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About John

John represents domestic and international insurers and reinsurers in complex insurance coverage and reinsurance matters. In addition to helping insurance-company clients identify and avoid potential risks, he routinely litigates and arbitrates a broad range of insurance cases, including extra-contractual and bad faith claims, declaratory judgment actions, and mass tort, environmental, asbestos, managing general agent (MGA), rescission, reinsurance, and risk-pool disputes.

John handles matters involving occurrence-based and claims-made based coverage and is experienced in varied lines of insurance, including professional liability; directors and officers (D&O) liability; errors and omissions (E&O) for insurance brokers, lawyers, accountants, health care, and human resources professionals; employment practices liability (EPL); managed care liability; first-party property; cyber; comprehensive general liability (CGL) lines such as long-tail toxic tort (asbestos, lead paint, concussion, sexual abuse, talc, and environmental claims); and construction and advertising injury claims.

John also advises industry clients on insurance business issues, from policy drafting to coverage litigation and reinsurance arbitrations. He has defended professionals against malpractice claims and consumer-related class actions involving the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) and The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) in federal and state trial and appellate courts.

Earlier in his career, John clerked at the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, and at the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division.

John's Affiliations

- ARIAS US, Spring 2023 Conference, Co-Chair
- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)

Areas of Focus

Industries: Insurance

Services: Bad Faith, Market Conduct & Extra-Contractual Liability;
Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Represents general liability insurers in complex multi-party environmental cases involving significant coverage disputes.
- Represents general liability insurers in significant mass tort and long-tail cases including asbestos claims, sexual misconduct, lead paint claims, talc and sports concussion claims.
- Represents professional liability insurers in rescission and coverage litigation involving D&O policies, EPL policies, and Managed Care entity policies.
- Represents insurers in lawsuits alleging statutory and/or bad faith insurance claims.
- Represents insurers in first-party property claims and litigation.
- Represents insurers and reinsurers in litigation and arbitration disputes over claims and collections including issues such as “follow the fortunes,” late notice, “utmost good faith,” allocation, and accounting issues.
- Represents insurer in multi-million dollar insurance and reinsurance pool dispute with pool manager regarding various risk pool management issues.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Insurance Law, 2019 – 2026
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2015 – 2019
- *Leading Lawyers*, Insurance; Insurance Coverage & Reinsurance Law, 2019

Credentials

Education

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, JD

DePaul University, BA

Bar Admissions

Illinois

New York

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US District Court for the District of Colorado

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Interests

Did you know...

If John was not a practicing lawyer, he would be an urban planner.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Panelist, “The Insurance Cost of Climate Change,” Global Access Week 2025, London, United Kingdom, March 12, 2025
- Panelist, “The Liability Claims Landscape and Trends,” Global Access Week 2025, London, United Kingdom, March 11, 2025
- Co-Presenter, “Key Developments and Emerging Trends in Environmental Insurance Coverage Law,” Back to Our Future Conference, Society of Environmental Insurance Professionals (SEIP), Aurora, Colorado, June 27, 2024
- Panelist, “Coverage Disputes,” Global Access Week 2024, London, U.K., March 14, 2024
- Panelist, “Managing Complex Litigation: Managing the Parties,” Global Access Week 2023, London, U.K., March 7, 2023
- “Liability Coverage Triggers & Loss Allocation,” Property & Liability Resource Bureau Claims Conference & Insurance Services Expo, San Antonio, Texas, April 5-6, 2022
- Panelist, “Claims Handling Issues and Bad Faith Developments to be Aware of in 2021,” Hinshaw’s Webinar Series: Insurance Insights – What Insurers Need to Know in 2021, Virtual Event, April 20, 2021
- Co-Presenter, “Liability, Coverage, and Underwriting Issues Related to Biometric Privacy Laws,” NAMIC Webinar, September 17, 2020

