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Steven Adams is a Partner in the Firm's Insurance and Reinsurance Services Group.

Steve's practice focuses on the representation of domestic and international insurers and reinsurers in litigated and non-litigated matters. Steve has litigated matters and counseled clients with respect to a wide variety of claims concerning comprehensive general liability, pollution legal liability, construction defects, environmental specialty, financial lines, personal and advertising injury liability, mass tort, asbestos, employers' liability, professional liability, directors and officers, errors and omissions and first party property insurance policies, as well as additional insured and contractual liability issues.

Prior to joining Coughlin Midlidge & Garland, Steve was a Vice President/Senior Coverage Attorney in AIG's Global Coverage Group where he analyzed coverage nationwide for large commercial and casualty losses, and represented the AIG Member Insurers in coverage declaratory judgment actions.

Upon graduation from the University of Michigan Law School, Steve became associated with a Wall Street firm where he practiced in the litigation department. In 1983, Steve moved to a boutique law firm that specialized in insurance coverage litigation. He became a Member of this Professional Corporation in 1990, and remained with that firm until 2010, when he joined AIG.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Counsels and litigates on behalf of insurers claims for additional insured coverage, and with regard to risk transfer issues.
- Counsels and litigates on behalf of insurance coverage disputes arising out of construction defect claims.
- Counseled clients and litigated matters related to insurance coverage for asbestos, mass tort, environmental casualty, pollution legal liability and environmental specialty claims.
- Advised underwriters and business segment claim managers and adjusters on policy language, manuscript changes and market issues.
- Acted as national coordinating and regional coverage counsel for insurers in the handling of their environmental coverage claims.
- Represented insurers in the submission of their resolved claims to facultative and treaty reinsurers, and litigated and arbitrated reinsurance coverage disputes.
- Represented insurers in disputes related to financial institutions and for claims made under Directors and Officers, Errors and Omissions, and Difference in Conditions Policies.

Services

Commercial Litigation

Environment and Toxic Tort
Insurance and Reinsurance
Professional Liability and Directors & Officers

Education

University of Michigan (J.D., 1981)
Wayne State University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1978)

Professional Admissions

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1993)
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2004)
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (1995)
United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1982)
United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (1987)
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1982)
United States District Court for the Western District of New York (1997)
State of New York (1982)