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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