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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Insurance Law; Litigation; Privacy & Data Security Law; Franchise Law;
Construction Law & Public Contracts



Bradley W. Hoff is the Managing Shareholder of Buchalter's Seattle office. As a member of the litigation practice group, he has 25 years of experience representing insurance policyholders in a wide variety of disputes with their insurance companies. Mr. Hoff has substantial experience litigating and negotiating the resolution of disputes arising under "third-party" policies such as general liability, employment practices liability, pollution liability, directors & officers liability, and errors & omissions/professional liability policies. Additionally, he has litigated many "first-party" policies such as commercial property, condominium, apartment, homeowners, business interruption, and employee dishonesty/theft policies. He also uses his experience handling insurance disputes to counsel his clients regarding risk management matters.

Mr. Hoff has been selected as one of Washington's "Super Lawyers" from 2011-2022, and was named a "Rising Star" from 2000-2004.

Representative Matters

First-Party Coverage Matters

- Assisted owner of food processing facility in recovering, under commercial property policy, a mid-eight figure sum for repair of fire damage to processing facility and business losses resulting from that damage.
- Represented condominium owners association in recovering, under condominium policy and separate apartment policy, total of nearly \$3 million for structural rot damage to multi-building condominium complex that had been converted from apartments.
- Represented owners of multi-building apartment complex in recovering, under apartment policy, more than \$2.5 million for repair of structural rot damage and rental income loss resulting from that damage.
- Represented agricultural product broker in recovering full coverage, under stock throughout policy, for damage to products while in cold storage, as well as attorney fees incurred in responding to insurer's initial denial.
- Represented motel owner in recovering, under commercial property policy, nearly \$2 million for repair of water damage resulting from hurricane and business income loss resulting from that damage.
- Represent homeowners in obtaining full coverage for cost of asbestos remediation undertaken as part of fire damage repairs to residence, as well as attorney fees incurred in responding to insurer's initial denial.

Liability Coverage Matters

- Successfully litigated (summary judgment granted) dispute over existence of coverage for class action lawsuit brought under Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (TCPA) under client's general liability policy.
- Successfully litigated (summary judgment granted) dispute over existence of coverage for lawsuit seeking unpaid compensation, double damages, and attorney fees under Washington's Wage Rebate Act (Chapter 49.52 RCW).

- Represented owner of contaminated property in successfully challenging general liability insurer's denial of coverage for remediation costs.
- Represented subcontractor in obtaining general liability coverage for six-figure costs of removing and replacing work that failed to comply with building specifications.
- Represented retail chain in obtaining coverage for range of third-party claims, as additional insured under general liability policies issued to vendors of products and services sold by chain.
- Represented client in obtaining, under general and errors and omissions liability policies, a mid-seven figure sum in funding for settlement of class action lawsuit brought under Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (TCPA).
- Represented industrial construction equipment lessor in establishing lessee's right to coverage (and thus funding of mid-six figure settlement with client) under lessee's general liability insurance, for claim of conversion or actual loss of (inability to locate) equipment while in lessee's possession.
- Represented material supplier in obtaining funding for six-figure settlement of third-party claim alleging damage to high-end residence resulting from defects in those materials.
- Represented commercial property owner in recovering mid-six figure settlement for cost of defending against tenant claim alleging constructive eviction due to property defects, despite fact that claim was not tendered until I was retained after conclusion of trial against commercial property owner.

Publications

- Buchalter COVID-19 Client Alert: San Francisco Supervisors Pass COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance on Cleaning Hotels and Commercial Office Buildings, July 10, 2020
- Buchalter Client Alert COVID-19: Opposite Sides of the Table: Restaurants Seek Recovery From Insurers for Business Interruption in the Wake of COVID-19, *Buchalter Client Alert*, April 13, 2020
- Buchalter Client Alert COVID 19: COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Checklist, *Buchalter Client Alert*, April 9, 2020

Presentations

- Speaker, "Pursuing Liability Coverage for Contract Disputes," Foster Garvey Insurance Coverage Legal Update: Safeguarding Your Operations With Insurance Event, November 12, 2019
- Speaker, "Cyber Risk Insurance," Foster Garvey Insurance Coverage Legal Update: Safeguarding Your Operations With Insurance Event, June 1, 2018
- Speaker, "Cyber Risk Insurance," Foster Pepper 2017 Insurance Coverage Legal Update, June 8, 2017
- Speaker, "Cyber Risk Coverage," Association of Corporate Counsel CLE, June 1, 2017
- Speaker, "Protecting Against Risk," The Seminar Group, May 4, 2016

Education

Mr. Hoff earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1994 and his B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Washington in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting.

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court Western District of Washington

Community

- Member of American Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Member of King County Bar Association
- Member of Washington State Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Member of 101 Club (Washington Athletic Club)
- Board of Directors 2008-present and past Chair for Alliance for Education
- Board of Commissioners for Seattle Sports Commission