

Tyler Bryant Walker *Of Counsel*

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Tyler Bryant Walker is an experienced attorney specializing in insurance coverage and bad faith. She advises insurer clients on a variety of coverage issues, including preparation of complex coverage opinions and position letters for claims under all coverage lines. She also assists and advises clients on evaluating and responding to time-limited settlement demands, as well as general compliance issues. Tyler represents insurers in coverage and bad faith litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts, including actions for declaratory judgment, interpleader, contribution, breach of contract, bad faith, and garnishment actions on the policy.

Prior to joining Fields Howell in 2019, Tyler was a partner at a mid-sized regional law firm where she represented insurers in all aspects of claims handling, from pre-suit investigations through trial. Tyler also defended insureds in complex personal injury claims, including premises liability, dram shop, and negligent security cases. National conferences and magazines have called upon Tyler to present expert insights on various coverage issues.

Tyler earned her Juris Doctor *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2008. She received her undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Georgia in 2005 as a First Honor Graduate.

Primary Practice Areas

- Appeals & Appellate Work
- Bad Faith
- Catastrophic Loss Litigation
- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial & Personal Auto Liability
- Construction Law & Litigation
- Cyber Liability
- Insurance Defense
- Property

Education

- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., 2008, *cum laude*
- University of Georgia, B.A., 2005, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- State Bar of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court for the:
 - Northern District of Georgia
 - Middle District of Georgia
 - Southern District of Georgia
- District of Colorado

Representative Matters

Obtained summary judgment in favor of insurer client in garnishment action seeking recovery of \$500,000 award against insured under specialty lines policy. *Neary v. American Competitive Trail Horse Association v. Capitol Indemnity Corp.*, 1:17-cv-04380 (N.D. Ga. March 11, 2019)

Secured summary judgment in favor of two insurer clients in separate \$1 million policy limits cases dealing with novel underinsured motorist coverage issue advanced by plaintiff's bar. *Praetorian Ins. Co. v. Collins et al*, 1:16-cv-00306 Doc. (N.D. Ga. May 9, 2018) (aff'd on appeal); *Praetorian Ins. Co. v. Collins et al*, 778 Fed. App'x 850 (11th Cir. October 3, 2019); *Frame v. Frankenmuth Mutual Ins. Co.*, 1:17-CV-02288 (N.D. Ga. May 5, 2018)

Obtained favorable ruling in complex priority and allocation dispute among four carriers over \$2.5 million wrongful death judgment. *Renaissance Recovery Solutions, LLC v. Monroe Guar. Ins. Co. et al*, 2017 WL 4018861 (S.D. Ga. Sept. 12, 2017) (aff'd on appeal) *Renaissance Recovery Solutions, LLC v. Monroe Guar. Ins. Co. et al*, 770 Fed. App'x 527 (11th Cir. May 8, 2019)

Obtained summary judgment in favor of insurer client in \$900,000 construction defect coverage/bad faith case on late notice defense. *Johnson Landscapes, Inc. v. FCCI Ins. Co.*, Case No. 1:13-cv-01130 (N.D. Ga. Feb 13, 2015) (aff'd on appeal) *Johnson Landscapes Inc. v. FCCI Ins. Co.*, 620 Fed App'x 887 (11th Cir. 2015)

Obtained summary judgment in \$1 million wrongful death coverage case resulting in published decision on cancellation of commercial auto policy. *Southern Pilot Insurance Company v. CECS, Inc. et al.*, 2014 WL 4977805 (N.D. Ga. Sept. 12, 2014).

Presentations and Publications

"Insureds Breaking Bad: Coverage for Narcotics-Related Claims", ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Seminar in Tucson, Arizona (March 2020)

"Coverage Issues in the Sharing Economy: Rideshares and Short-Term Rentals" DRI Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium in New York, New York (November 2018)

"Recovery of Diminished Value for First Party/Commercial Property Claims" ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Seminar in Tucson, Arizona (March 2013)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- ABA Insurance Coverage and Litigation Committee
- Atlanta Claims Association
- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance
- Defense Research Institute
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators