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Biography

Taryn Kadar is an insurance coverage lawyer who provides legal counsel to domestic and international insurers – including Lloyd's syndicates and London market insurers – on complex U.S. insurance coverage matters. Her practice focuses on high-value commercial property and general liability claims, with a proven track record in high-stakes litigation, including declaratory judgment actions and the defense of breach of contract and bad death claims arising from both first- and third-party losses.

Taryn is widely recognized for her understanding of the unique challenges faced by the London insurance market in U.S. litigation. She played a significant role in in the market's response to COVID-19 claims, advising on the application of virus and microorganism exclusions and addressing the need for "direct physical loss" to trigger coverage. She has also advised insurers on multi-million-dollar property claims following Hurricanes Irma and Maria, handling complex, multi-jurisdictional losses across the southeastern United States and the Caribbean.

Additionally, Taryn regularly advises on coverage issues involving large-scale infrastructure projects, including bridges, tunnels, and other major developments. She also represents insurers in aviation-related coverage disputes, including high-profile claims involving Western-owned aircraft left in Russia amid the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

Taryn was twice seconded, spending time with two leading Lloyd's syndicates where she worked directly with in-house legal and claims teams on a wide spectrum of U.S. and international claims. Her experience spans marine, reinsurance, contingency, cargo, and professional indemnity lines. There, she advised underwriters on U.S. policy wordings, claims strategy, and litigation management.

Taryn earned her Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Elon University. Her and her husband enjoy traveling with their English Bulldog, Winston, who has been to 5 countries.

Education

- Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D., 2013
  - *Wake Forest Law Review*, Board of Editors – Symposium Editor
- Elon University, B.A. in History, 2009
  - *magna cum laude*
  - Leadership Fellow

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- National Association of Professional Women
- Georgia Association of Women Lawyers

Presentations and Publications

"U.S. Claims: Defense," presented virtually to French subsidiary of leading U.S. insurer by Taryn M. Kadar and Armando P. Rubio (April 2025)

"U.S. Claims: Coverage," presented virtually to French subsidiary of leading U.S. insurer by Taryn M. Kadar and Armando P. Rubio (April 2025)

"Overview of Bad Faith," presented to London Market Syndicate by Taryn M. Kadar and Armando P. Rubio (April 2024)

"Hell Hole Jurisdictions," presented to London Market Syndicate by Taryn M. Kadar and Marshall Lahiff (September 2022)

"Underwriting from a Claims Perspective," presented to London Market Syndicate by Taryn M. Kadar and Ann T. Kirk (September 2021)

"COVID-19: Updates & Developments," presented virtually to London Market Syndicate by Gregory L. Mast and Taryn M. Kadar (October 2020)

"Discovery, Privilege, & the Coronavirus," presented virtually to London Market Syndicate by Gregory L. Mast and Taryn M. Kadar (April 15, 2020)

"Overview of Bad Faith" presented to London Market Syndicate by Ann T. Kirk, Gregory L. Mast, and Taryn M. Kadar in London, England (April 2019)

Experience / Results

Representing insurers in coverage disputes regarding Western-owned aircraft remaining in Russia amid ongoing conflict with Ukraine.

Represented insurers in multi-million-dollar construction dispute over major tunnel development in the northeast.

Represented insurers in multi-district litigation arising from business interruption and property claims during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Represented insurers in eight-figure coverage dispute over property damage to a hotel in the Caribbean following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Obtained summary judgment in a U.S. District Court regarding rescission based on material misrepresentations in a policy application.

Represented London and domestic insurers in coverage litigation stemming from cult leader's alleged sexual abuse of minors.

Represented domestic insurer and obtained summary judgment on all extra-contractual damages claims, which included allegations of unreasonable coverage denial and failure to settle.

Represented insurers in coverage litigation with respect to property damage claims at commercial properties, arising from a variety of perils including hail, theft, fire, vandalism, windstorm, and flood.

Represented insurers in numerous large property loss claims arising out of various hurricanes across the southeastern U.S., Texas, and the Caribbean.

Represented certain insurers in force-placed class action.

Admissions

STATE BARS

State Bar of Georgia

SUPREME COURTS

Supreme Court of Georgia

APPELLATE COURTS

Georgia Court of Appeals

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit

DISTRICT COURTS

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas

United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas

Practice Areas

- Appellate Litigation
- Aviation
- Bad Faith
- Business & Partnership Disputes
- Casualty & Excess Casualty
- Catastrophic Loss Litigation
- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Defense
- Property