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PRACTICE AREAS:

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STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third
Circuit

EDUCATION:

J.D., Ohio State University College
of Law, 1983

B.A., University of Cincinnati, 1980

David J. Strasser

MEMBER-IN-CHARGE

David Strasser primarily practices in the area of insurance coverage and commercial litigation. Since joining Eckert Seamans in 1998 and prior as an assistant general counsel for CBS/Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Dave litigated and managed a wide variety of environmental, toxic tort, and product insurance coverage claims and negotiated settlements in these matters.

He has extensive experience dealing with foreign and domestic insolvent insurers and is a member of the creditors' committee of a number of insolvent London Market Companies.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *J.H. France Refractories Co. v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 626 A.2d 502 (Pa. 1993)(represented policyholder *amicus curiae* in action regarding trigger and scope of coverage for mass tort claims).
- *Viacom Inc. v. Transit Casualty Co.*, 138 S.W.3d 723 (Mo. 2004)(represented policyholder in action against insolvent insurer).
- *Westinghouse Electric Corporation v. American Home Assurance Co.*, 2004 N.J. Super. Unpub Lexis 2, *certification denied*, 861 A.2d 845 (2004)(managed toxic tort coverage litigation on behalf of policyholder).
- *Aetna Casualty & Surety Company v. Commonwealth of Kentucky*, 179 S.W.2d 830 (Ky. 2005)(co-counsel representing policyholder in coverage action under nuclear policies).
- *Federal Ins. Co v. Continental Casualty Co.*, 2006 U.S. Dist. Lexis 85323 (WDPa. 2006)(represented director in coverage dispute under D&O policies).
- *In Re Midland Ins. Co.*, 16 N.Y. 3d 536 (N.Y. Ct of Appeals 2011)(represented policyholder in action against insolvent insurer).
- Represented clients in insurance coverage matters, including advising them in the strategic use of insurance and other risk management techniques to address potential risks and liabilities.
- Litigated and resolved multi-million dollar insurance coverage actions related to environmental, toxic tort, defective product, and general commercial liabilities.
- Represented clients in the presentment and negotiation of claims under specialty policies such as directors' and officers', aircraft products, employer liability, nuclear, and fiduciary policies.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Reading is FUNdamental Pittsburgh, elementary school reading mentor

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2025 & 2026 for Insurance Law

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

PUBLICATIONS

- [“COVID-19 Update: Business Interruption Insurance Litigation and Related Legislation.”](#) Eckert Seamans’ Legal Update, March 23, 2020.
- [“Is There Coverage for Damages Caused by Faulty Construction? The Courts Change Course,”](#) Construction Executive, May 2014.
- [“Is There Coverage for Damage Caused by Faulty Construction? The Courts Change Course,”](#) Eckert Seamans’ Construction Law Update, Spring 2014.
- [“Is There Insurance Coverage for Claims Arising Out of Your Subcontractor’s ‘Faulty’ Work?”](#) Eckert Seamans’ Construction Law Update, Spring 2010.
- “The Pollution Exclusion Under Ohio Law: Staying the Course,” co-authored with Thomas Reiter and William Pohlman, University of Cincinnati Law Review, 1991.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- December Technical Meeting of the International Alliance of Asbestos and Pollution Reinsurers, Guest Speaker (Cologne, Germany), December 10, 2015.
- “Insurance Implications of Asbestos,” Asbestos: Current Issues and Effective Litigation Tactics, National Business Institute, October 2011.
- “Avoiding the Pitfalls of Additional Insured Status,” Eckert Seamans’ Continuing Education (CLE), August 2011.
- “Significant Developments in the Asbestos Litigation from the Policyholders Perspective,” International Alliance of Asbestos and Pollution Reinsurers Technical Meeting (Cologne Germany), December 2008.
- “The Claims Process – Avoiding Insurance Disputes,” Business Insurance Seminar, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) (Pittsburgh Pennsylvania), February 2008.
- “An Insured’s View of the Changing Asbestos Litigation Landscape,” International Alliance of Asbestos and Pollution Reinsurers Technical Meeting (Cologne Germany), December 2006.
- “Insurance Insolvency –What Does it Mean for Business,” Business Insurance Seminar, PBI (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), February 2005.
- “Avoiding and Resolving Insurance Coverage Disputes,”

Pittsburgh Risk and Insurance Management Society (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), November 2002.

- “Dealing with Insurance Insolvencies,” Mealey’s Asbestos & Mold Insurance Conference (Marina del Rey, California), March 2002.