



Practice Areas:

Bad Faith
Construction & Surety
Insurance

Education:

Florida International University, College of Law (J.D., 2010) (Top 10% of graduating class)

University of Maryland, College Park (B.A., 2005)(cum laude)

Admitted to Practice:

State of Texas

State of Florida

State of Connecticut

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

United States District Court for the District of Connecticut

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Kieran Leary

Practice Description

Mr. Leary represents insurance companies in complex and high-exposure coverage disputes as part of his national coverage practice. Kieran has frequently been retained in coverage disputes which have garnered significant media and legislative attention, including sinkhole, crumbling foundation, sexual abuse, and Hurricane Harvey claims. Prior to joining QSLWM, he was a partner in a firm which was recognized by the Connecticut Law Tribune as the Insurance Coverage Litigation Department of the Year as a result of his favorable verdicts in crumbling foundation litigation.

Kieran brings extensive and successful first chair jury trial experience to the table for matters which cannot be resolved prior to trial. He also maintains an appellate practice and has appeared before numerous appellate courts, including the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Publications, Seminars, and Cases

Lester v. Liberty Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 325 F.Supp.3d 243 (D. Conn. 2018)(Obtained judgment in favor of defense in a crumbling foundation lawsuit in a matter of first impression regarding proper interpretation of "collapse" provision in policy)

1700 Barnum Ave. et. al v. West American Ins. Co. (Conn. Super. 2017)(Obtained defense verdict following five-day jury trial in matter concerning multi-million dollar commercial property loss).

Alexander v. General Ins. Co. of Am., 2017 WL 188134 (D. Conn. 2017)(Obtained judgment in favor of defense in a crumbling foundation lawsuit in a matter of first impression concerning proper interpretation of expanded "collapse" provision in policy)

Kowalyszyn v. Excelsior Ins. Co. et al., 2018 WL 888724 (D. Conn. 2018)(Received judgment in favor of defense in a matter which established the applicability of a manifestation coverage trigger to first party property loss claims in Connecticut)

Soderburg v. Unitrin Preferred Ins. Co. et al., 2018 WL 3862330 (Conn. Super. 2018)(Received judgment in favor of defense in matter of first impression which addressed interplay of appropriate coverage trigger for first party property losses in relation to suit limitation provision in policy)

Betancourt v. Florida Ins. Guar. Ass'n., Inc., 153 So.3d 936 (Fla. 2d DCA 2014)(Obtained judgment in favor of defense in confirmed sinkhole in matter of first impression concerning interplay of Florida's sinkhole and guaranty fund statutes)

Roberts v. Liberty Mut. Fire Ins. Co., 264 F.Supp. 3d 394 (D.Conn. 2017)(Received judgment on bad faith and unfair insurance practices counts in a foundation lawsuit in a matter of first impression)