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Rich Burgland is an experienced and confident advocate with a practical perspective. While representing individuals, businesses and insurance companies involved in first- and third-party insurance disputes, Rich knows that teamwork, collaboration, and communication are essential elements for success. He partners closely with his insurer and insured clients to maximize efficiency and deliver client-driven outcomes. With a degree in Economics, Rich understands and regularly employs a cost-benefit analysis when counseling clients involved in or considering litigation.

Rich focuses his practice on insurance coverage disputes arising out of general liability, commercial general liability, directors and officers, professional liability, life, health, homeowners and related policies of insurance. He defends insurers accused of bad faith and advises insurance carriers on risk management and proper claims handling practices. Rich also assists insurers and corporate insured clients in insurance recovery and claim resolution.

Rich has a strong background and practice in appellate advocacy. As a former Clerk in the Illinois Appellate Court, Rich understands the appeal process and has an inside perspective when defending and prosecuting appeals. This appellate experience allows Rich to effectively represent his clients from the onset of litigation through its conclusion on appeal.

In his practice, Rich adheres strictly to principles of economy. Rich allocates his time to critical tasks and works intently to avoid or put a stop to needless litigation. While equipped with the experience and skills to successfully take a case to trial or up on appeal, Rich realizes that these measures are not always in a client's best interests. Rich's precise work and efficient case management often lead to swifter and more cost-effective results.

Education

- The John Marshall Law School, J.D. 2006

- DePauw University, B.A. 2002

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

Professional Experience

Awards

- Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Star 2012—2019
- Illinois Leading Lawyer Emerging Lawyer 2014—2019

Affiliations

- Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel—Member

Publications and Speeches

- "A 'Malicious Prosecution' Problem," IDC Quarterly, Vol. 30, No. 2, Richard Burgland.

Related News

- Leading Lawyers Magazine Names Barry, Burgland, Draths and Reddy as Emerging Lawyers
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Rising Stars
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Named as Emerging Lawyers for 2019 by Leading Lawyers Advisory Board
- Rich Burgland Appointed to ISBA Insurance Law Section Council
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Submit Amicus Brief for Illinois Defense Counsel

Related Results

- \$70 Million Project Carries on with P&S Help
- Court Grants Summary Judgment for Pretzel Client Over No Duty to Defend or Indemnify
- Appellate Victory Secured for Insurance Company
- Summary Judgment Victory for Insurance Carrier
- Pretzel & Stouffer Attorneys Win in Mississippi Supreme Court