



Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

Our Insurance and Reinsurance team is experienced in handling complex, large-scale insurance and reinsurance disputes. We regularly represent insurers and reinsurers in all forms of dispute resolution—litigation, arbitration and alternate dispute resolution—as well as provide counsel including coverage analyses, claim monitoring and assistance with policy drafting and regulatory issues.

The team is particularly skilled in high-stakes and cross-border dispute work and has extensive experience addressing and resolving such issues.

CAPABILITES

Areas of focus for our team include:

- Property & Energy Insurance
- Casualty Claims
- Environmental Liability Insurance
- D&O and other Financial Lines Claims
- Political Risk
- Employers Liability
- Public Liability
- Professional Liability including Errors & Omissions
- Contingent and Entertainment Insurance
- Transportation Insurance

EXPERIENCE

- Representing a global reinsurer in a successful New York arbitration, arising from a large European pharmaceutical loss
- Representing 38 reinsurers in a \$1.5 billion claim arising from the Queensland Floods
- Representing insurers with respect to two litigations and four arbitrations regarding major liability claims against the insured arising from a mine in the US
- Representing insurers in a major dispute in the run-off sector involving allegations of fraud in the

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- Representing the international reinsurance markets in connection with a physical damage, business interruption and reinsurance coverage claim of \$50 million arising out of a catastrophic open cast mining loss in southern Africa
- Representing reinsurers in respect of a Machinery Breakdown mining loss in Peru; claim valued at over \$400 million
- Representing insurers in an insurance and reinsurance coverage dispute on a \$50 million satellite claim by a Russian cedent with the reinsurance contract subject to arbitration under French law in Geneva
- Representing Lloyd's syndicates in connection with D&O claims arising out of litigation in Australia following the collapse of FAI Insurances Limited
- Representing insurers on contingent business interruption claims in many scenarios, including a severed electrical service line in the Hudson River, an oil pipeline explosion in Russia, civil authority closures at airports and ports following 9/11, the catastrophic floods in Thailand in 2011 and Sandy-related losses
- Representing All Risk Insurers and Reinsurers in relation to political risk cover arising from the Red Shirt protests in Thailand in 2010 which led to the burning of 38 buildings including Asia's largest shopping mall, with claims exceeding US\$500 million

INSIGHTS

Publications

Are COVID-19 business interruption claims covered under property policies?

16 February 2022

A claim that the presence of COVID-19 on company property caused “direct physical loss or damage” to the property.

Why I Lawyer: Q&A with Richard Hans

19 January 2022

WHY I LAWYER

The beauty of the law is that it always reminds us that issues and problems that arise in life are rarely simple, and that finding an answer or a solution often requires one to consider all angles. In that sense, being a lawyer has helped me be more reflective and balanced.

Ransomware preparedness: NYDFS announces additional expectations of regulated entities' cybersecurity programs

7 July 2021

As regulatees address their vulnerabilities to ransomware, NYDFS raises its expectations.

NEWS

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards

30 October 2020

DLA Piper has been named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards, in a ceremony which took place on Thursday 29 October.

