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## ABOUT

Jonathan Barger is a Partner working in the Chicago and Dallas offices of Butler. He is admitted to practice law in Illinois, Texas, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Jon's primary focus is complex property losses, handling first-party property coverage issues and liability defense. He also has significant experience litigating international commercial disputes. He has substantial trial and litigation experience both regionally and nationally. He routinely handles all aspects of litigation and has tried numerous jury trials, including as lead trial counsel. He has worked on claims in excess of \$250 million dollars throughout the United States and internationally.

Jon's experience with first-party property coverage and related coverage litigation includes a full range of large, complex commercial claims to personal lines claims. Jon assists insurers with first-party claim issues ranging from legal assistance with claims investigations, conducting examinations under oath, and providing coverage opinions. He defends insurers against allegations of breach of contract, bad faith, and other extra-contractual relief.

Jon's experience in liability defense involves claims of catastrophic property damage, bodily injury, and wrongful death. Jon has significant experience with fire losses and the multiple issues that arise from fire investigation methods and techniques, fire cause and origin determination, fire spread, and fire suppression system performance. In addition to his fire loss background, he has handled cases involving water, mold, and wind damage, as well as other types of property damage.

Jon advises internationally-based insurers on claims involving significant liability exposures throughout the United States, including product liability, D&O liability, and financial lines claims. His international experience includes working with European market insurers and defending European companies in U.S. Courts. His international background and expertise place him in a unique position to handle cases with complex jurisdictional issues.

Jon is a frequent insurance industry speaker and educator, providing training sessions and speaking at industry conferences across the country. He has spoken on a wide range of property and other insurance topics.

Jon received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French language and literature from Vanderbilt University. He studied with the Vanderbilt-in-France program in Aix-en-Provence and with the Centre International d'Études Françaises ("CIEF") at the Université Lumière Lyon 2. He is fluent in French, with full business proficiency. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and a Certificate in International and Comparative Law.

### Admissions

Illinois  
Texas  
Wisconsin  
Indiana

### Education

Vanderbilt University  
*Bachelor Of Arts In French Language  
And Literature*  
Chicago-Kent College Of Law  
*Doctor Of Jurisprudence*

### Memberships

Claims And Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)  
Western Loss Association

### Recognitions

AV Preeminent  
Martindale-Hubbell

### Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas



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