’s New Clothes and Cyber Insurance — A Few Questions Go a Long Way: Evaluating the ‘Bare’ Essentials of a New Product Amidst a New and Dangerous Risk**,” Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Winter Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, March 7, 2013
- Presenter and Co-Author, “**Sleep Tight, Don’t Let the Bed Bugs Bite**,” Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting, July 2011. (This paper addressed insurance coverage issues that arise in the context of bedbug claims.)
- Moderator/Presenter, “**The Ripple Effect of Catastrophic Environmental Events: Moratoriums, Regulatory Change, and Industry Reaction – Do We Learn From Our Mistakes?**,” Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, March 4, 2011
- Moderator, “**Reinsurance Markets In a Global Economy**,” FDCC Annual Meeting, Munich, July 2010
- Presenter, “**Insurance Coverage Issues in the Commercial General Liability Policy**,” 2010 Spring Update, New York State Bar Association, June 25, 2010
- Co-Presenter, “**Nanotechnology — What is it and Why Should We Care?**” International

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Association of Claim Professionals, June 3, 2010

- Presenter, "Contractual Indemnification," 2009 Insurance Coverage Spring Update, New York State Bar Association, May 2009