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Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Construction & Real Estate Litigation
Insurance

Admitted

New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Supreme Court of the United States
United States Court of Appeals for the Third
Circuit

Education

Pennsylvania State University, (B.A., 1970)
Trenton State College, (M.Ed., 1974)
Rutgers Law School, (M.Ed., 1976; J.D., with
honors, 1982)

Ellis has been an attorney with Archer since 1987. He specializes in general and complex litigation matters, with an emphasis in commercial, insurance coverage, construction and professional negligence related matters. Before coming to Archer, Ellis served as a Deputy Attorney General with the New Jersey Attorney General's Office where he represented several state agencies, including the Departments of Health, Education, and Treasury.

Regarding his insurance coverage practice, Ellis has a broad range of experience in litigating matters in both state and federal courts in New Jersey as well as other jurisdictions. The insurance coverage matters Ellis has been involved in include, among others, first and third-party coverage claims for environmental liability, directors and officers liability, construction defects, professional errors and omissions liability, employment practices liability, intellectual property, toxic tort, and life, health and disability claims. Ellis has represented policyholders in some of New Jersey's leading environmental insurance cases on issues such as choice of law and the qualified and absolute pollution exclusions.

Ellis has a broad range of litigation and trial experience in construction disputes. He has represented design professionals, owners and general contractors in construction disputes that often involve complex litigation due to the numerous professional and contractual parties involved. Ellis has experience in representing these parties in various types of construction related disputes including, for example, construction claims related to condominiums, colleges and school facilities, residential and commercial developments, municipal and potable wells, and roads and highways.

In addition, Ellis is experienced in other types of litigation matters involving employment related issues, civil rights claims, environmental toxic tort claims, administrative law claims, intellectual property claims, general commercial and contract disputes, and issues regarding professional ethics.

Representative Experience

Examples of some of the types of litigation Ellis has handled on behalf of the firm's clients include the following reported decisions:

Environmental Insurance Coverage

- *Morton International v. General Accident*, 134 N.J. 1 (1993), *cert. denied*, 114 S. Ct. 2764 (1994) (one of New Jersey's leading cases on

environmental coverage issues);

- *Nav-Its, Inc. v. Selective Ins. Co.*, 183 N.J. 110 (2005) (New Jersey's leading case on the "absolute" pollution exclusion);
- *J. Josephson v. Crum & Forster*, 293 N.J. Super. 170 (App. Div. 1996) (choice of law issue in multi-state environmental coverage dispute);

Stockholder Derivative/Class Action

- *Maul v. Kirkman*, 270 N.J. Super. 596 (App. Div. 1994) (derivative and class action suit against corporate directors based on breach of fiduciary duty and gross mismanagement).

Construction Litigation

- *Di Maria Construction v. Commerce Bank*, 300 N.J. Super. 9 (App. Div.), *certif. denied*, 151 N.J. 73 (1997), *cert. denied*, 522 U.S. 1116 (1998) (case interpreting what is an arbitral issue in construction arbitration dispute and the proper standard of judicial review to apply to an arbitrator's decision).
- *DiMaria v. Hill, et al.*, 351 N.J. Super. 558 (App. Div. 2001), *aff'd*, 172 N.J. 182 (2002) (case involving issues of tortious interference with contract in construction related dispute).

Intellectual Property

- *Duffy v. Charles Schwab & Co.*, 97 F.Supp.2d 582 (D.N.J. 2000); 123 F.Supp. 2d 802 (D.N.J. 2000) (clarification of law on misappropriation of idea claim regarding "novelty" issue).

School Law

- *Galbraith v. Lenape Regional High School District*, 964 F. Supp. 889 (D.N.J. 1997) (application of New Jersey's entire controversy doctrine to federal claim brought after conclusion of state school administrative proceeding).
- *Abbott v. Burke*, 164 N.J. 84 (2000) (case involving issues related to separation of powers concerning public funding for school facilities construction).

