

Larry D. Mason (PLRB Conference Planning Committee Member) is a renowned trial and appellate litigator and counselor to many national and international businesses across diverse industries. Based in Chicago but with experience litigating and counseling clients through complicated and high-profile matters across the country and internationally, he dedicates most of his practice to insurance coverage, reinsurance, commercial litigation, environmental and toxic torts, and complex insurance regulatory matters. He also focuses on professional liability for clients in construction, insurance, environmental, and related industries; products liability; and identifying emerging risks. He brings his extensive experience to leadership positions in the firm, where he is chair of the Environmental and Mass Torts Coverage, First-Party Property, and Construction Coverage subgroups.

For over three decades, Larry has been a thought leader in the insurance law community. He has been a pioneer inside the courtroom, litigating many cases of first impression advancing new interpretations of law and new defenses, as well as outside the courtroom, writing and speaking about the most pressing issues in insurance and related fields. Larry has also served as an expert witness in complex, multi-issue cases. His experience includes commercial litigation involving multiple lines of insurance and reinsurance; first-party property and third-party liability; agent and broker liability; D&O/E&O; product liability; contracts; bad faith; toxic torts and occupational diseases; technology and cybersecurity; intellectual property disputes; rescission; reformation; anti-competitive practices, employment disputes, breach of covenants not to compete; life and disability; EPL; defense of self-insured employers and professional employer organizations (PEOs); workers' compensation; professional-liability defense for construction companies and their executives, architects, engineers, and contractors; and complicated cross-discipline cases arising from environmental, structural, or other catastrophic damages, including business interruption and lost revenue.

Larry's thought leadership in service to the insurance and reinsurance industries and defense of insurance professionals in E&O matters has included a wide variety of complex insurance regulatory issues. His work has been particularly influenced by his service on multiple insurance company boards of directors where insurance regulatory and related licensing issues are of paramount concern. Among other challenges, he has counseled and protected clients' interests concerning insurance company acquisitions, mergers and start-ups, regulatory approval of policy forms and endorsements, and compliance with state-specific requirements impacting underwriting and claims-handling practices.

Widely known as "The Problem Solver," Larry has a practice encompassing a broad spectrum of first- and third-party coverage, reinsurance, and defense issues. He frequently is called on to protect the interests of insurers and reinsurers in complex insurance coverage disputes and to defend their insureds concerning a variety of third-party liability issues. He has applied his extensive experience in handling large catastrophe losses and the complex cross-discipline problems that arise from these claims to a wide array of business interests.

Formidable and respected as a trial and appellate litigator, Larry also regularly provides assistance to underwriters concerning policy and endorsement drafting, market strategy, and the development of new insurance products. Larry's risk and litigation avoidance practice helps his business clients to avoid litigation by working with business leaders, risk managers, and underwriters to identify risks in developing fields and to proactively address emerging risks, devise risk management strategies and solutions, and offer general counsel to top-level executives.

Larry frequently contributes to his firm's Global Insurance Services webinar series, presenting on emerging legal issues involving the insurance industry, and is a regular contributor to the Goldberg Segalla LLP's Environmental Law Monitor blog. [For additional information, visit: www.GoldbergSegalla.com or contact: Larry Mason at 312-572-8444 or lmason@goldbergsegalla.com.]