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### Current Scope of Practice

David Dolendi provides litigation defense, coverage advice, risk analysis and reserve exposure assessment on behalf of international and domestic insurers and reinsurers. His practice addresses first-party property and third-party general liability and professional liability matters.

Mr. Dolendi has been involved in litigation and defended insurers in state and federal courts across the country on claims involving complex physical property damage, time element exposures, sexual abuse/misconduct, public entity liability, civil rights, toxic tort, asbestos, uninsured/underinsured motorist and insurer bad faith. He also frequently represents third-party administrators and brokers in litigation involving claims of professional negligence.

Mr. Dolendi has considerable experience working with the London Insurance Market. He has represented London Market Insurers in declaratory judgment matters, mediations and arbitrations on a wide variety of issues in the United States. Mr. Dolendi has also assisted London Market Insurers in the drafting of policy language and creating and revising specific endorsements.

### Affiliations, Activities and Accomplishments

Mr. Dolendi is admitted in Illinois (2002) and before the Illinois Supreme Court (2002) and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2007) and the Northern District of Illinois (2002).

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association and is an active member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI).

### Publications and Presentations

His presentations include:

- “Are We Facing Another Decade of Disaster? What can we expect with first party property claims,” presented at Sedgwick’s London Insurance Seminar (May 3, 2012).

- “Hydraulic Fracking: Understanding and Managing the Risk,” co-presented to clients, Jersey City, NJ and Princeton, NJ (April 11-12, 2011).
- “Liability and Coverage Exposures for Catastrophic Property Damage Claims,” co-presented to London Market clients at Sedgwick’s London office (October 6, 2010).
- “Recent Developments In Business Interruption Exposures,” co-presented at Sedgwick’s Chicago Seminar Series (July 21, 2010).
- “Business Interruption Exposures,” co-presented to Bermuda clients at Sedgwick’s Chicago office (July 15, 2010).
- “The Other Insurance Clause,” keynote presentation, WING conference seminar (July 2007).
- “An Overview of Environmental Coverage,” presented to the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (November 2006).

Mr. Dolendi is an editor of Sedgwick’s Insurance Law Blog. Other publications include:

- “Insurer Not Required to Cover Costs for Stabilization and Demolition of Historic Building,” Sedgwick’s *Property Coverage Update* (March 2012).
- “Mortgage Lenders Are Becoming Increasingly Concerned With Gas and Oil Leases Associated With Hydraulic Fracturing,” expert analysis, *Law360* (November 2011).
- “Florida Appellate Court Panel Finds Policy’s Windstorm Damage Exclusion Is Unambiguous,” Sedgwick’s *Property Coverage Update* (July 2011).
- “Policy Exclusions Do Not Preclude Coverage for Damage to Pennsylvania Hotel Arising From a Ruptured Sprinkler System,” Sedgwick’s *Property Coverage Update* (April 2011).
- “Louisiana Federal Court Finds There Is No First Party Property Coverage for Homeowners’ Chinese Drywall Claims,” Sedgwick’s *Property Coverage Update* (February 2011).
- “Coverage for Fatality at Animal Sanctuary Excluded as Business Pursuit,” Sedgwick’s *Insurance Law Update* (May 2010).
- “Illinois Court: Driver Killed After Exiting Truck Was ‘Occupying’ It Within Meaning UIM Coverage,” Sedgwick’s *Insurance Law Update* (July 2009).
- “Illinois Court: Spoliation of Evidence Claims Aren’t Covered by Policies,” Sedgwick’s *Insurance Law Update* (June 2008).
- “An Overview of Environmental Coverage,” *A Nuts and Bolts Introduction to Insurance*, Chicago Bar Association (November 2006).
- “The Handbook on Allocation/Appportionment of Losses Involving Complex Insurance Coverage Claims,” Glasser Legal Works, Supplement (2004) (coauthor).
- “Pre-Tender Defense Costs: Covered or Not?” *Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Newsletter* (Spring 2003).

## Education

Mr. Dolendi received his J.D. (2002), cum laude, from The John Marshall Law School, where he was on the Dean’s List and editor-in-chief (2001-2002) of *The John Marshall Law Review*. He graduated with an M.P.A. (1999) from Arizona State University and a B.S. (1994) from Illinois State University.

