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BIOGRAPHY

John Lee

John has focused his legal career in complex insurance coverage litigation, especially in cases involving underlying environmental issues. With over 20 years of experience as a trial and appellate civil litigator, John has worked with clients in insurance matters ranging from multi-party coverage disputes, environmental site remediation, toxic-exposure claims, alleged construction negligence, and premises and professional liability. Along with his law degree, John also holds a master's degree in meteorology. This cross-disciplinary experience in both insurance law and environmental science has allowed him to have a deep understanding not only of the applicable law but also the science underlying the coverage matter at issue.

John has published numerous articles and has been a frequent blogger on climate change and related insurance topics. He has presented on environmental and insurance topics at various national conferences, including those held by the International Association of Insurance Receivers, the American Meteorological Society, and Human Rights Watch. Currently he is an adjunct professor teaching climate change and other courses at Loyola University in Chicago.

John has been extensively involved in international human rights legal work since receiving his law degree and has been a member of Human Rights Watch's Chicago Committee since 2017. His international human rights legal experience includes bringing four matters before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, one of which was successfully tried before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.