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Heather L. McCoy is Counsel with the firm and practices primarily in the areas of complex civil and commercial litigation. She regularly represents insurers in complex coverage disputes involving allegations of bad faith and unfair claim settlement practices. Heather also has significant litigation experience in the areas of recreational / sports litigation and frequently defends recreational facilities, such as ski areas and ice-skating rinks, in claims of liability.

Heather is responsible for litigating all aspects of clients' cases from inception to resolution, including pleadings, motion practice, written discovery, depositions, trial preparation and appellate practice. Prior to joining the firm, Heather was an associate at a New York City firm where she represented manufacturers and trade associations in corporate, commercial and products liability litigation.

Before entering the legal profession, Heather was a writer and editor for several periodicals, composing articles and developing editorial content for travel and entertainment publications.

Like many of her colleagues, Heather is passionate about sports, including soccer, baseball, softball, and cheering on her favorite college basketball team.

Experience

- Heather obtained summary judgment on breach of contract, negligence, common law bad faith and

statutory bad faith claims asserted against an insurance company and an insurance broker on the basis that the policy provided no coverage for assault and battery claims and the broker had no contractual duty to plaintiffs.

- Heather obtained the dismissal of breach of contract and bad faith claims asserted against a national insurance company. At the outset of the litigation, Heather successfully fended off plaintiff's claims of common law and statutory bad faith through a series of motions to strike. Summary judgment on plaintiff's breach of contract claim quickly followed, and a Connecticut superior court agreed that there was no coverage under the policy for the underlying claims asserted against the plaintiff because plaintiff's untimely tender prejudiced the insurer and because no property damage was alleged in the underlying litigation.

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association, Insurance Law Section
- New York State Bar Association

Civic Activities

- Nutmeg Ballet Conservatory – Sponsor and volunteer
- Habitat for Humanity – Women Build participant

Publications

- “The Continuing Debate Over Global and National Insurance Regulatory Reform,” *The Whisper*, Volume 10 Issue 2, February 28, 2014. (PDF)
- “Concussion Statutes and Sovereign Immunity,” *National Athletic Trainers' Association Magazine*, June 2013. (PDF)
- “Will Sovereign Immunity Continue to Protect Municipalities, Public Schools, and Public Employees from Athletic Liability?,” *Sports Litigation Alert*, February 8, 2013. (PDF)
- “Will Sovereign Immunity Continue to Protect Municipalities, Public Schools, and Public Employees from Athletic Liability?,” *Concussion Litigation Reporter*, February 2013. (PDF)

Speaking Engagements

- “Terrain Park Safety,” National Ski Areas Association Eastern Winter Conference, Killington, VT, February 2011.

Capabilities

Practice Areas

- Insurance
- Bad Faith/Extra Contractual Liability
- Defense Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Sports and Recreation
- Commercial Litigation

Credentials

Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut
- New York
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut

Education

- Villanova University, B.A.
- Rutgers University School of Law, J.D.