

Attorney Bio

Richard is the Managing Partner of WSHB's Atlanta office. Richard's practice focuses on insurance coverage and litigation, representing clients in state and federal courts throughout the United States. He is a trusted advisor and respected advocate.

Richard's insurance coverage practice involves advising and representing domestic and international insurers on first-party property, commercial general liability, construction defect, and professional errors and omission claims. Richard has successfully litigated a wide variety of first-party and third-party insurance cases, including the interpretation of policy provisions and exclusions, quantum disputes, hurricane catastrophes, bad faith and extra-contractual claims, and the application of regulatory and statutory schemes.

Richard also has extensive experience defending insureds in personal injury, marine accidents, wrongful death, construction defect, property damage, premises liability, and professional and medical malpractice claims.

In addition to his litigation and coverage practice, Richard has over a decade of London Market experience. He spent time on a secondment with a leading Lloyd's of London syndicate, advising its claims and legal teams on a wide variety of North American claims, underwriting and regulatory issues.

Richard has been recognized by his peers as a Georgia Super Lawyer Rising Star for Insurance Coverage.

Education

University of Mississippi School of Law (J.D., 2003, *cum laude*)

University of Florida (M.E.S.S., 1999)

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Licensed to Practice in:

Georgia, Florida

Practice Areas

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Property Management and Tenant Litigation
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Awards & Accomplishments

- Georgia Super Lawyer Rising Star for Insurance Coverage

Publications

- Paul L. Fields, Jr., Joseph C. Gebara & Richard E. Zelonka, Jr., *Essex Insurance Company v. Zota: Do Surplus Lines Insurers Face Broad Regulations in Florida?*, *Declarations*, Winter 2009.

Memberships

- The Florida Bar
- State Bar of Georgia
- Atlanta Bar Association
- St. Thomas More Society