

## **BIOGRAPHY – JOHN LEE**

Mr. Lee has been practicing law since 1998 and currently is a partner in the Global Insurance Services Practice Group in the Chicago office of Goldberg Segalla. His practice concentrates on commercial litigation, particularly complex insurance coverage litigation within an environmental context.

With an extensive background in environmental science and nearly 20 years of experience as a trial and appellate civil litigator, John has successfully defended clients in matters as diverse as multi-party coverage disputes, million-dollar environmental site remediation, PCB, asbestos, and lead exposure claims, alleged construction negligence, and premises and professional liability. He also has handled dozens of workers' compensation disputes. Prior to receiving his law degree, Mr. Lee worked as an environmental consultant where he undertook multiple environmental Phase I and Phase II site assessments for both government and corporate clients. His experience in both insurance law and environmental science allows him to act as a nexus connecting clients, attorney colleagues, expert witnesses, and often judges, ensuring that all parties share an understanding of the legal, environmental, and regulatory issues at stake.

Mr. Lee has taught meteorology and other environmental courses at the City Colleges of Chicago as an adjunct professor. He is the author of multiple journal articles on state environmental audit immunity laws and the legal issues associated with climate change, as well as a lengthy law review article on customary law as a basis for a human right to a healthy environment. He is also a frequent contributor to Goldberg Segalla's *Environmental Law Monitor* blog, where he posts on climate change-related topics. In addition, Mr. Lee has been involved in multiple international human rights *pro-bono* matters before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He currently is a member of the Chicago Committee of Human Rights Watch.

Mr. Lee holds a Master's Degree in Meteorology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and a law degree from DePaul University in Chicago.