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Francis J. Leddy, III is the Managing Partner of the firm's Woodbridge, NJ (Metropolitan New York) office. He is the Chair of the Cannabis Law practice. His practice also includes litigation of transportation, professional liability, employment & labor, environmental, construction defect, and ERISA claims, as well as claims against municipal and public entities.

Mr. Leddy represents some of the nation's largest insurers in first and third party coverage litigation involving a myriad of issues ranging from coverage under D&O and E&O policies to personal and commercial auto lines, as well as complex long tail environmental contamination. In addition, he provides carriers with advice in the form of coverage opinions analyzing claims made in any jurisdiction in the country and preparing Reservation of Rights and disclaimers in connection with same. Mr. Leddy also provides recommendations to carriers for promulgation of policy language in order to resolve potential coverage issues.

Mr. Leddy also has significant experience litigating a wide range of complex bodily injury and property damage claims in the context of personal and commercial transportation, including Rideshare/Transportation Network Companies (TNC) coverage and defense, Spill Act, professional liability, premises liability, and Tort Claims Act actions. As part of his practice, he has defended architects, engineers, attorneys and real estate professionals against malpractice actions. He has defended numerous public bodies such as boroughs, school boards, and police and fire departments. He also handles commercial and business litigation involving labor and employment disputes, including discrimination claims and enforcement of restrictive covenants in employment agreements. As part of this practice, Mr. Leddy has extensive transactional experience promulgating and drafting internal procedures and contracts for his clients in order to help minimize the potential of future litigation for them.

Mr. Leddy's practice also involves representing life and health insurance carriers in a variety of contexts, including administration and litigation. As part of his practice, he has extensive experience defending medical benefit determinations under ERISA in Federal Court.

From 2013 through 2019, Mr. Leddy has been selected to the *Super Lawyers Rising Star* list in New Jersey by Thomson Reuters and the Top Attorney list by New Jersey Monthly in the areas of Insurance Coverage, General Litigation and Business Litigation, a recognition bestowed on less than 3% of lawyers practicing within the state. He is also an active member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and the Claims Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance.

In 2020, Mr. Leddy was selected as one of *America's Top 100 Civil Defense Litigators*[®] in New Jersey, an honor bestowed on less than one-half percent (0.5%) of active attorneys in the United States.

Mr. Leddy is licensed to practice in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, as well as the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Prior to entering the private sector, Mr. Leddy served as a Law Clerk in the Civil Law Division of the New Jersey Superior Court - Bergen County. He is also certified by the State of New Jersey to serve as a Mediator.

He received his B.A. from Villanova University in 2001 and his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law in 2005.




PRACTICE AREAS


- Cannabis
- Construction
- Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith
- Employment
- Environmental Law
- Motor Carrier
- Motor Vehicle
- Professional Liability & Licensure
- Appellate
- E&O Insurance
- Premises Liability
- Municipal Law & Governance
- Business Counseling
- Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

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