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Areas of Focus

Aerospace and Defense

Insurance Recovery and
Counseling

Investigations, Compliance,
and Defense

Law Firm and Professional
Services Defense

Tariff Task Force



Overview

David Greenwald is an accomplished trial lawyer. David represents clients facing complex, high-value disputes and corporate crises. He has tried cases in federal and state courts, arbitrated cases in the United States and Europe, and conducted criminal and civil internal investigations on three continents. David's practice includes investigations and litigation relating to defense contracts, aerospace disputes, cross-border anti-corruption, insurance recovery and reinsurance disputes relating to alternative capital investments and reinsurance-based derivatives.

David excels at synthesizing and analyzing complex matters and presenting commonsense risk assessment and strategy. He achieves client goals through strategies that minimize unnecessary expense and disruption to the client's business while providing the highest level of advocacy, advice and responsive service. In international matters, David draws on strong relationships with many of the world's leading lawyers to create strategies that bridge cultural differences and achieve client objectives in multi-jurisdiction matters.

A recognized thought leader, David is a prolific writer and speaker. He edits treatises regarding attorney-client privilege, work product protection and related ethical issues. David conducts disputes and structures investigations to protect clients' confidential and privileged information and to avoid common pitfalls that may expose clients' most sensitive information to regulators and civil litigants. He works with General Counsel and in-house teams to structure their business and internal communications to protect this vital information.



My advice to opposing counsel is not to mistake courtesy for weakness. Zealous advocacy at its best is civil and professional without imposing unnecessary disruption and cost to the parties. But if opposing counsel insists on doing it the hard way, we will achieve our clients' goals regardless.”

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Representative Matters

- Lead trial counsel for holders of more than \$1 billion par of Residential Mortgage Backed Securities in *In re the Rehabilitation of: Segregated Account of Ambac Assurance Corp.*
- Lead counsel in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands relating to investigations of export controls and investigation by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).
- First chaired litigation on behalf of investor regarding reinsurance-related derivatives worth more than \$100 million.
- Investigated and defended defense contractors regarding alleged False Claims Act violations relating to suppliers' non-conforming products.

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 1986

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, JD, *cum laude*, 1986
- Georgetown University, BA, *cum laude*, 1983

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1989

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar), 1987
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1989
- US Court of Federal Claims, 1995

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *Lexology Index*, Commercial Litigation, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2023
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2005-2006; 2012-2021; 2024
- *International Who's Who of Commercial Litigators*
- *International Who's Who of eDiscovery Litigators*
- *International Who's Who of Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers*
- *Legal 500*, Industry Focus - Insurance: Advice to Policyholders, 2020
- Legal Media Group, Expert Guide - Insurance and Reinsurance

Community

- The Few Initiative For Children, Treasurer, 2014-present
- Grant Park Orchestral Association, Director, 2009-2013
- McGaw YMCA, Director, 2006-2007
- MWANGAZA, Inc., President, 2000-2007
- UNA-USA, Chicago Chapter Director, 2008-2009

Service to the Bar

- International Bar Association, Insurance Committee Chair, 2016-2017; Senior Vice Chair, 2014-2015; Vice Chair, 2013; Special Projects Officer, 2012
- AIDA Europe, Reinsurance Working Group, 2010-present
- American Bar Association, Section on Litigation, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee; London/International Sub-Committee Co-Chair, 2002-2005; Reinsurance Committee Co-Chair, 2006-present
- The Sedona Conference, Working Group 1
- Electronic Discovery Institute, Instructor
- Lex Mundi Ltd., Treasurer, 2018-2019; Board Member, 2015-2017