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Mr. Piazza is Chair of Hiscock & Barclay's Insurance Coverage & Regulation Practice Area. His practice focuses on insurance coverage and regulation, and commercial litigation. Mr. Piazza's experience in handling insurance matters has prompted national insurance companies to retain him on a regional and statewide basis. Mr. Piazza's practice in this field includes preparing hundreds of coverage analyses and actively litigating declaratory judgment actions. He is also a seasoned attorney who has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict.

Additionally, Mr. Piazza frequently advises insurers, third-party administrators, self-insured entities and others on claims handling procedures and practices, addresses complaints with state Insurance Departments, and litigates matters arising out of claims handling practices. He is also called upon to counsel individuals and companies within the insurance industry – such as agents, brokers, adjusters, consultants, and related entities – on licensing, formation of companies, compliance, and disciplinary issues.

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REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS/MATTERS

- Counsel to national insurance companies, defending insurance coverage, extra-contractual liability, products liability, defamation, and professional liability matters
- *New York City Housing Authority v. Merchants Mutual Insurance Co.*, 44 A.D.3d 540; 844 N.Y.S.2d 223 (1st Dept., 2007)
- *Graves Bros. v. National Fire & Marine Co.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 5024 (W.D.N.Y. 2007)
- *Jones v. St. Paul Fire and Marine Ins. Co.*, 295 A.D.2d 569, 745 N.Y.S.2d 47 (2nd Dept., 2002)
- *NAP v. Shuttletex and St. Paul*, 112 F.Supp.2d 369 (S.D.N.Y., 2000)
- *Gibbs v. CNA*, 263 A.D.2d 836, 693 N.Y.S.2d 720 (3rd Dept., 1999)
- *Weller v. Colleges of the Senecas*, 217 A.D.2d 280, 635 N.Y.S.2d 990 (4th Dept., 1995)
- *George A. Fuller Co. v. U.S.F. &G.*, 200 A.D.2d 255, 613 N.Y.S.2d 152 (1st Dept., 1994)
- *Board of Education of East Syracuse-Minoa v. Continental Insurance Co.*, 198 A.D. 2d 816, 604 N.Y.S. 2d 399 (4th Dept., 1993)
- *Nationwide v. Allstate*, 181 AD2d 1022, 581 NYS2d 955 (4th Dept., 1992)



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- Defense of insurance companies and their insureds in general insurance defense lawsuits, insurance coverage issues, disputes with car rental companies, labor law, products liability matters and large subrogation claims
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REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS/MATTERS

- Property and casualty insurance companies
- Business corporations
- Construction companies
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Mr. Casey has been practicing law for over thirty years, concentrating in the field of personal injury and property defense litigation. He has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict over the past three decades. Mr. Casey also handles subrogation recovery and has counseled insurance carriers in coverage issues and policy interpretation.

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REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS/MATTERS

- Insurance companies in fire insurance, subrogation and liability claims



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REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS/MATTERS

- Product manufacturers (Fortune 500) for a variety of industries in product liability cases
- Insurance companies in fire insurance and subrogation claims
- *Buongiovanni v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 240 A.D.2d 455, 658 N.Y.S.2d 431, N.Y.A.D. (2nd Dept., 1997)
- *Goldman v. Allstate Ins. Companies*, 220 A.D.2d 381, 631 N.Y.S.2d 893, N.Y.A.D. (2nd Dept., 1995)
- *Dore v. Allstate Indem. Co.*, 264 A.D.2d 804, 695 N.Y.S.2d 422, 1999 N.Y. Slip Op. 07598, N.Y.A.D. (2nd Dept., 1999)
- *Young v. Wyman*, 76 N.Y.2d 1009, 566 N.E.2d 1157, 565 N.Y.S.2d 752, N.Y. (1990)
- *Dawson v. Cafiero*, 292 A.D.2d 488, 739 N.Y.S.2d 190, 2002 N.Y. Slip Op. 02347, N.Y.A.D. (2nd Dept., 2002)
- *Maynard v. De Curtis*, 252 A.D.2d 908, 676 N.Y.S.2d 340, 1998 N.Y. Slip Op. 07271, N.Y.A.D. (3rd Dept., 1998)

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- Insurance companies in fire insurance, subrogation and liability claims



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- *Clarendon Natl. Ins. Co. v. Nunez*, 48 A.D.3d 460, 850 N.Y.S.2d 639 (N.Y. App., 2d Dep't 2008)
- *New York City Housing Auth. v. Merchants Mut. Ins. Co.*, 44 A.D.3d 540, 844 N.Y.S.2d 223 (N.Y. App., 1st Dep't 2007)
- *Haines v. New York Mut. Underwriters*, 30 A.D.3d 1030, 815 N.Y.S.2d 858 (N.Y. App., 4th Dep't 2006)
- *Qiu v. Livingston Mut. Ins. Co.*, 305 A.D.2d 1104, 759 N.Y.S.2d 727 (N.Y. App., 4th Dep't 2003)
- *Milbin Printing, Inc. v. Lumbermen's Mut. Cas. Ins. Co.*, 283 A.D.2d 467, 724 N.Y.S.2d 464, (N.Y. App., 4th Dep't 2001)