



Jonathan S. Zelig

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Overview

Jonathan Zelig represents insurance companies in complex litigation and arbitration proceedings throughout the United States. He has advised foreign and domestic insurers on many of the industry's most important coverage issues, including opioids, asbestos, sexual molestation, COVID-19, e-cigarettes, data privacy, cyberattacks, advertising liability, intellectual property, healthcare compliance, executive risk, professional liability, and bad faith. Jonathan also has extensive experience litigating late notice and claims made coverage disputes.

Jonathan serves as the Managing Partner of Day Pitney's Boston Office.

Experience

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Represented excess E&O insurer in coverage litigation with multinational tech company regarding settlements of defective product claims

Represented primary specialty insurer in coverage litigation regarding sexual abuse of a minor at a secondary school

Represented cyber insurer in coverage litigation regarding claim for business email compromise

Represented primary general liability carrier in coverage dispute concerning false advertising claims against a consumer goods producer

Represented excess D&O carrier in coverage litigation with multinational corporation regarding breach of fiduciary duty claims

Represented cedent mutual insurance company in arbitration seeking multimillion-dollar recovery from its reinsurer in connection with winter storm-related property damage

Represented ceding insurer in litigation seeking \$250 million from its reinsurers in connection with a \$1 billion underlying asbestos settlement

Represented cedent mutual insurance company in a series of state and federal lawsuits seeking recovery from its reinsurers of loss expense paid above the reinsurance accepted amount in connection with underlying asbestos litigation

Practices & Industries

[Insurance & Reinsurance](#)

[Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes](#)

[Litigation](#)

Represented a mutual insurance company on appeal from a decision and order declaring coverage of a school district's multimillion-dollar settlement of intentional discrimination claims

Represented consumer television provider in a federal breach of contract action against an international media company

Represented plaintiff telecommunications company in a contract dispute that went to award after a seven-day trial before a New York arbitration panel

Represented an energy company as defendant and counter-claimant in a federal breach of contract dispute arising out of the company's \$7.6 billion purchase of a subsidiary of a foreign energy conglomerate

Successfully achieved dismissal of a federal breach of contract lawsuit filed against a public utilities board by an energy consultant

Education and Credentials

Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 2011, *Yale Journal on Regulation*, Editor-in-Chief

Pomona College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2008

Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

Affiliations

Massachusetts Insurance and Reinsurance Bar Association (MIReBA), President

Boston Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in the [*Chambers USA Legal Directory*](#) (Chambers & Partners), of recognized practitioners for Insurance, 2025

Chosen for inclusion in [*The Best Lawyers in America*](#) (Woodward/White, Inc) for Insurance Law, 2025

Selected to the list of Massachusetts [*Super Lawyers*](#) Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Business Litigation, 2014-2016, 2018-2022

Semifinalist, Yale Law School Morris Tyler Moot Court of Appeals, 2009

Pomona College Morton O. Beckner Prize for Special Talent in Philosophy, 2008

Phi Beta Kappa, 2008

News

Day Pitney Secures Summary Judgment Win for Clients in Louisiana Direct Action

August 14, 2023

Jonathan Zelig Elected President of Massachusetts Insurance and Reinsurance Bar Association

May 24, 2022

Day Pitney's Representation of CBF and Brazilian Iron Companies Covered by Law360

July 17, 2019

Day Pitney Congratulates Our New Partners

January 31, 2019

Jonathan S. Zelig

January 2, 2019

Day Pitney Promotes Six New Partners

January 2, 2019

Day Pitney Preserves Favorable Ruling For Client As Supreme Court Denies Writ of Certiorari

December 11, 2017

In The Media

"Directors & Officers (D&O) Insurance Fundamentals: Navigating Coverage, Claims, and Transactional Challenges," Boston Bar Association

May 12, 2025

Exposures and Opportunities, Fall Symposium, Massachusetts Insurance and Reinsurance Bar Association

October 15, 2020

Billionaire Fights Waiving Of Privilege In \$48M Award Dispute

Law360, July 30, 2019