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PRACTICES

Global Insurance Services

Civil Litigation and Trial

INDUSTRIES

Insurance and Reinsurance

Paul D. McCormick

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Paul D. McCormick is a litigator and trial lawyer with over 25 years of experience defending corporations, insurance companies, and insureds in cases and arbitrations involving motor vehicle accidents, transportation litigation, premises liability, product liability, New York worksite injuries, and complex toxic tort liability. He practices both in courts throughout New York, including the state's appellate courts, and before arbitration companies, including the American Arbitration Association and Arbitration Forums, Inc.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Global Insurance Services

Paul has successfully defended clients in a variety of areas, including no-fault insurance coverage, UM/UIM/SUM insurance coverage, and no-fault and property damage subrogation claims. He also has handled tractor-trailer loss-transfer arbitration hearings on behalf of both no-fault insurers and workers' compensation carriers.

General Liability

Paul has successfully defended clients in cases of motor-vehicle liability, premises liability, construction-site personal-injury accidents, and police misconduct civil-rights litigation.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Insurance Law, 2018–27
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2025-27
  - Commercial Litigation, 2026-27
- Upstate New York *Super Lawyers,* 2007, 2013–26
- *Business First's* Legal Elite of Western New York, 2017
- *Business First's* Who's Who in Law list

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Western Districts of New York
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

EDUCATION

- Albany Law School of Union University, J.D., 1993

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- Canisius College, *magna cum laude*, B.A., 1990

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Boy Scouts of America, Greater Niagara Frontier Council: Cub Scout Pack 1776 Cub Master and Den Leader
- Canisius College Frank G. Raichle Pre-Law Council

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "Potential Causation and Damage Issues in Hurricane Irene Insurance Claims," *Westlaw Journal: Insurance Coverage*, September 30, 2011
- Co-Author, "Mergers and Acquisitions Insurance," *New Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition*, LexisNexis, Chapter 32, May 2011
- Author, "Making An Ethical Appeal" and "Drafting A Winning Appellate Brief," National Business Institute Seminar, 2010
- Author, "Discovery Ethics" and "Electronic Discovery In A Nutshell," National Business Institute Seminar—Practical Discovery From A to Z, 2010
- Author, "Key Elements of UM/SUM Coverage," National Business Institute Seminar—Litigating the Uninsured & Underinsured Motorist Claim, 2010
- Author, 2010 Lorman Educational Services Live Teleconference Seminar—New York Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage Issues
- Author, "Insurance Company Management of a Claim" and "Responding to the No-Fault Claim and Bases For Denial," National Business Institute Seminar—Effective No-Fault Strategies, 2009
- Author, "Effective No Fault Strategies," National Business Institute, November 2009
- Author, "Understand what the Insurer Is-And Isn't-Responsible For" Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims, National Business Institute, 2007-2009
- Author, "No-Fault Law: Current Issues and Strategies," National Business Institute, November 2008
- Author, "Understanding New York's No-Fault System" and "Handling A No-Fault Claim," National Business Institute Seminar—No-Fault Law: Current Issues and Strategies, 2008
- Author, "Countering Plaintiff's Attempts to Maximize Damages: Communicating with Jurors about Money," 49 No. 9 *DRI For The Defense* 39, September 2007
- Author, "No-Fault Claims and Benefits," Lorman Educational Services Seminar—Auto Insurance: Uninsured, Underinsured And Accident Litigation in New York, 2006 and 2007
- Author, "Auto Insurance: Uninsured, Underinsured and Accident Litigation in New York," Lorman Educational Services Seminar, 2006-2007
- Author, "Inside the Jury: Influencing Damage Awards in New York," Communicating with Jurors about Money, Lorman Education Services CLE Seminar, 2006-2007
- Author, "Exterior Premises Liability," New York State Bar Association Seminar—Basics of Premises Liability, 2005
- Author, "'Who is Covered' Under a Personal Auto or Homeowners Policy?", New York State Bar Association Seminar—Insurance Coverage Issues—With a Focus on Personal Lines, 2003
- Author, "What is Covered?," New York State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education seminar Communicating with Jurors about Money, Lorman Education Services CLE Seminar Insurance Coverage Issues—With a Focus on Personal Lines, 2003

