Fields Howell LLP

John P. Golden

PARTNER / MIAMI OFFICE

786.870.5613

jgolden@fieldshowell.com



Biography

John Golden specializes in insurance coverage and insurance defense, with a focus on complex litigation pending in state, territorial, and federal courts in Florida and the United States Virgin Islands. A significant portion of his work is dedicated to defending clients against catastrophic personal injury claims, construction defect claims, professional liability claims, product liability claims, and various business disputes. In this role, John has handled all aspects of the litigation process as lead attorney, including, but not limited to, depositions, motion practice, mediation, and oral arguments. John has also gained jury and bench trial experience as well as appellate experience.

Additionally, John's practice involves providing insurance coverage advice and representation for domestic and international insurers. He has pursued declaratory judgment actions and defended insurers in breach of contract and bad faith actions.

John received his Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2014. Notably, as a law student, John interned at a major national law firm in Chicago, where he gained valuable experience in intellectual property, employment, and labor law. While in school, John received a CALI book award in Civil Procedure and went on to become a teaching assistant on the topic. He also served as the submissions editor for the Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property.

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 2014
  - *Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property,* Submissions Editor
- University of Florida, B.A., 2011

Experience / Results

Ortiz v. City of Miami, Case No. 2022-11659, 2023 WL 3454614 (11th Cir. May 15, 2023), 11th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed dismissal with prejudice of §1983 claims in favor of police union.

Virgin Grand Estates #60 Villa Association v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London, Case No. 3:21-CV-0074, 2022 WL 1463026 (May 9, 2022), obtained dismissal of all claims, including breach of contract, negligence, and RICO claims, plead against insurer and coverholder.

Represented various insurers in arbitration involving claim for property damage exceeding $9,000,000.00 in the Virgin Islands arising out of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Currently, representing insurers, coverholders, and retail agents in numerous large property loss claims arising out of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Virgin Islands pending before the Complex Litigation Division of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

Representing international insurers in coverage litigation involving claims of bad faith, in Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Counsel and advises design professionals, contractors, and subcontractors in all stages of construction defect claims and lawsuits.

Prosecuted maritime limitation action in federal court pursuant to 46 U.S.C. §30505.

Lead counsel in the defense of a multi-million dollar damage claim arising out of construction of commercial high-rise.

Represented insurance retail agents in professional liability lawsuits in the Virgin Islands.

Represented numerous owners and operators of hotels in lawsuits filed for personal injury and wrongful death.

Successfully defended and argued against plaintiff's post-trial motion challenging the constitutionality of cap of non-economic damages provided in Fla. Stat. § 766.209 on behalf of a Florida hospital.

Counseled technology startup on issues such as equity agreements, intellectual property, incorporation papers, and liability policies and procedures.

Represented and defended physicians, nurses, and hospitals in medical malpractice cases.

Successfully prepared and prosecuted trademark application at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on behalf of technology startup.

Admissions

STATE BARS

State Bar of Florida

U.S. Virgin Islands

APPELLATE COURTS

United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

DISTRICT COURTS

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

United States District Court for the U.S. Virgin Islands

Practice Areas

- Accident & Health
- Appellate Litigation
- Bad Faith
- Business & Partnership Disputes
- Builder's Risk
- Catastrophic Loss Litigation
- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law & Litigation
- Design & Construction Professionals
- Insurance Defense
- Motor Carrier
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability & Indemnity
- Property