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Biography

Jim Bauer provides counsel to insurers on first-party and third-party coverage claims. He also litigates complex claims and defends insureds against contract claims and other commercial disputes arising in a variety of industries, ranging from manufacturing, to oil and gas production, to food storage.

Before joining Fields Howell, Jim served as a senior associate at a global firm where he specialized in complex insurance coverage disputes. He's handled matters arising out of major natural disasters, including nine-figure property losses following Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Harvey. He also played a significant role in the market-wide response to COVID-19 property-insurance claims, several of which he litigated nationwide. And he successfully arbitrated a first-party claim coverage dispute arising out of a multi-million dollar theft.

In addition to his property-insurance work, Jim has counseled insurers on claims under professional liability, technology, auto, and cyber risks. Notably, he represented several domestic and European insurers in connection with a claim for substantial losses arising from the NotPetya cyberattack.

Before his work in private practice, Jim specialized in communications and speechwriting for various political campaigns and a high-profile political appointee.

Jim is a 2011 graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief for the Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy. In law school, he was also invited as a guest editor for the symposium issue of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*. Jim holds an undergraduate degree in broadcast journalism and political science from Syracuse University.

Education

- Wake Forest School of Law, J.D., 2011
- Syracuse University, B.A. 2008
  - Broadcast Journalism & Political Science

Admissions

STATE BARS

State Bar of Georgia
State Bar of New York

DISTRICT COURTS

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
United States District Court for the Western District of New York

APPELLATE

New York Fourth Department Appellate Division

Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Appellate Litigation
- Bad Faith
- Builder's Risk
- Casualty & Excess Casualty
- Catastrophic Loss Litigation
- Class Actions & Complex Litigation
- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Cyber Liability
- Insurance Defense
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability & Indemnity
- Property