

FIRST PARTY INSURANCE MATTERS

There are obviously many specialties within the legal profession, as well as extraordinary differences in how lawyers practice law, especially in the area of first party insurance defense. Drew Eckl & Farnham's First Party Insurance attorneys bring more than 80 years of legal experience in this specific niche of law. Along with this experience, the first party attorneys also bring to each claim our firm's commitment to efficient, cost-effective solutions.

Coverage Analysis, Appraisal, Litigation, and More

Whether you are investigating a claim or defending a lawsuit brought by your insured, our attorneys can guide you through each aspect of first party insurance claims to reduce your company's exposure. While Georgia is a large part of our practice, the First Party Insurance attorneys represent clients throughout the southeast.

A sample of some of the legal services provided by First Party Insurance Practice includes:

- Defending breach of contract and bad faith claims in state and federal courts
- Conducting examinations under oath of insureds
- Coverage opinions
- Declaratory judgment actions to resolve coverage disputes
- Subrogation actions

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- Management of appraisals, including umpire appointment
- Representing insurers in arbitration
- Settlement mediation

Our clients often need representation in claims involving:

- Arson
- Fraud
- Theft
- Collapse
- Faulty workmanship in construction and design
- Water Damage
- Hail & Windstorm damage
- Appraisals
- Business Interruption
- Duty to Defend

The primary goal in the investigation of First Party claims and cases is the expeditious development of all relevant evidence to enable fully informed decisions regarding the loss. If litigation is involved, the primary goal is to terminate the litigation by summary judgment. If the facts or law prevent summary judgment, our First Party Insurance attorneys have substantial trial experience and a track record of excellent outcomes. In the past eight fraud and forfeiture trials, including arson defenses, our attorneys obtained a verdict for the insurance carrier, and in several cases obtained a judgment against the insured for monetary damages in favor of our clients.

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