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About Courtney

A seasoned litigator, Courtney handles complex first-party property and liability coverage disputes, litigations, and high-stakes arbitrations. She frequently serves as lead trial counsel or party arbitrator, advising clients on all aspects of insurance, reinsurance, and subrogation, both domestically and internationally.

As part of her national practice, Courtney navigates clients through complex insurance claims involving catastrophic loss and business income interruption related to hurricanes, tornadoes, hail, flooding, fire, and other natural disasters. She also advises on boiler/machinery and builders' risk claims. Her knowledge of geotechnical issues is often critical in disputes involving faulty design, materials, or construction.

Courtney has also served as an arbitrator in high-value matters, including addressing coverage disputes arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Courtney's Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Brooklyn Bar Association
- The Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow
- New York State Bar Association
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Construction; Energy & Environment; Insurance; Professional Services; Reinsurance

Services: Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling

Experience

- Secured dismissal of a COVID-19 property insurance claim on behalf of an insurance client. Hinshaw was retained to defend the insurer as national coverage counsel for their COVID-19 matters. The policyholder who owns and operates a casino sought coverage for business interruption and other losses due to COVID-19 virus and government orders. The court upheld the pathogenic biological material or substance exclusion and ruled that COVID-19 did not cause physical damage. The appellate court affirmed the dismissal.
- Secured a defense verdict in a multimillion-dollar, first-party property case where the corporate policyholder sought recovery for catastrophic water loss and damage to its five-story commercial property located in the Detroit Business District. The Hinshaw team successfully argued that the policyholder failed to comply with the policy's Protective Safeguard Endorsement, and all claims were dismissed. Additionally, various costs were reimbursed to the insurer due to an offer of judgment filed before trial.
- Successfully defended against a multimillion-dollar claim filed against a large market of insurers for loss arising out of a purported explosion to a manufacturing facility.

Credentials

Education

New York Law School, JD, 1994

Fordham University, BA, 1990

Bar Admissions

New Jersey

New York

Court Admissions

US District Court for the District of Connecticut

US District Court for the Eastern District of New York

US District Court for the Southern District of New York

US District Court for the Northern District of New York

Interests

Did you know...

Courtney enjoys running, golfing, photography, skiing, and cheering on the New York Jets, as well as seeing Broadway shows with her daughter.

Outside of the office, Courtney is an avid runner and photographer. She also enjoys sailing. Additionally, Courtney endlessly strives to improve upon her golf game in hopes of reaching the highest level of mediocrity attainable within the sport by a working lawyer.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- “Catastrophes, Contingencies & Claims,” Property Insurance Claims Group (PICG) Seminar, London, United Kingdom, March 11, 2025

Press Release

- Seasoned Insurance Coverage Litigator Courtney Murphy Joins Hinshaw in New York, Aug 5, 2020