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is ranked in Chambers USA 2011 as follows:
NATIONWIDE

INSURANCE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: POLICYHOLDER

Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C.
THE FIRM This established insurance practice advises clients across the country on a wide range of contentious matters. Its leading New York lawyers have handled complex disputes on the West Coast, including a successful jury verdict on behalf of the State of California, which secured coverage for the Stringfellow Acid Pits hazardous waste disposal site. The team has also handled environmental matters in Idaho and Nevada, as well as asbestos, Chinese drywall and various liability disputes across the US.

Client Service “This team is outstanding for service. The lawyers are more conscious of responsiveness than any firm I have worked with.”

Commercial Awareness “The lawyers have a total command of this area, coupled with excellent trial and appellate skills.”

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NEW YORK

INSURANCE

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THE FIRM The majority of attorneys in the firm’s policyholder practice operate out of New York. The team’s strong commitment to the discipline enables it to handle a wide range of matters, typically working on behalf of clients against major insurance companies. The group has obtained coverage for clients in environmental and toxic tort liability, class actions, product liability and D&O liability cases, as well as in a number of other areas. The team has also acted as court-approved insurance recovery counsel to claimants committees on a number of the largest asbestos bankruptcies in the USA.

Sources say: “Simply the best of their breed – excellent and fearless in achieving results.”

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NEW JERSEY

LITIGATION

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THE FIRM Anderson Kill enjoys a well-deserved national reputation for defending the rights of insurance policyholders, and its profile in New Jersey remains high. Its work for franchisees of fast-food chain Taco Bell has underlined its reputation for handling food and beverage contamination claims. Members of the team also have experience of acting on insurance cases for environmental and real estate-related pollution liabilities. Its experience of handling insurance claims is further complemented by a broad range of client-oriented coverage seminars and training programs.

Sources say: “A top-notch firm for any insurance coverage disputes. They are engaged in battles with firms representing insurance companies all the time. We have been tremendously satisfied with their work product.”

KEY INDIVIDUALS “Trustworthy, personable” Steven Pudell is admired for his “creative efforts and willingness to put the effort into getting work done on time.” He leads a team of six insurance litigators in the state.
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Practice Areas: Robert M Horkovich has obtained over $5 billion in settlements and judgments from insurance companies for his clients over the past decade. Mr Horkovich has been engaged on several projects as insurance counsel to the United Nations. He is a trial lawyer with substantial experience in trying complex insurance coverage actions on behalf of corporate and government policyholders. As lead trial counsel for the State of California, he won a major jury verdict in 2005 (largest insurance verdict in the U.S. in 2005) securing coverage for the clean-up of the Stringfellow Acid Pits that was upheld in several key particulars by the State Supreme Court in 2009, at which point recovered gross settlements exceeded $121 million plus $58 million in defense. In Fuller-Austin, he won a jury verdict of over $188 million against numerous insurance companies in an asbestos insurance coverage (the 9th largest verdict in the US in 2003, now on remand). His victories also include five landmark state Supreme Court Decisions, two ground breaking Court of Appeals decisions, eight jury verdicts and eight bench trial decisions in favor of policyholders. He presently is lead insurance counsel for the WCI Trust in the Chinese Drywall multi-district litigation. He now also serves on the insurance work-group for the plaintiffs’ steering committee in the Deepwater Horizon (BP) multi-district litigation.
Publications: Mr Horkovich frequently lectures and writes on insurance recovery issues. He is co-editor of the book, The Policyholder Advisor, published by Juris Publishing.

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Practice Areas: William G Passannante is a leading lawyer for policyholders in the area of insurance recovery. Mr Passannante has represented clients in major precedent-setting cases tried in courts throughout the country. He has successfully represented Princeton University in its insurance recovery matter involving a D&O liability insurance policy; a foreign manufacturer with regard to insurance for a large number of asbestos claims, and franchisees of a major food chain in a business income recovery matter stemming from alleged food-borne illness. He also has represented a number of large financial institutions with regard to their insurance claims, as well as chemical companies, telecommunications companies, and healthcare-related organizations in multi-million dollar insurance recovery efforts. He also represented Weyerhaeuser Company in its precedent-setting insurance recovery case.