- “Emerging Legal Trends and Allocation Disputes In Environmental Claims,” Society of Environmental Insurance Professionals (SEIP) Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, October 8, 2019
- “And This Changes Everything in Post 1986 Allocations (Site Pollution),” CLM Environmental and Toxic Tort webinar, July 17, 2019
- Panelist, “Claims Arising From Climate Issues,” Insurance Coverage & Allocation Issues Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 30, 2019
- “Legal Trends in Environmental Insurance,” SEIP Conference, San Francisco, California, June 20, 2018
- “The Impact Of Industry Consolidation On The Arbitration Process,” ARIAS U.S. Fall Conference, New York, New York, November 2015
- 22nd National Conference on Employment Practices Liability Insurance New York City, February 2015
- PLRB Claims Conference (Global Warming Claims: Liability Coverage & Defenses) Seattle, Washington, 2009

Publications

- Co-Author, Chapter 14, “Attorney Liability Insurance,” *Attorneys’ Legal Liability*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2022 and 2025 Editions
- “[Medical Monitoring Claims: Trampling Tort And Insurance Principles In the Wake of PFAS](#),” *ARIAS U.S. Quarterly*, First Quarter 2023
- Co-Author, “[Insurance & Reinsurance – USA Trends and Developments](#),” *Chambers and Partners Global Practice Guides*, February 2021
- Co-Author, “Insurance Coverage for Biometric Privacy Claims,” *New York Law Journal*, October 2, 2020
- “The Emerging Restrictions on An Employer’s Use Of Non-Disclosure Agreements in Sexual Harassment Claims: A New Era of Openness?,” *Pioneer Underwriters Quarterly Investment Management Insurance Newsletter*, Third Quarter 2019
- “Overlooking Environmental Coverages In An Allocation Battle Could Be Costly,” *ARIAS U.S. Quarterly*, First Quarter 2019
- “Disregarding Honored Traditions: Attempts to Invoke State Statutes of Limitations In Reinsurance Arbitration,” *ARIAS U.S. Quarterly*, Third Quarter 2014
- “Professional Liability And Global Warming Claims, Liability For Climate Change?” Experts’ View On Potential Emerging Risk, Munich Re’s Publication on Climate Change 2010
- “Emerging Issues: Global Warming Claims And Coverage Issues” *Defense Counsel Journal*, Vol. 76, January 2009
- “Global Warming Claims And Insurance Coverage Issues” *Declarations*, Winter 2008

Events

- John DeLascio and Barry MacEntee Present at Firm-Sponsored Global Access Week 2025 Conference in London, Mar 11, 2025
- John DeLascio to Present on Key Developments in Insurance Coverage Law at the Society of Environmental Insurance Professionals “Back to Our Future” Conference, Jun 27, 2024

- Hinshaw Partners to Present at the Global Access Annual Conference 2024, March 12-14, 2024
- Bessie Daschbach and John DeLascio to Present at Global Access Week 2023, March 6 – 10, 2023
- Hinshaw Partners to Present at the Global Access Annual Conference 2022, Jun 23, 2022

In The News

- Hinshaw Attorneys Contribute Six Chapters to the “Attorneys’ Legal Liability” IICLE Handbook, Jun 12, 2025
- John DeLascio Authors Byline Discussing the Impact of Medical Monitoring Claims on the Insurance Industry, Apr 7, 2023
- UPDATED: Hinshaw Authors USA Chapter of Chambers Global Practice Guide on Insurance & Reinsurance – Trends and Developments, Oct 20, 2021
- Hinshaw Authors USA Chapter of Chambers Global Practice Guide on Insurance & Reinsurance – Trends and Developments, Feb 4, 2021
- Coronavirus – a Bumpy Road Ahead for D&O Insurers, Jun 25, 2020

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
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022
- Sixty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers, Aug 19, 2021

Webinars

- Webinar Series: Insurance Insights – What Insurers Need to Know in 2021, Apr 29, 2021
- Judy Selby and John DeLascio to Discuss Insurance Coverage Issues and Tips Concerning Biometric Privacy Claims, Sep 17, 2020

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