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John O'Malley is an advocate, counselor and litigator with significant experience in federal and state courts in Illinois and across the Nation. He has represented clients in litigation as well as drafting and negotiating contract and insurance policy language.

His impressive body of work includes serving as lead attorney in numerous actions concerning insurance coverage for environmental liabilities, intellectual property disputes, professional liability, directors' and officers' coverage, and insurance company errors and omissions. He is a member of the Federal Trial Bar, and the Society for Trial Lawyers.

Areas of Practice

Civil Litigation, Insurance

John provides a variety of legal services to our clients including:

- Representation for policyholders, insurers and reinsurers on a full range of insurance coverage issues, such as coverage disputes, defense of claims, indemnification, liability limits, policy exclusions and targeted tenders
- **Commercial litigation**
- Intellectual property disputes
- Representation for various professionals, including insurance agents, brokers and attorneys, regarding the placement, interpretation and litigation involving insurance programs

Achievements

- John has recovered numerous multi-million recoveries on behalf of policyholders and their insurers, including several judgments in excess of \$1 million.
- John was litigation and appellate counsel in *American Service Ins. Co. v. COSCO*, 402 Ill.App.3d, 513 (1st Dist. 2010) and *American Service v. COSCO*, 2014 Ill.App. (1st) 121895 in which the appellate court twice affirmed judgments totaling in excess of \$2 million.
- John was lead trial and appellate counsel in *Extended Stay, Inc. v. American Automobile*, 375 SW2d 834 (Mo.App. 2012) which involved claims in excess of \$20 million and in which the Missouri Appellate Court affirmed a judgment in favor of John's insurance broker client on all claims.
- John was lead appellate counsel in *Konami (America) Inc. v. Hartford Ins. Co. of Illinois*, 326 Ill.App.3d 874, 761 N.E.2d 1277 (2nd Dist. 2002), which involved an issue of "first

impression" in Illinois, where no other Illinois Appellate Court had ruled regarding patent coverage.

- In addition to his many trial successes, John lectures on insurance coverage issues, including Design Professionals' Liability Insurance, Insurance Coverage for Mold Claims, and Estoppel and Late Notice. He has created and presented several seminars to insurance companies and their policyholders with respect to claims handling practices, risk management and risk transfer devices. He is also a frequent lecturer to students and new lawyers on insurance issues and trial advocacy and a published author on a wide range of insurance coverage topics.

Thought Leadership

John recently published an article in the IDC Quarterly entitled "An Expanded Tool Kit for Illinois Insurance Lawyers."

John has also proudly served as faculty during SRC's Annual Seminar for Design Professionals, discussing insurance law, construction contract and litigation.

Lectures

Roundtable Discussion Regarding Risk Management for Design Professionals, Risk Management and Business Planning for Design and Construction Professionals

Insurance Issues and Trial Skills: presented to Chicago Bar Association, Insurance School of Chicago, The John Marshall Law School

Mold Claims, Insurance Coverage for Mold Claims, Insurance Coverage for Design Professionals, Risk Management, Construction Design Errors: presented to Insurance Company Executives, Agents and Brokers, Design Professionals and Policy Holders

In-house seminars to Insurance Companies on Declaratory Judgment Actions, Estoppel, Bad Faith

Education

J.D. with Honors, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL 1991

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B.S. in Business Administration, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI 1987

Bar & Court Admissions

Illinois, 1991

Illinois Supreme Court, 1991

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, 1992

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1991

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, 1998

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 1998
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 2007
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, 2007
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 2008
Federal Trial Bar, 2009

Experience

Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C.
Chicago, IL

Shareholder
2009 to Present

Crisham & Kubes, Ltd.
Chicago, IL

Partner
2001-2009

Quinlan & Crisham, Ltd.
Chicago, IL

Associate
1996-2001

Hinshaw & Culbertson
Chicago, IL

Associate
1994-1996

Professional Membership

American Bar Association
Appellate Lawyers Association
Defense Research Institute
Illinois State Bar Association
Illinois Association of Defense Counsel
Illinois Society of Trial Lawyers