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Representing primary and excess insurers in a wide range of coverage disputes and bad-faith claims, Bill Mandia is well versed in handling complex legal challenges involving property-casualty, environmental, directors and officers (D&O), errors and omissions (E&O) and other specialty lines of coverage. He leverages his years of experience to represent insurers in courts throughout the United States in multimillion-dollar coverage disputes over long-tail liability exposures, such as asbestos and environmental liability claims.

Bill advises property-casualty insurers in connection with complex disputes involving construction defects and construction accidents, including disputes over additional insured coverage. He also represents fidelity carriers in claims under all types of fidelity bonds and policies, including financial institution bonds, commercial crime insurance, and other proprietary bond forms and policies.

Bill vigorously defends life insurers, producers, financial institutions and registered representatives against claims involving a wide range of life insurance and investment products, including the defense of sales practices claims, beneficiary disputes, coverage disputes and allegations of bad faith.

His work for insurance industry clients also includes the defense of producers, brokers and agents against claims alleging professional negligence or other sales practices violations.

Featured Representative Matters

Insurance

- Secured summary judgment in favor of a commercial general liability (CGL) insurer in the defense of a \$10 million construction defect claim arising from the construction of a multilevel parking garage at a major transportation center.
- Successfully defended an excess insurance carrier at a phase-one jury trial in which the insured sought in excess of \$30 million for underlying asbestos claims.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a CGL insurer in a case where the insured sought in excess of \$15 million for a judgment entered in an underlying wrongful-death lawsuit.
- Secured summary judgment in favor of one of the largest independent insurance

Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Trial Practice
- Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation
- Securities & Regulatory Enforcement
- Financial Services Litigation & Enforcement
- Government Enforcement, Investigations & Litigation
- Religious, Educational & Nonprofit Organizations
- Litigation

Education

- Rutgers University School of Law – Camden (J.D., *summa cum laude*)
 - Paul C. Ireton Memorial Award
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A.)
 - Letter winner, varsity lightweight crew team

brokers in the United States in a professional negligence action seeking \$10 million in damages.

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a life insurer in a case seeking in excess of \$1.5 million in damages alleging that the insurer failed to provide proper notice of the policy's lapse.
- Defended an insurer against a social engineering fraud claim brought by an insured under a commercial crime policy.
- Represented one of the largest insurers in the United States in multiple cases filed by Class I railroads located throughout the country seeking millions of dollars in coverage for underlying asbestos and environmental exposures.
- Defended an insurer against a putative class action alleging that it failed to pay claims for mold remediation made under a homeowner's insurance policies.

Class Action Defense

- Obtained the complete dismissal with prejudice of a shareholder class action and derivative suit brought by a shareholder seeking to enjoin a \$244 million merger between two public company banks.
- Secured the dismissal of a nationwide securities fraud class action brought by the customers of a broker-dealer on the grounds of Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act (SLUSA) preemption.
- Defended a government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) in a putative nationwide class action filed under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) that resulted in the dismissal of all claims against the GSE.
- Successfully defended common law trusts against several putative class actions alleging that they held mortgages against claims that the trusts were acting as unregistered debt collectors in violation of state licensing law.
- Obtained dismissal at the pleading stage of a putative class action brought by borrowers against a bank alleging that the bank violated several state consumer protection laws by allegedly providing inflated payoff statements in connection with refinancing transactions.

Community Impact

Bill serves on the board of directors for Fort Freedom, a nonprofit providing housing, therapy and wellness services to service members, veterans and their families. He is also involved in local education, serving as chair of the board of trustees for Holy Family University and vice chair of the Board of Specified Jurisdiction for Father Judge High School. Bill is actively engaged in the coaching and training of youth soccer players.

Memberships

- Chair, Board of Trustees, Holy Family University
- Vice Chair, Board of Specified Jurisdiction, Father Judge High School
- Board of Directors, Fort Freedom

Featured Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Crises and Opportunities in Today's Catholic Higher Education," Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities 2026 Annual Meeting
- Presenter, "Emerging Pollution Risks and PFAS Litigation Update," Insurance Coverage & Allocation Issues

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

- Presenter, “PFAS: An Overview of the Scientific and Legal Issues Presented by the ‘Forever Chemicals’,” Association of Insurance and Reinsurance Run-Off Companies
 - Panelist, “Recent Developments in Allocation Issues,” Perrin Insurance Coverage & Allocation Issues Virtual Conference
 - Co-Presenter, “Update on SEC Best Interest Standard Proposal/State Fiduciary Laws,” National Council of Insurance Legislators Spring Meeting
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Publications

NJ Supreme Court Holds Insurance Brokers Not Exempt from the Garden State’s Consumer Fraud Act

July 23, 2026

Experience

Stradley Ronon Advises Mini Melts in Investment by Altamont Capital Partners

A cross-practice team of Stradley Ronon lawyers represented Mini Melts USA, a producer and distributor of novelty ice cream products headquartered in the Philadelphia area, in the acquisition of a controlling interest by Altamont Capital Partners. Altamont Capital is a Palo Alto, California-based private investment firm with more than \$4 billion in assets under management.

Altamont Capital partnered with Mini Melts to provide growth capital and support an expansion of its distribution footprint and manufacturing capabilities. Mini Melts’ CEO and founder will remain in his role and as a major investor alongside Altamont Capital and the company’s existing shareholders.

For more information on the deal, [read this *Wall Street Journal* article](#). (Subscription required.)