

## Steven E. Peiper

Mr. Peiper focuses his practice on insurance coverage analysis and coverage litigation of both first- and third-party claims. Co-Chair of the firm's Insurance Coverage Practice Group and head of the firm's First Party team, he routinely provides strategic advice on insurance related issues and risk management on a national basis and has successfully litigated cases throughout New York State, as well as in all Federal Courts in New York. In addition to his active insurance practice, Mr. Peiper serves as the firm's Vice President and is a member of the firm's Board of Directors.

Mr. Peiper also leads the firm's Subrogation team and has successfully prosecuted and defended subrogation actions involving a myriad of losses ranging from large-scale industrial fire and water damage claims to personal fire losses. Mr. Peiper is also active with the firm's Labor Law & Construction Defect Team where he oversees complex indemnity and risk transfer disputes.

He is an admitted member of the International Association of Defense Counsel ("IADC") and is active in the organization's Insurance Law Committee. Mr. Peiper is also a longstanding member of DRI, its Insurance Law Section and the subcommittee on First Party Property. He previously served as a liaison to DRI's newsletter *Covered Events*. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section, where he also served as chair of the subcommittee on First Party Property Coverage Issues.

Mr. Peiper serves as adjunct professor/guest instructor at the University at Buffalo School of Law where he teaches First Party Insurance Law. He has also authored and co-authored multiple articles on insurance coverage and ethics issues. A frequent speaker at continuing education programs, he has lectured on hot-button coverage issues at DRI, American Bar Association and New York State Bar Association programs, as well as at a litany of other local, state, national and international events. For the past 15 years, he has authored a bi-weekly column entitled "Peiper on Property" which provides critical analysis commentary and insight on recent developments in first party coverage disputes for the firm's electronic newsletter *Coverage Pointers*.

As an acknowledgement of his commitment to professional service, in 2014 Mr. Peiper received the prestigious Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. The award, named for the co-founder of Hurwitz Fine P.C., is a distinct honor awarded to a lawyer admitted 10 years or less who has made a significant impact in the industry.

Mr. Peiper earned his J.D. from the University at Buffalo School of Law, where he later returned as a judge in the Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition. He received his B.A. with a major in political science and a minor in criminal justice from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.