Professional And Community Involvement

Current Professional Organization Membership

- American Bar Association
- ABA Litigation Section
- ABA Insurance Coverage Committee
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Camden County Bar Association
- Managing Editor of *Coverage Journal* (ABA Insurance Coverage Committee)

Current Community Board Service

- Kingsway Learning Center Board Member

Awards And Recognition

- Best Lawyers in America, Insurance Law (2006-present)
- Best Lawyers in America Lawyer of the Year – Insurance Law - Philadelphia (2015)
- New Jersey Super Lawyers, General Litigation (2005-present)
- Martindale Hubbell – Rated AV Preeminent since 1996
- “Top Attorney,” SJ Magazine – Insurance Law (2013 – present)
- Fellow of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel
- Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA)

Articles

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- *Duty to Defend on Collision Course with Duty to Reimburse,* New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, August 2012, No. 277, p. 9-14. by: Ellis I. Medoway and Benjamin D. Morgan
- *Don't Let the Ground Disappear from Under Your Feet: Understanding the Earth Movement Exclusion* (Published in the ABA Coverage Journal, Volume 21, Number 4, July/August 2011. © 2011 by the American Bar Association. Reproduced with permission. All rights reserved). by: Ellis I. Medoway and Benjamin D. Morgan
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- *Recent Developments in Insurance Coverage Litigation*, ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Journal, Vol. 44, No. 2, pp.551-589 (Winter 2009). by: Ellis I. Medoway and Benjamin D. Morgan, et al.
- *Interpreting Coverage Under Insurance Contract, Bad Faith Litigation and Common Ethical Issues*, Seminar Material: Presented at seminar on Insurance Coverage Litigation, sponsored by National Business Institute (August 2008), Cherry Hill, NJ. by: Ellis I. Medoway and Trevor J. Cooney
- *State Courts Trend: Coverage For Faulty Workmanship*, ABA Construction Journal, Vol. 17, No.3, pp.1, 17-22 (Spring 2008). by: Ellis I. Medoway, William L. Ryan and Benjamin D. Morgan

- *Environmental Insurance Claim: Choice of Law - 15 Year Review*, Seminar Material: Settling Asbestos and Environmental Insurance Claims. Presented at New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education program (March 2007), New Brunswick, NJ. by: Ellis I. Medoway
- *Ethics for Insurance Defense Counsel*, Seminar Material: pp. 53-63. Presented at seminar on Current Issues Impacting Insurance Defense Practice, sponsored by National Business Institute (November 2007), Cherry Hill, NJ. by: Ellis Medoway
- *Consequence of Insolvent Carrier Under Guaranty Association Statutory Scheme: Recent Decisions Find Policyholder Suffering Double Whammy*, ABA Coverage Journal, Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 3-7. (November/December 2006). by: Ellis I. Medoway
- *Insurance Contract Exclusions: General Principles*, Seminar Material: pp. 63-71 Presented at Mealey's "Insurance Contract Wording Conference" (Sept. 20, 2006), Philadelphia, PA. by: Ellis I. Medoway
- *Methods and Alternatives for Construction Contract Dispute Resolution*, Seminar Material: pp. 77-90 Presented at Seminar on Averting Chaos on the Job Site, Sponsored by National Business Institute (January 2006), Cherry Hill, NJ. by: Ellis I. Medoway
- *Coverage Clarification Needed for 'Intentional Wrongs' Exception* New Jersey Law Journal, 182 N.J.L.J. 546 (November 7, 2005). by: Ellis I. Medoway and Trevor J. Cooney
- *The Affidavit/Certificate of Merit Requirement: Avoiding Potential Pitfalls*, ABA Construct Journal, Vol. 14, No. 4, pp. 1, 13-16 (Summer 2005). by: Ellis I. Medoway and William L. Ryan
- *Nav-Its Follows Morton's Legacy: Insurance Industry Held Accountable For Presentations To Regulatory Authorities; Absolute Pollution Exclusion Thus Limited To Traditional Environmental Claims*, ABA Coverage Journal, Vol. 15, No. 4, pp.1, 11-20 (July/August 2005). by: Ellis I. Medoway, Arthur H. Jones, Jr., and Trevor J. Cooney
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- *Policyholders May Be On The Hook For Insolvent Insurer: Court Finds Insured Personally Responsible For A Judgment In Excess Of New Jersey's Guaranty Association Cap*, New Jersey Law Journal, 180 N.J.L.J 444 (May 9, 2005). by: Ellis I. Medoway and Trevor J. Cooney
- *Court Message To Insurers: Level With Clients*, New Jersey Lawyer, 14 NJL 787 (April 25,2005). by: Ellis I. Medoway and Arthur H. Jones, Jr.
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