

2025 Key Insurance Developments and Outlook for 2026

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2025 was an action-packed year for insurers, marked by significant developments and key decisions that impacted the US insurance industry.

In a new [Mealey's report](#), Hinshaw's global Insurance Services Co-Chairs, Scott Seaman and Pedro Hernandez, and Chicago associate, Jordan Evans, examine overarching trends and developments in 2025, including:

- social inflation (litigation funding, rising costs, and nuclear verdicts),
- changes in public policy from the Biden Administration to the second Trump Administration (including with respect to ESG and DEI), and
- artificial intelligence and cybersecurity developments.

Next, they also drill down and look at key decisions and developments in various areas, including:

- cybersecurity and privacy,
- PFAS (forever chemicals), health, silica, asbestos, environmental, and weather-related claims,
- COVID-19 business interruption,
- drugs, guns, and insurrections,
- construction defects, and
- D&O/securities.

The authors identify several interesting decisions and developments in the area of bad faith and extra-contractual liability, and examine the early impact of tort reform in Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana. Finally, they provide some informed predictions for 2026.

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