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**Practice Areas**

- Insurance/Reinsurance
- Torts

**Paul W. Kalish** is a partner and co-chair of the firm's Insurance and Reinsurance practice. He represents both insurer and reinsurer clients in a variety of matters, including:

- Serving as national counsel for insurers with regard to various tort (implants, asbestos, pharmaceuticals), environmental and other types of coverage-related matters.
- Representation of insurers and reinsurers in liquidation matters, such as the Midland Insurance Company and Home Insurance Company liquidation proceedings.
- Representation of an insurer in an international arbitration involving coverage issues arising out of Hurricane Katrina.
- Representation of insurers sued for unfair claims handling practices and negligent undertaking in connection with the handling of thousands of underlying claims.
- Counseling insurers with regard to new insurance products and policy wording.

In addition to his insurance and reinsurance practice, Paul also represents both defendants and insurers in underlying litigation, with regard to asbestos, silica and other mass tort claims. In that regard, he is a member of the Steering Committee of the federal asbestos multi-district litigation ("MDL 875") in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. And since 2000 he has served as counsel for the Coalition of Litigation Justice, a group formed by insurers to address abuses and inequities in the current mass tort litigation environment. The Coalition files amicus briefs (including briefs in the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Courts of various states), promotes judicial education through legal scholarship and educational conferences and works with counsel in key jurisdictions to promote changes in the way in which courts handle mass tort litigation.

Paul is a member of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation and, among other things, has served as a Co-Chair for the ABA Section of Litigation's Annual Meeting, a member of the ABA's Task Force on the State of the Civil Justice System and a Co-Chair of the Section of Litigation's Pretrial Practice and Discovery Committee. Since 2004, he has been recognized by clients and peers as a top lawyer in *Chambers USA* in the area of Insurance. Paul has also been selected by his peers as a leader in the area of Insurance law in *The Best Lawyers In America* since 2008 and was also recognized in 2012 by the Top Attorneys in Washington, D.C.

### Education

- Duke University, B.A. Political Science and History (1983) *magna cum laude*
- Northwestern University School of Law, J.D. (1986) Editor of the *Northwestern University Law Review* and The Order of the Coif

### Affiliations

Admitted to practice: District of Columbia, Maryland