



Joshua L. Blossveren

Partner

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My Approach

I identify every possible path to success in a case and find support for every argument I might want to make on a client's behalf. Whether it's making sure we've exhaustively reviewed an insurer's production for every potentially helpful document or scoured the internet for every relevant authority, I persist until I'm completely convinced that our team has left no stone unturned for our client.

Overview

Advocating vigorously for insurance policyholders, Joshua "Josh" Blossveren represents clients in general liability, property, directors and officers, errors and omissions, business interruption and many other types of insurance recovery disputes.

Josh previously practiced at two international law firms and a litigation boutique and now draws on this extensive experience and a highly successful commercial litigation track record in state and federal courts and arbitral venues, which informs his insurance recovery practice.

A skilled trial lawyer, Josh enjoys strategizing, crafting and writing compelling arguments and protecting and propelling his clients' interests before judges and juries. Always preparing meticulously for any contingency, he reads the bench well, thinks quickly on his feet, and pivots seamlessly as needed.

Josh balances his zealous approach with a professional manner of interacting with clients, colleagues and opposition alike. He provides personalized, attentive counsel and frequent updates to every organization he serves, no matter the size of the company or claim.

As one client reported in Chambers, "Josh is an effective communicator, has great situational awareness, is aggressive when he needs to be, and is overall a great partner to us."

Education

New York University School of Law (JD, ,)

Moot Court Board, Competitions Division

Cornell University (BS, *with honors*,)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Relevant Experience

- Represents **Syngenta**, a manufacturer of agrochemical products, in litigation against numerous legacy occurrence carriers concerning its claim for insurance coverage for hundreds of millions of dollars for losses arising from thousands of lawsuits brought by individuals alleging that their exposure to client's herbicide product caused them to develop a progressive brain disorder. Won a trial against insurers that issued primary and umbrella claims-made policies. *Zurich Am. Ins. Co. v. Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC*, 2023 WL 2671799 (Del. Super. Ct. Mar. 28, 2023). Secured a precedential decision affirming the trial court's two summary judgment decisions in which the Delaware Supreme Court clarified the meaning of the terms "claim" and "claim for damages" as used in liability insurance policies. *Zurich Am. Ins. Co. v. Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC*, 2024 WL 763418 (Del. Feb. 26, 2024).
- Represents **StoneX**, a commodities trading company, in litigation concerning its insurance claim under a cargo policy for losses of \$9 million resulting from a fraudulent scheme perpetrated by the owner of the warehouse that stored the client's legumes. Secured summary judgment for client on the issue of liability, which was affirmed by the New York Appellate Division. *Endurance Am. Ins. Co. v. StoneX Commodity Solutions, LLC*, 235 A.D.3d 489 (1st Dep't 2025).

- Represents **StoneX** in litigation concerning its insurance claim under a cargo policy for losses of \$19 million resulting from the disappearance of grain from a warehouse.
- Represents **Cox Enterprises** and **Cox Communications** in litigation concerning their claim for insurance coverage arising from alleged copyright violations implicating hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Represents a Fortune 200 energy company in connection with its insurance coverage claim relating to a securities class action and a companion derivative action concerning alleged misrepresentations regarding the commercial viability of an oil field.
- Represents a Fortune 500 energy company in connection with its insurance coverage claim relating to numerous lawsuits arising from a wildfire.
- Represents the directors of a Fortune 100 clean energy and automotive company in connection with their insurance coverage claims relating to a class action challenging the CEO's compensation.
- Successfully represented **Syngenta** in litigation concerning more than \$150 million brought against scores of insurers in connection with nationwide class action products liability claims alleging that client's herbicide product contaminated water sources for over 50 years. Secured favorable settlements after defeating several motions for summary judgment. *Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. v. Ins. Co. of North America et al.*, 2015 WL 13672170 (N.J. Super. Ct. Sept. 02, 2015)
- Successfully represented **Cox** in an insurance coverage litigation concerning a high-profile invasion of privacy lawsuit brought by a retired professional wrestler alleging harm from the release of a sex tape. Secured a favorable settlement after defeating the insurer's motion to dismiss Cox's claims for breach of contract and bad faith. *Cox Enterprises, Inc. v. Hiscox Ins. Co., Inc.*, 478 F. Supp. 3d 1335 (N.D. Ga. 2020)
- Successfully represented the independent directors of **Tesla Inc.** in connection with their insurance coverage claims relating to a class action arising out of the company's acquisition of a current subsidiary.
- Successfully represented a communications company in connection with its insurance coverage claim for business interruption losses arising from a flood implicating thousands of customers and tens of millions of dollars.
- Successfully represented an agrochemical company in a CPR arbitration involving attempt by sole competitor in \$300 million product market to drive client out of the market on the claimed basis of alleged material breach of a license agreement; obtained ruling, following a multiweek arbitral hearing, that barred competitor from challenging product registration and commercialization.
- Successfully represented a communications company in connection with its claim for insurance coverage under a representations & warranties policy for losses caused by misrepresentations made by the founders of a company acquired by the client.

