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About Joel

Joel handles all aspects of first- and third-party commercial insurance coverage disputes, with a particular focus on fidelity coverage, including commercial crime and financial institution bonds. He also advises on errors and omissions, directors and officers, bonds, cyber, reinsurance, and commercial property matters.

In addition, Joel manages general coverage issues involving primary, umbrella, and excess policies and defends clients in complex coverage litigation. He also represents insurance agents and brokers on liability claims and disputes.

Joel's Affiliations

- American Bar Association (ABA), Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Fidelity & Surety Law Committee (FSLC)
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Financial Services; Insurance; Professional Services; Reinsurance

Services: Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Insurance Law, 2024 – 2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2004, 2008 – 2009, 2011 – 2015
- Drake University Law School, Morris A. Haft Award; Order of the Coif

Credentials

Education

Drake University Law School, JD, *with high honors*, 2000

Concordia College, BA, 1997

Bar Admissions

Minnesota

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

US District Court for the Northern District of Iowa

US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

US District Court for the District of Minnesota

US District Court for the District of North Dakota

US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Interests

Did you know...

If Joel were not a lawyer, he'd be a blimp pilot, spending his free time writing books and music.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

Joel speaks extensively on coverage and liability issues confronting the insurance industry. His recent presentations include:

- Conference Co-Chair, 31st Annual Conference, Fidelity Law Association, Chicago, Illinois, October 8, 2025

- Co-Presenter, “Theft vs. Dishonest Conduct – What’s the Difference?” 2025 ABA Fidelity and Surety Law Midwinter Conference, Austin, Texas, January 16, 2025
- Co-Presenter, “Contractual and Evidentiary Requirements to Demonstrate Coverage,” 30th Annual Conference, Fidelity Law Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 25, 2024
- Moderator, “Underwriting Roundtable,” 2024 ABA Fidelity & Surety Law Midwinter Conference, January 25, 2024
- Co-Chair, “The Next Frontier of Fidelity Coverage,” 2023 ABA Fidelity & Surety Law Midwinter Conference, Washington, D.C., January 19-20, 2023
- “The Claim Handler’s Initial Analysis and Response to the Claim,” 2019 ABA Fidelity & Surety Law Fall Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 7, 2019
- Panelist, “Framework of a Cyber Breach,” MMA Cyber Seminar 2018, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 25, 2018
- “Social Engineering Insuring Agreements: Development Limits and Exclusions,” 2018 ABA Fidelity & Surety Law Midwinter Conference, Washington, D.C., January 26, 2018
- Co-Chair, ABA Fidelity & Surety Law Fall Meeting, November 10 – 11, 2016, Chicago, Illinois
- “The Ownership Condition in the Crime Policy,” CE Presentation, Hartford, Connecticut, March 18, 2015
- “The Economic Loss Doctrine,” CLE Presentation, St. Paul, MN
- “Exhaustion of Coverage: Practical, Legal and Ethical Issues Arising in Claims Involving Multiple Insureds,” Surety & Fidelity Claims Institute, Galloway, New Jersey
- “Claims Processing Guidelines for Insureds and Insurers,” HB Fidelity Bond & Crime Coverage Conference, New York, New York

Publications

Joel writes extensively on a variety of insurance-related topics. He is a regular contributor to a number of publications authored by the Fidelity & Surety Law Committee of the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS). His recent publications include:

- Chapter Author, “Loss When It Occurs, Valuation, and Deductible,” *The Financial Institution Bond and Commercial Crime Policy: Principles and Annotations*, American Bar Association, 2023
- Chapter Author, “The Claim Handler’s Initial Analysis and Response to the Claim,” ABA TIPS Fidelity & Surety Law Committee’s *Handling Fidelity Bond Claims* Third Edition, October 29, 2019
- Chapter Author, “Notice, Proof of Loss, and Legal Proceedings Against the Insurer—The Financial Institution Bond’s Procedural Conditions for Coverage,” ABA TIPS Fidelity & Surety Law Committee’s *Financial Institution Bonds* Fourth Edition, November 14, 2016
- “The Worthless-Collateral Rule,” *The Fidelity Law Journal*, 2015
- Chapter Author, “Compensability of Third-Party Losses,” ABA TIPS Fidelity & Surety Law Committee’s *Commercial Crime Insurance Coverage*, December 19, 2014

Event

- Joel Wiegert Serves as Conference Chair and Michael Adams Presents at Firm-Sponsored Fidelity Law Association 31st Annual Conference, Oct 8, 2025

In The News

- Joel Wiegert Examines Contractual and Evidentiary Requirements to Demonstrate Insurance Coverage under Commercial Crime Policies via Fidelity Law Journal, Oct 16, 2024

Insights for Insurers Alert

- \$6 Million Phishing Loss Does not Trigger Coverage Under Crime Policies, Mar 1, 2021

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Hinshaw Bolsters National Insurance Practice with the Addition of Four Partners in Chicago & Minneapolis, Jan 28, 2020