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PRACTICES

Global Insurance Services

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

INDUSTRIES

Insurance and Reinsurance

Sean P. Hvisdas

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Sean P. Hvisdas is an accomplished litigator and trusted advisor to insurance carriers across the nation. He partners with his clients to evaluate sophisticated insurance coverage claims, risk transfer issues, and advocates for their interests in litigation and appeal. Sean advises clients regarding sophisticated and high-exposure claims, including mass tort claims, human trafficking, priority of coverage, environmental matters, construction defect, and other claims.

Sean also assists his clients by advising them on general liability, environmental, pollution, professional liability, and transportation risks. He also works with insurance carriers on first party property insurance coverage, bad faith, insurance premium disputes, insurance fraud, and business torts.

A thought leader on insurance coverage, Sean regularly shares his knowledge with insurance claims professionals and risk management professionals, leading webinars and client education sessions on various insurance coverage topics, ranging from the duty to defend and risk transfer to managing excess claims.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Representative Matters

- Prevailed before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in a matter involving a consent judgment and assigned bad faith claims
- Successful motion to dismiss in action where claimant sought underinsured motorist's benefits through an umbrella policy issued to the claimant's employer

HONORS & AWARDS

- Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers*, *Rising Stars*, 2021–24

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- Ohio
- New Jersey
- Florida
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

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EDUCATION

- Rutgers School of Law, J.D., 2014
  - *Journal of Law and Public Policy*: Member
  - Hunter Moot Court
  - First-Year Writing Award
- Rowan University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2006
  - *The Whit*: Managing Editor
  - Golden Key International Honour Society, Vice President Communication

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Haddonfield Friends of the Library: Treasurer

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- "Construction Insurance: A Guide for Attorneys and Other Professionals, Second Edition – Chapter 11, The Claims Process," Co-Author, American Bar Association, May 2026
- "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
- "Construction Defect Claims: A 2020 Update—Part I" (Co-Author), *Mealey's Litigation Report: Construction Defects Insurance*, November 2020
- "Supreme Court Hands Insurers 'Small Victory' on COVID-19 Litigation," *Claims Journal*, May 17, 2020

PRESENTATIONS

- "Understanding How Extrinsic Evidence Can Impact The Duty," (Co-Presenter), Client Presentation, April 8, 2025
- "Issues Concerning Excess Insurers," (Co-Presenter), Client Presentation, March 26, 2025

WEBINARS

- "The Duty to Cooperate – An Overview," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, October 20, 2026

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- “The Insurer’s Duty to Defend and How Extrinsic Evidence Can Impact It,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, January 29, 2025
- “An Ohio Primer: Critical Insurance Coverage Issues in the Buckeye State,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, April 9, 2024
- “A Pennsylvania Primer: Critical Insurance Coverage Issues in the Keystone State,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, November 14, 2023
- “Untangling Risk Transfer: Recent Developments and Best Practices,” (Co-Presenter) GS Webinar Series, August 9, 2022
- “Emerging Insurance Coverage Issues Arising from the Growth in Public Nuisance and Other Mass Tort Litigation,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, March 8, 2022
- “Emerging Issues in Personal and Advertising Injury Coverage,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, March 30, 2021