



WILLIAM M. SAVINO, ESQ.

Insurance Coverage, Complex Business/Corporate Disputes

Highly regarded throughout the legal and business communities, William M. Savino has extensive experience in complex commercial and insurance coverage litigation having spent his legal career litigating in both trial and appellate courts throughout the United States. Most recently, in 2018 Mr. Savino received the distinction from Chambers USA as a “Notable Practitioner” in insurance coverage claims and litigation. As a neutral, he brings a wealth of legal and business experience to the resolution of even the most complex of matters. Mr. Savino has served as counsel for numerous insurance companies relating to insurance coverage claims and lawsuits ranging from intellectual property liability coverage disputes and business torts to national environmental and primary/excess insurer disputes. His experience also includes handling matters involving municipalities and legislative bodies and working with some of the most well-known, respected law firms throughout the United States. By way of example, Mr. Savino served as lead counsel, representing the

County of Nassau in the County’s suit opposing financial oversight by the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, in addition to representing the County in various matters involving legislation and taxation issues. Other high profile cases include his representation of insurers in the *September 11th World Trade Center Liability Coverage Litigation*, the *BPA–Plastic Products Coverage Litigation*, and *Shell Oil Company v. Aetna Casualty and Surety Company*. He has served as appellate counsel in a variety of municipal commercial and insurance coverage related matters arguing before various federal circuit and state courts of appeal.

Mr. Savino has been cited for numerous honors and awards. In 2018 and 2019, Chambers and Partners named him a “Ranked Practitioner” in Band 3 within the insurance: dispute resolution: insurer in New York category, and in the 2019 edition of the well-respected Legal 500, Mr. Savino was recommended in the “insurance: advice to insurers” category. Additionally, in 2018, Mr. Savino was named a National Law Journal Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion for the second year in a row, as part of a select group of only 46 attorneys nationwide. He has been noted as a Best Lawyer in America by U.S. News & World Report, consistently voted a New York Super Lawyer, and an AV Preeminent rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell, a distinction given only to those who possess the highest ethical standards and professional abilities. Mr. Savino is considered one of the 100 Most Influential Long Islanders by the Long Island Business News and one of the top 50 Most Influential Long Islanders by the Long Island Press. He was voted a 2016 Top-Rated Lawyer in Insurance Law by American Lawyer Media, Leadership in Law Partner Award, Long Island Business News ExecuLeaders in Excellence in Law Award, Distinguished Alumnus Award (Long Island) Fordham University School of Law, the Nassau County Firefighter’s Leadership Award and the Nassau County Bar Association’s We Care Honoree.

A summary of Mr. Savino’s professional experiences include the following leadership positions he has held:

- Rivkin Radler’s Managing Partner and Chair of its Executive Committee
- President, Nassau County Bar Association
- Chairman, Board of Directors, Long Island United Way
- Board of Directors of the Long Island Association, Member of the Executive Committee
- Board of Directors, Insurance Federation of New York
- Board of Directors Fireman’s Fund Indemnity Corporation, Chair of the Audit Committee
- Mayor, Village of Old Brookville
- Co-Chair, Fordham University School of Law, Small and Midsize Firm Dean’s Advisory Council
- President, Villanova University Alumni Association

Mr. Savino is a strong proponent of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). He has significant ADR experience having represented clients in many mediations and arbitrations including a recent transcontinental mediation involving multiple pending suits in different forms. His professional experience coupled with his leadership positions, give him an added dimension and depth in his ability to effectively negotiate and guide parties and counsel to a fair and impartial resolution.

William Savino has been selected to serve on numerous commissions, councils and committees. In 2017, Mr. Savino, a past President of the Nassau County Bar Association, was appointed Chair of the Association's Judiciary Committee. He has also served as Chair of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission, an appointment made by the Presiding Justice of the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department. Additionally, he was appointed by Chief Judge, Jonathan Lippman to the Pro Bono Advisory Committee tasked with making recommendations regarding the implementation of *pro bono* service requirement for attorneys seeking admission to the New York Bar and to the Commercial Division Advisory Council regarding the review of the rules for the New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division. Mr. Savino was selected as the 2017 Honoree by the YMCA of Long Island for his service to the Long Island community.

An active speaker nationwide, Mr. Savino has presented workshops on a wide range of commercial and insurance topics including fracking liabilities, medical monitoring "no injury" suits, privacy, terrorism-related liabilities, the relationship between primary and excess insurers, and the management of commercial litigations.

Mr. Savino is well-respected by his peers and colleagues. He has the unique capability of drawing upon his experiences in the legal, business, municipal and not-for-profit communities when acting as arbitrator and/or mediator.

He is available to hear cases throughout the New York Metro area and the United States.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Business Torts
- Commercial
- Complex Business/Corporate Disputes
- Insurance Coverage
- Intellectual Property Liability Coverage Disputes
- Municipal
- Partnership and Professional Disputes

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *Looking F O R W A R D: The Option to Resolve Commercial Insurance Coverage Disputes*, Law.com, 2020
- Speaker, "The Value Internet" and Virtual Currency: A New Digital Frontier", Brokers and Reinsurance Markets Association (BRMA), 2017
- Speaker, "An Insurer's Dilemma: Too Many Claims and Too Few Limits"
- Speaker, "Business Torts and Intellectual Property Liabilities: The Personal and Advertising Injury Liability Provisions"
- Speaker, "Hydraulic Fracturing and Emerging Liabilities: Déjà vu All Over Again?"
- Speaker, "Settlements and Second Generation Claims"
- Speaker, "No Injury Class Actions and Emerging Medical Monitoring Claims"
- Co-Author, *Suffolk Courts Validate School Districts' Use of RFPs for School Bus Contracts*, *The Suffolk Lawyer*, 2016
- Author, *Insurance Law Practice*, New York State Bar Association, Excess and Extended Coverages and Excess Coverage Issues, Second Ed., Chapter 14, Revised 2016

- Author, The Changed Financial Marketplace and Fiduciary Errors and Omissions Coverage, 2009

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Nassau County Bar Association
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, Second, Third, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits
- United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

HONORS and AWARDS

- 2019 Long Island Business News Hall of Fame Award
- New York Metro Super Lawyer, 2008 - Present
- Chambers and Partners named William M. Savino, "Ranked Practitioner in Band 3 within the insurance: dispute resolution: insurer in the New York" category, 2018, 2019
- Legal 500, recommended William M. Savino in the "insurance: advice to insurers" category, 2019
- Chambers USA, Notable Practitioner, Insurance Coverage Claims and Litigation, 2018
- National Law Journal, *2018 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*
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- Leadership in Law - Lifetime Achievement Award, Long Island Business News, 2017
- Best Lawyers in America, U.S. News & World Report
- Top Rated Lawyer in Insurance Law, American Lawyer Media
- AV Preeminent-rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Leadership in Law – Partner Award, Long Island Business News
- Long Island Press, Top 50 Most Influential Long Islanders
- ExecuLeaders Excellence in Law Award
- Long Island Business News, 100 Most Influential Long Islanders
- Long Island Distinguished Alumnus Award, Fordham University School of Law
- Firefighters Leadership Award, Nassau County Firefighters Museum
- We Care Fund Honor, Nassau County Bar Association

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Partner, Rivkin Radler, LLP

EDUCATION

- Fordham University, J.D.
- Villanova University, B.S in Economics