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Practice Areas: Steven J Pudell, Managing Partner of Anderson Kill’s New Jersey office, has represented food industry companies, multi-national chemical manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies and real estate developers in insurance recovery matters, including environmental, product liability and business income recoveries. In recent client matters, Mr Pudell represented over 75 Taco Bell Franchisees – encompassing over 1000 locations – in an ongoing litigation with respect to insurance coverage for the 2006 E-Coli break out. Mr Pudell also helped secure a favorable confidential insurance settlement for a manufacturer in a coverage battle over losses arising from $6 million in tainted baby formula. Mr Pudell has been called upon to counsel large corporations with respect to securing insurance recovery that would enable settlement of large securities or consumer class action lawsuits. He currently serves on the Risk Management Committee of The Associated General Contractors of America and is a current member of the Committee on Model Civil Jury Charges of the New Jersey Supreme Court.
Publications: Mr Pudell frequently lectures and writes on insurance recovery matters, including those affecting the food industry.
The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010 represents employers, self-funded plans and plan sponsors in disputes with third parties over changes in health insurance on the federal and state levels. The firm’s attorneys have experience in the field of health laws, rate governance, breach of fiduciary duty, waste management, class actions, and white-collar crime.

Corporate & Securities: Anderson Kill’s Corporate and Securities Practice delivers solutions with personalized focus, efficient staffing, and creative, hands-on senior leadership, resulting in fast turnaround on corporate, partnership and limited liability company transactions, with substantial savings for clients. The practice offers capabilities in complex transactional, mergers, divestitures, corporate restructuring and corporate governance and cross-border legal issues, including equity investments, joint ventures, finance and captive insurance companies.

Employment & Labor Law: Anderson Kill counsels management in every phase of employment and labor law on a full range of issues affecting the workplace. When litigation ensues, the firm provides cost-effective and results-oriented representation. The firm also represents employers in labor arbitrations, union negotiations and union avoidance.

Health Reform: The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010 means the advent of federal insurance law. With its extensive experience in health insurance recovery, Anderson Kill's Health Reform Task Force is monitoring the rapid developments in this area.

The firm represents policyholders only in insurance coverage disputes, with no ties to insurance companies and no conflicts of interest. The New York Times has described Anderson Kill as “a leader in representing big corporations and individuals against insurance companies.” The Wall Street Journal has described Anderson Kill and its insurance coverage practice as combining ‘corporate polish with the pugnacity’ of a plaintiff’s firm. Anderson Kill attorneys have recovered billions of dollars in judgments and settlements from insurance companies and have made insurance law in multiple states. Recent landmark victories include decisions for the State of California, franchisees of Taco Bell, Asarco, HUTCH Corporation, and Princton University. The Insurance Recovery Practice is known for its creative and strategic approaches, backed by an unrivaled library of insurance company regulatory filings, insurance company claims and underwriting manuals, briefs, advertisements and other discovery materials. Anderson Kill’s membership in Interliges, a consortium of similar law firms in some 20 countries, assures a high quality of service throughout the world.

Anderson Kill provides skilled advice to individuals concerning personal and family matters, including the representation of executives, officers, directors, and other beneficiaries in ways that minimize income, gift and estate taxes.

Real Estate & Construction: Anderson Kill provides owners, developers, non-profit entities, commercial tenants and investors with land use, construction, construction insurance, commercial property purchase and sale, leasing and other transactional and legal advisory services for a host of complex real estate and construction projects.

Tax: Anderson Kill’s Tax Practice provides domestic and international tax planning with clients’ objectives at the forefront. The group also leverages experience in alternative risk transfer services such as offshore captive insurance company compliance and formation.

Trusts & Estates: Anderson Kill provides skilled advice to individuals concerning personal tax, financial planning, and trusts and estates. The firm’s attorneys advise clients on methods of accumulating, managing, and preserving wealth, as well as its disposition during life and upon death. The firm helps clients build their estates and plans for the transfer of property to family members and other beneficiaries in ways that minimize income, gift and estate taxes.

Clients include Fortune 1000 companies, large public and private entities, including companies in financial services, retail, oil & gas, technology, pharmaceutical and life sciences, utilities, municipalities and state governments, religious and not-for-profit organizations, small companies and individuals.