Saxe Doernberger & Vita, Ranks 1 from Chambers and Partners USA 2025

Key Highlights:
• Chambers and Partners Band 1 recognition
• International collaboration with Fenchurch Law
• Quote from Chairman: “We remain dedicated to providing the highest level of advocacy and service to policyholders and are grateful to Chambers and Partners for acknowledging the work we are so passionate about.”

Evan Knott Joins Honigman LLP as Litigation Partner

Honigman continues to grow its insurance and reinsurance recovery practice with the addition of 3 attorneys from Reed Smith in the firm’s Chicago office.

Socal Edison Reaches $2.2B Settlement For Woolsey Fire

NewsSouthern California Edison will pay $2.2 billion to settle insurance claims for the Woolsey fire that tore through Malibu in 2018.

UnitedHealth Hires Legal Chief as Pandemic Disrupts Business

NewsUnitedHealth Group Inc. announced Friday its hire of Matthew Friedrich as chief legal officer, a role he will assume Jan. 11, as the managed health care and insurance company copes with the ongoing fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

Settlement in Deadly Sinking of Scandies Rose Crab Boat Calls for More Than $9M Payout

Newshe owners of the Scandies Rose have reached a settlement of more than $9 million with two surviving crew and the families of four men who died when the Washington-managed crab boat went down Dec. 31 off Alaska.

N.C. Judge First to Favor Policyholders in COVID-19 Closure Lawsuit

NewsA judge in Durham County, North Carolina has handed down what may be the nation’s first dispositive ruling in favor of policyholders in a COVID-19 business-interruption lawsuit.

After Refusing $30K Settlement Offer, Bad Faith Suit May Cost GEICO $2.7M

NewsMore than eight years after Bonnie Winslett tore up and threw away a summons that notified her she was being sued, the Georgia Supreme Court is being asked to resolve questions of law that will determine whether GEICO Indemnity Co. must pay approximately $2.7 million of a court’s award against her.

Wheeling Hospital Agrees to $50M Settlement Concerning

Medicare Fraud Claims

NewsWheeling Hospital, Inc. has agreed to pay the United States a total of $50,000,000 to resolve claims that it violated the False Claims Act by knowingly submitting claims to the Medicare program that resulted from violations of the Physician Self-Referral Law and the Anti-Kickback Statute.

Split Pa. Supreme Court Leaves Nationwide Free of $21M Bad-Faith Judgement

News

A deadlocked Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Tuesday voted to let stand a state Superior Court ruling overturning a $21 million bad faith ruling against Nationwide.

East Texas Woman Brings Federal Class Action Lawsuit Against VRBO's Travel Insurer

News

An East Texas woman has filed a proposed class action lawsuit

against the company that serves as the VRBO travel website's exclusive travel insurance provider.

Texas Supreme Court Reinforces the Eight-Corners Rule, Or Does It?

News

In Richards v. State Farm Lloyds … the Texas Supreme Court answered a certified question posed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; namely, whether the absence of a clause requiring a carrier to defend claims that are "groundless, false or fraudulent" means that the "eight-corners" rule does not apply when determining the existence of a duty to defend.

Pasich LLP Legal Alert on Insurance Coverage for Losses and Claims Associated with the Coronavirus

White Paper

As the coronavirus spreads around the world and economic losses mount, insurance should not be overlooked.

Detecting Fraudulent Certificates of Insurance

Insight

The certificate of insurance is one of the most important documents that you can review in connection with your business contract, because if something goes wrong, you may need to tap that coverage.

Tightening Up Contracts in a Hardening Insurance Market

Insight

Jason Reeves and Helen Campbell of Zelle LLP offer some advice on commercial property insurance contracts in the firm’s Articles.

Financial Tug-Of-War Emerges Over California Fire Victims’

Settlement

News

The settlement leaves open just how much would be used to compensate victims, their lawyers and federal and state agencies for the money they spent on rescue and recovery operations.

Lawyer’s Heart Attack One Day Before Raise Doesn’t Cut Benefits

News

Harlan Ten Pas, a former partner with McGladrey LLP, is entitled to disability benefits based on his annual salary of $390,000, which became effective one day after he suffered a heart attack over Labor Day weekend.

Contractual Liability Exclusion Excised from E&O Policy for Professional

Services Company

Insight

The ruling could also apply to the “professional service” exclusion found in some D&O policies, including in policies issued to companies engaged in providing professional services.

The Negligent Breach of Contract Problem In Liability Insurance

Insight

Even if an errors and omissions policy contains a breach of contract exclusion, coverage may be available in a breach claim, depending on the circumstances and applicable law, writes Charles P. Edwards for Barnes & Thornburg.

Association Construction Contracts – What are Risks of That Waiver of Subrogation

Term?

Insight

The 4th Circuit held that a subrogation waiver provision in a construction contract barred an association's insurance company from seeking to recover from an allegedly negligent contractor.

DCJ Journal: Federal Rules Changes, Insurance Coverage, and Maritime Jurisdiction Over Asbestos

Insight

The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) has published the third quarter 2019 issue of its Defense Counsel Journal (DCJ), available for free and without a subscription via the IADC's website,