- Successfully represented a company in an AAA arbitration concerning its claim for insurance coverage for hundreds of asbestos premises liability claims, securing a favorable settlement after the arbitrator rejected the insurer's argument that the client had released its claims for coverage of the asbestos claims.
- Successfully represented **Fabrique**, an apparel company, in connection with its claim for insurance coverage arising from the conversion of the client's merchandise; obtained a judgment, affirmed by the Second Circuit, that awarded the client not only the full amount of its loss but also the full amount of the fees incurred by the client in attempting to mitigate the loss. *Fabrique Innovations, Inc. v. Fed. Ins. Co.*, 853 F. App'x 709 (2d Cir. 2021)
- Successfully represented a communications company in connection with a claim for insurance coverage for losses associated with executive's embezzlement of company funds.
- Successfully represented a commercial property owner in an insurance coverage dispute arising from damage to client's property caused by construction at a neighboring property; after the trial court dismissed the client's claim for consequential damages for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, HNRK secured a reversal by the Appellate Division, which in its decision articulated—for the first time—the minimal standard needed to plead a bad faith claim and confirmed that under New York law a policyholder may assert a claim for damages, including attorneys' fees, arising from an insurer's bad faith claims handling. *D.K. Prop., Inc. v. Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh*, 168 A.D.3d 505 (1st Dep't 2019)
- Successfully represented an investment partnership in connection with its claim for losses suffered in connection with its investment in a special purpose acquisition company, securing a favorable settlement after defeating various motions to dismiss. *Parsifal Partners B, LP v. Zugel et al.*, 2018 WL 3224086 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. July 02, 2018)
- Successfully represented a property owner in his claim against an insurance broker to recover damages for negligent procurement of insurance coverage, securing a favorable settlement after obtaining a judgment, affirmed by the New York Appellate Division in a precedential decision, that he had properly pled a cause of action. *Freundlich v. Pacific Indem. Co.*, 137 A.D.3d 967 (2d Dep't 2016).
- Successfully represented the **Genting Group**, the owner of the Resorts World New York City casino, in a claim for coverage for business interruption losses resulting from Superstorm Sandy, securing a favorable settlement after defeating the insurer's motion to dismiss.
- Successfully represented **Berjé**, a distributor of flavor and fragrance products, in insurance coverage litigation that culminated in the client obtaining reimbursement of past payments and reallocation of pending and future cost-sharing arrangements relating to numerous personal injury claims against the client.

- Successfully represented an upscale national eatery in connection with a claim for insurance coverage for business interruption loss arising from an alleged salmonella outbreak, obtaining payments from the client's insurer as well as its broker.
- Successfully represented former company officers in connection with a securities fraud action arising from investments in a U.S. company with China-based manufacturing operation.
- Successfully represented former company officer in connection with claims brought by a Canadian company accusing the client of conspiring with other individuals and entities to obtain a controlling interest in a Russian oil company. *Norex Petroleum Ltd. v. Blavatnik et al.*, 22 N.Y.S.3d 138 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2015).
- Successfully represented a software development company in a \$25 million intellectual property dispute with the counterparty to a series of licensing agreements.

Recognition and Rankings

- Recognized by *Crain's New York Business* as a Notable Litigator and Trial Attorney, 2025
- Named a Northeast Trailblazer by *The American Lawyer*, 2022
- Named an Elite Boutique Trailblazer by *The National Law Journal*, 2019
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for Insurance: Dispute Resolution – Policyholder, New York, 2023-2024
 - *Chambers USA* notes that Josh is "sought out for his skills in a wide range of complex insurance matters" and that clients regard him as a "talented lawyer with strong skills as a litigator and commercial insurance adviser" and "great situational awareness."
- *Benchmark Litigation* Litigation Star, 2021-2025
 - *Benchmark Litigation* describes Josh as a "complex commercial litigation authority."
- *Benchmark Litigation* Future Star, 2019-2020
- *New York Super Lawyers* Super Lawyer in Insurance, 2018-2024
- *New York Super Lawyers* Rising Star in Insurance, 2016
- Elected to American College of Coverage Counsel

Associations

- Commercial Division Advisory Council
- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Litigation & Trial Practice Committee, Vice Chair

- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, CLE Board Standing Committee, Vice-Chair
- Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal, Editor-in-Chief
- American College of Coverage Counsel, Fellow
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Bottom Line New York, Leadership Council

Articles

- *The Fate of Pro Rata Allocation in Long-Tail Claims Governed by New York in the Wake of Viking Pump: Hold a Viking Funeral or Pump the Brakes?*, 53 Tort Trial & Ins. Prac. L.J. 741 (Spring/Summer 2018) (co-authored with Andrew Bourne)
- *Sexual Harassment Insurance Coverage*, Bloomberg Law Insights, Daily Labor Report, 29 DLR 19 (February 2018) (co-authored with Andrew Bourne)