

Jonathan D. Kramer *Partner*

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Jonathan represents foreign and domestic insurers of mid-to-large size law firms, nursing homes, and architect, engineer, and design firms throughout the U.S. He specializes in resolving complex claims brought against his clients' insureds in the U.S. and abroad, and representing insurers in coverage litigation in state and federal courts.

Jonathan understands the nuances of handling claims involving sophisticated insureds and insurers. Early in his career, Jonathan spent nine months in London on secondment with two leading Lloyd's syndicates. During that time, he gained a unique understanding of the insurance market and the vital role the relationships between brokers, insureds, insurers, and insurers' counsel play in the claims resolution process. During his 15 years with Fields Howell, Jonathan has acted as insurers' coverage and monitoring counsel for hundreds of complex claims, and he has successfully defended insurers in breach of contract and bad faith actions in state and federal courts.

Jonathan also devotes his time to advising insureds and insurers regarding how to avoid claims and mitigate claims. He regularly advises insureds, general counsels of law firms, and insurers regarding risk management, loss mitigation, and claims processes.

Jonathan also has a robust reinsurance practice. He frequently represents Lloyd's reinsurers in auditing domestic insurers' claims and underwriting practices. Jonathan represents reinsurers in commutation disputes and handling substantial third-party claims that impact reinsurance treaties. Before joining Fields Howell, Jonathan clerked for the Honorable Peter T. Fay, a Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Primary Practice Areas

- Architects, Engineers, Designers, & Contractors
- Bad Faith
- Casualty, Excess Casualty
- Professional Liability
- Nursing Home Negligence
- Reinsurance

Education

- Indiana University, J.D., 2000
- Bucknell University, B.A., 1997
- University of Nottingham, England 1996

Admissions

- State Bar of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Atlanta Bar Association
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society



Representative Matters

Winning summary judgment on behalf of Lloyd's insurers in \$25M breach of contract claim brought by one of the 10 largest home builders in the U.S.

Successfully defending Lloyd's insurers in \$46M bad faith lawsuit in Texas federal court.

Winning summary judgment on behalf of Lloyd's insurers in \$2.5M commercial property lawsuit in federal court.

Successfully defending prominent Florida law firm in lawsuit alleging professional negligence in firm's handling of an employment discrimination claim.

Speaking Engagements

"State Versus Federal Jurisdictions," presented to client by Jonathan D. Kramer in London, England (June 2019)

"The Life of a Claim," panelist at law firm general counsel summit in Portland, Oregon (October 2018)

"The Ethics of Oops," presented by Jonathan D. Kramer and Caroline Yinglin in Charlotte, North Carolina (2017)

"Diversity Jurisdiction," presented by Jonathan D. Kramer in London, England (2014, 2015)

"Fundamentals of Legal Malpractice," presented by Jonathan D. Kramer in Charlotte, North Carolina (2015)