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Paul Hummer is a commercial litigator whose practice is focused on the representation of insurers and reinsurers in complex civil litigation. He is the co-founder of Saul Ewing's Insurance Practice.

Practices

Commercial Litigation

Insurance

Education

J.D., University of California, Hastings
College of the Law, 1984

B.A., University of California at Santa
Barbara, 1980, with highest honors

Bar Admissions

California

Pennsylvania

Experience

Class Actions

- *Baker v. Hartford (D. DE)*: Federal court class action brought by policyholder challenging claim payment practices; dismissal for failure to state a claim affirmed by Third Circuit.
- *Boyko v. AIG et. al. (D. N.J.)*: Federal court class action brought by policyholder challenging premium collection practices; case settled on favorable terms after national class was limited to less than 40 persons.
- *Edwards v. 21st Century Insurance (D. N.J.)*: Federal court class action brought by policyholder challenging policy procurement practices; case was resolved on favorable terms.
- *Herman v. Capital Blue Cross (PA)*: State court class action brought by policyholder challenging corporate governance practices; case dismissed for lack of standing.
- *Kantorik v. Foremost (PA)*: State court class action brought by policyholder challenging form of waiver for UM/UIM benefits; case is ongoing.
- *Sammons v. Hartford (DE)*: State court class action brought by policyholder challenging timeliness of claim payments; dismissal for lack of standing affirmed by Delaware Supreme Court.

Commercial Litigation

- *American Alternative Insurance Company v. Howard Bank (MD)*: Representation of an insurer in litigation with producer and bank to recover premiums collected but not remitted.

- *Cardionet v. Cigna (E.D. PA.)*: Representation of health insurer and benefit plan administrator in suit by in-network medical providers alleging ERISA and tort claims. Case dismissed in deference to arbitration provisions in provider agreements; appeal is pending.
- Confidential representation of Board of Directors in internal investigation of reserving practices at property and casualty insurer.
- Confidential representation of companies and individuals in grand jury and SEC investigations into finite reinsurance transactions and broker compensation arrangements.
- *In Re Penn Treaty (PA)*: Representation of agents in litigation related to solvency of an insurance company; prevented attempt to cut-off commission payments while company was in rehabilitation.
- *SAP America v. Swiss Re International (E.D. PA)*: Representation of an insurer in bad faith litigation; stayed case in deference to London arbitration proceedings.
- *T.D. Bank v. City of Harrisburg (PA)*: Representation of a bond insurer in litigation against a defaulting municipal guarantor including successful challenge to City's ability to file for bankruptcy.

Reinsurance

- *Century Indemnity v. Munich Re America (E.D. PA)*: Representation of a reinsurer in suit by a ceding company arising from settlement of environmental liabilities.
- Confidential arbitration on behalf of a ceding company relating to recovery of losses on a maritime construction program.
- Confidential arbitration on behalf of a ceding company relating to recovery of environmental losses.
- Confidential arbitration on behalf of ceding company relating to additional premium due to reinsurer.
- Confidential arbitration on behalf of a ceding company arising from a claim by an insolvent reinsurer for additional premium.
- Confidential arbitration on behalf of a reinsurer relating to claims under a cut-through endorsement.
- *Munich Re America v. American National Insurance Company (D. NJ)*: Representation of a reinsurer in action against a retrocessionaire for liabilities arising from workers compensation insurance.
- *Munich Re America v. Tower Insurance Company of New York (D. NJ)*: Representation of a reinsurer in action against a retrocessionaire for liabilities arising from habitational risk insurance program.

Administrative Proceedings

- Confidential representation of insurance company officers and directors in negotiation of an Order of Rehabilitation.
- Confidential representation of insurer operating under Order of Supervision in dealings with insurance departments and third parties.
- *In Re Cigna Corp.*: Representation of applicant in administrative approvals and subsequent appeals of plan of merger and division.
- *In Re Mercer Mutual*: Representation of dissenting policyholders in successful opposition to insurance company demutualization.

Honors and Awards

- Named a "Local Litigation Star" in Pennsylvania by *Benchmark Litigation*, 2014
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* list, Insurance Law, 2006 to present

- Selected for inclusion in Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers*, 2004 to present
- Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers
- George W. Yancy Memorial Award, International Association of Defense Counsel, 2002

Memberships and Affiliations

- American College of Coverage and Extra-Contractual Counsel ARIAS-U.S.
- Defense Research Institute
- Past Chair, Casualty Insurance Committee, International Association of Defense Counsel
- Past Chair, Reinsurance Committee, International Association of Defense Counsel
- Board of Directors, St. Christopher's Foundation for Children
- Board of Directors, Greensgrow Philadelphia Project
- Board of Directors, Spring Garden Civic Association