



## Charles J. Fischette

### COUNSEL

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#### Overview

With nearly twenty years of litigation experience, clients turn to Charles for his expertise in insurance coverage, complex litigation, and appellate matters. Charles began his legal career at the Washington, D.C. office of a multi-national firm, handling complex insurance coverage matters, including coverage for asbestos claims, major product liability cases, and environmental liabilities. He also advised clients and litigated matters involving first-party property and specialty lines, including major equipment breakdown and lost profits claims, directors' and officers' liability insurance, and professional and hospital liability coverage. Charles has significant experience litigating extra-contractual and bad-faith claims in multiple jurisdictions.

Charles also has served as in-house coverage counsel for a major insurer and specialty run-off company. Charles joins A&K from CNA in Boston, where he was a member of the claims counsel group and specialized in environmental and mass tort claims. Previously he was a litigation attorney at the RiverStone Group in Manchester, New Hampshire, providing advice on long-tail coverage matters and overseeing a substantial litigation portfolio.

After law school, Charles served as a law clerk to Chief Judge John M. Walker, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and was a John M. Olin Fellow in Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

#### Experience

- Lead in successful representation of private equity firm in insurance litigation over liabilities arising out of mortgage-backed securities fund, resulting in recovery of over \$77 million
- Successful representation of Fortune 500 company in insurance coverage litigation related to asbestos liabilities, including winning appeal
- Representation of Fortune 500 company in complex environmental coverage dispute in Wisconsin state court, resulting in more than \$300 million settlement
- Advice to several major D.C. area institutions regarding coverage for 2011 Northeast Earthquake
- Advice to major charitable hospital and other charitable organizations concerning various abuse and malpractice claims
- More than five years' experience providing in-house coverage advice for insurers, focusing on long-tail product liability, mass tort, and environmental claims

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance

#### CREDENTIALS

##### Education

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2005

University of Pittsburgh, M.A., 2002

Swarthmore College, B.A., 2001 *Honors*

##### Admissions

New York

##### Clerkship

Honorable John M. Walker, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

##### Recognitions

*Washington DC Super Lawyers Rising Stars* (2014-2018)

##### Affiliations

American Bar Association, Section on Litigation

Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee—Vice-Chair, London/International Subcommittee (2011-19)

Appellate Practice Committee