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Suzanne Cocco Midlige is the Managing Partner and a founding member of Coughlin Duffy and a member of the Insurance and Reinsurance Services Group.

Prior to election to Managing Partner, Suzanne served as the Practice Group Leader for the Insurance and Reinsurance Services Group from 2004 to 2012. Suzanne's practice focuses on the representation of domestic and international insurers and reinsurers in litigated and non-litigated matters.

Services

Commercial Litigation

Insurance

Professional Liability and Directors & Officers

Education

Seton Hall University (JD, 1991)

Muhlenberg College (AB, 1984)

Professional Admissions

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1991)

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2001)

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2002)

State of New Jersey (1991)

Experience

- Regular representation of multi-national insurers in asbestos coverage disputes, including the area of asbestos bankruptcy litigation.
- Lead counsel for insurers in multiple insurance coverage disputes relating to contamination of Lower Passaic River.
- Lead counsel for insurers in multi-party coverage dispute involving herbicide.

- Representation of insurers and reinsurers in disputes relating to financial institutions and director & officer disputes.
- Lead counsel for insurer in claim against Directors & Officers of failed hospital.
- Acted for multinational reinsurers in a series of corporate malfeasance claims and failed tax strategy claims.
- Served as coordinating counsel for a multinational reinsurer in relation to subprime and credit exposures.
- Counsel to fifty multinational insurers in a complex insurance and antitrust dispute involving US and Australian asbestos claims.
- Monitoring counsel for insurers in relation to hormone replacement therapy (HRT) litigation.
- Monitoring counsel for insurers in relation to organic roofing shingle class action litigation in the United States and Canada.
- Counsel to insurer in international claim against Director & Officers of international bio-pharmaceutical company.
- Work closely with insurers and reinsurers in relation to the development and implementation of models to allocate losses across complex insurance programs, and in evaluating future loss projections and developing burn rate analyses.
- Representation of companies embroiled in commercial and antitrust disputes.

News

New Jersey Appellate Division Finds Anti-Assignment Clauses Inapplicable Because Loss Occurred Prior to the Transfer of Insurance Rights

April 16, 2018

Leading Women Entrepreneurs Announces 2017 Honorees

June 19, 2017

New York High Court Holds That All Sums Allocation Method And Vertical Exhaustion Applies

May 4, 2016

Straight to the Top - D&O and Financial Lines, Trends and Decisions

October 15, 2015

Coughlin Duffy LLP is pleased to announce that 20 of its attorneys were selected for inclusion in New Jersey Super Lawyers® and New Jersey Rising Stars®

March 14, 2015

Suzanne Midlige Elected to the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel

November 26, 2014

Emerging Claims – Liability and Insurance Issues in Crowdfunding, Drones, Ride Sharing, Self-Driving Cars, Bitcoin, Food Labeling and Other Upcoming Claim Sources

October 16, 2014

Knock Out Blows – Concussion and Sports-Related Injuries Litigation

October 16, 2014

Has the Second Circuit Mandated a Rubber Stamp Approval System for SEC Consent Decrees?

June 6, 2014

Pushed Beyond the Limits—Reactions to the U.S. Judiciary’s Expansion of Additional Insured Coverage

October 10, 2013

Are You Really Exhausted? Negotiating Settlements for Less than Policy Limits - Recent Trends and Decisions

October 3, 2013

Developments and Trends in U.S. Securities and Class Action Litigation

October 14, 2010

Florida Jury Awards Residential Homeowners \$2.5 Million Against Domestic Supplier of Chinese Drywall

July 8, 2010

U.S. Supreme Court Draws Bright Line on Application of Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to “Foreign Cubed” Transactions

June 30, 2010

Plaintiffs Bar Likely Emboldened by the \$105 Million Jury Award Entered Against Exxon Mobil Corporation in MTBE Water Contamination Litigation

October 21, 2009

A Changing of the Guard

October 19, 2009

Cyber Liability: Understanding Technology Losses in an Age of E-Commerce

October 11, 2007

Preservation and E-Discovery from a Litigation and Risk Management Perspective

October 10, 2007

The Increasing Significance of Aggregation in Complex Claims Litigation: The U.S. Perspective

November 6, 2006

The Emerging Stock Options Backdating Scandal and Strategic Approach to Claims for Coverage

November 6, 2006

Increasing Use of Bad Faith and Extracontractual Claims in Multi-National Disputes

October 6, 2005

Events

Suzanne Midlige to Speak at ACCEC's 6th Annual Meeting in Chicago

Speaking Engagements

Speaker, “Practical Pointers for Deposition Preparation & Testimony,” London, England (2018)

Speaker, “Financial and Securities Litigation Update: Trending, Scandals and More,” Munich, Germany (2012)

Speaker, “Emerging Trends and Targets in U.S. Class Action Litigation,” Munich, Germany (2012)

Speaker, "Connecting the Dots: Insurance Coverage for Corporate Successors," Munich, Germany (2011)

Speaker, "Hydraulic Fracturing: Tolerate, Regulate or Litigate?," Munich, Germany (2011)

Speaker, "Developments and Trends in U.S. Securities and Class Action Litigation," Munich, Germany (2010)

Speaker, "What's Hot and What's in Store in the World of Claims," Munich, Germany (2010)

Speaker, "Navigating a New Wave of Product Liability Claims," Munich, Germany (2009)

Speaker, "Implication of Aggregation in Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes," (June 2009)

Speaker, "Consider Yourself Warned! Federal Preemption of State Prescription Drug Claims and its Potential Impact on Product Liability Claims and Insurance," Munich, Germany (2008)

Speaker, "Subprime, Auction Rate Securities and Credit Crisis: Update & Emerging Issues," New York, New York (2008)

Publications and Presentations

Author, "Navigating the Wave of Water Contamination Claims: Analysis of *City of New York v. Amerada Hess Corp.* and Its Implications for Other Water Contamination Claims," *Environmental Claims Journal*, 22: 1,17-26. (2010)

Author, "Neue Welle von Produkthaftpflichtklagen wegen 'Chinese Drywall' in den USA?" PHI, Nr. 1/2010. (2010)

Author, "US Supreme Court and Democrat Lawmakers Breath New Life Into Product Liability Claims," *Financier Worldwide Magazine* (June 2009)

Author, "Auction Rate Securities Overview & Emerging Issues," White Paper (July 2008)

Awards and Honors

Selected by "Leading Women Entrepreneurs" as one of New Jersey's 2017 Top 25 Leading Women Intrapreneurs and Corporate Leaders.

Selected for inclusion in Global Law Experts in 2017

Named as a leading attorney by the Guide to the World's Leading Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

Named a New Jersey Super Lawyer (2006, 2007, 2009-2018)

Recognized as a leading lawyer in *Who's Who Legal: Insurance & Reinsurance* (2014-2016)

Selected for inclusion in the Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law in 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

Selected as a Leader Among Women and Minorities in New Jersey by the *New Jersey Law Journal*.

Membership

Fellow, American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Member, Association for Professional Insurance Women (APIW)

Member, Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)

Member, ARIAS

Member, New Jersey Bar Association

Member, International Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Co-Chair, London Subcommittee of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (Litigation Section)

Founding member Coughlin Duffy's Women's Initiative Group