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Vincent J. Proto is a Partner in the Firm's Insurance and Reinsurance Services Group.

Vinnie has decades of experience in litigating insurance and reinsurance coverage disputes in federal and state courts, as well as in private, contractual arbitration, for major insurance and reinsurance companies. He has handled, among other things, matters involving commercial general liability, property, professional liability, insolvencies, surety, marine, financial guaranties, catastrophe treaties, whole account reinsurance, latent injury claims (including asbestos and hazardous waste), sexual misconduct and Covid-19. He also has extensive appellate experience, including appeals on complex insurance, reinsurance and commercial litigation matters before the appellate courts of New Jersey and New York and a number of U.S. Courts of Appeals. These appeals have involved novel issues and leading decisions on such matters as allocation of long-tail asbestos claims, the follow-the-settlements doctrine, and the reinsurer's right to interpose defenses in insurance insolvency proceedings.

Vinnie is admitted to practice law in the states of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, federal District Courts in those states, and multiple federal Courts of Appeals.

Services

Appellate
Attorneys
Insurance and Reinsurance

Education

Pennsylvania State University, The Dickinson School of Law (J.D., 1990)
University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1987)

Professional Admissions

United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit (2020)
United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit (2006)
United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit (1991)
United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit (1992)
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
United States District Court, District of New Jersey (1990)

United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (2014)
United States District Court, Eastern District of New York (2000)
United States District Court, Southern District of New York (2000)
United States District Court, Western District of New York (2020)
United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2000)
State of New Jersey (1990)
State of New York (1997)
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1990)

Awards and Honors

Named a *New Jersey Super Lawyer* (2024-2025). (This list is published by *Super Lawyers*. Their selection methodology is available [here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.)

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