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- Co-Author, “Assessing the Risks of Post-Sale Duty to Warn Litigation in the United States,” Excess and Surplus Lines Claims Association London Claims Seminar—Successfully Navigating the Appeals Process, 2001

PRESENTATIONS

- “NY No-Fault and UM/SUM Subrogation and Lien Rights: What You Must Know,” Client Presentation, April 17, 2025
- Presenter, “Update on Bad Faith in New York,” 2011 Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York Bar Association, September 28, 2011
- Presenter, “Making an Ethical Appeal,” National Business Institute Seminar – Successfully Navigating the Appeals Process, September 16, 2011
- Presenter, “Advanced Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Law: A Balanced Look at Overcoming Challenges in UM/UIM Law,” National Business Institute, Buffalo, NY, May 4, 2011
- Buffalo Co-Chair, 2010 New York State Bar Association Seminar—2010 Law School for Insurance Professionals More than the Basics
- Lecturer, “Making An Ethical Appeal” and “Drafting A Winning Appellate Brief,” National Business Institute Seminar, 2010
- Lecturer, “Discovery Ethics” and “Electronic Discovery In A Nutshell,” National Business Institute Seminar—Practical Discovery From A to Z, 2010
- Lecturer, “Key Elements of UM/SUM Coverage,” National Business Institute Seminar—Litigating the Uninsured & Underinsured Motorist Claim, 2010
- Lecturer, 2010 Lorman Educational Services Live Teleconference Seminar— New York Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage Issues
- Lecturer, “Insurance Company Management of a Claim” and “Responding to the No-Fault Claim and Bases For Denial,” National Business Institute Seminar—Effective No-Fault Strategies, 2009
- Presenter, “Effective No Fault Strategies,” National Business Institute, November 2009
- Presenter, ”Understand what the Insurer Is-And Isn’t-Responsible For” Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims, National Business Institute, 2007-2009
- Presenter, “No-Fault Law: Current Issues and Strategies,” National Business Institute, November 2008
- Lecturer, “Understanding New York’s No-Fault System” and “Handling A No-Fault Claim,” National Business Institute Seminar—No-Fault Law: Current Issues and Strategies, 2008
- Lecturer, “No-Fault Claims and Benefits,” Lorman Educational Services Seminar—Auto Insurance: Uninsured, Underinsured And Accident Litigation in New York, 2006 and 2007
- Presenter, “Auto Insurance: Uninsured, Underinsured and Accident Litigation in New York,” Lorman Educational Services Seminar, 2006-2007
- Presenter, “Inside the Jury: Influencing Damage Awards in New York,” Communicating with Jurors about Money, Lorman Education Services CLE Seminar, 2006-2007
- Lecturer, Serious Injury Threshold and SUM/UIM/UM Coverage, Buffalo Claims Association 2006 Law Day Seminar, June 2006
- Lecturer, Exterior Premises Liability, Buffalo Claims Association, February 2006
- Lecturer, “Exterior Premises Liability,” New York State Bar Association Seminar—Basics of Premises Liability, 2005
- Lecturer, “‘Who is Covered’ Under a Personal Auto or Homeowners Policy?”, New York State Bar Association Seminar—Insurance Coverage Issues—With a Focus on Personal Lines, 2003

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- Presenter, “What is Covered?,” New York State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education seminar Communicating with Jurors about Money, Lorman Education Services CLE Seminar Insurance Coverage Issues — With a Focus on Personal Lines, May 2003

WEBINARS

- “How to Defend a Workers’ Compensation Provider Dispute Brought in the No-Fault Arena,” GS Webinar Series, February 27, 2024
- “NY No-Fault and UM/SUM Subrogation and Lien Rights: What You Must Know,” GS Webinar Series, October 12, 2021