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Elaine M. Pohl is a partner in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office who focuses her practice on insurance coverage and general litigation matters.

A member of Plunkett Cooney's Insurance Coverage Practice Group, Ms. Pohl represents businesses in litigation including insurance coverage issues, primarily advising insurance companies on complex coverage questions and representing them when disputes arise.

Ms. Pohl's insurance coverage experience extends to construction defects, bodily injuries, environmental contamination, disparagement and defamation. She regularly prepares coverage opinions and letters on behalf of insurers. Ms. Pohl also represents insurance company clients in litigation, including defending insurers in coverage actions brought against them and initiating declaratory judgment actions.

Representative Client Work

- Represented an insurance company in a coverage dispute with an Ohio tire manufacturer involving thousands of underlying tire defect claims
- Represented an insurance company in a coverage dispute with a purported additional insured regarding an underlying product liability claim involving alleged damages in excess of \$50 million
- Represented an insurance company in a coverage dispute with its insured involving underlying class action claims for violation of the Telephone Consumer Protections Act (TCPA)

Areas of Practice

- Foodservice & Hospitality Industry Group
- Insurance Law

Honors & Awards

- Michigan Super Lawyer Rising Star in Insurance Coverage; Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2008 and 2011
- Indiana Merit Scholar Award
- Federal Communications Law Journal, Managing Editor (1998-1999)
- Villanova Scholar Academic Scholarship
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Education

- Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, cum laude, J.D., 1999
- Villanova University, Villanova, PA, magna cum laude, B.A., 1996

Bar & Court Admissions

- Michigan, 1999
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1999
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2002
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2008

- Represented an insurance company in a workers' compensation insurance coverage dispute relating to hundreds of underlying workers' compensation claims
- Prepared coverage opinion and provided support to an insurance company client during settlement negotiations for multiple underlying actions involving claims of defective automatic transmission fluid against the insured distributor
- Represented an insurance company in a coverage dispute relating to a "claims made" insurance policy for underlying claims asserting professional service malpractice
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of insurance carrier for rescission of insurance policy due to the insureds misrepresentations
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of insurance carrier for claim involving allegations of disparagement
- Defended insurance carrier in litigation and settlement negotiations involving hundreds of underlying environmental contamination claims

Professional Affiliations

- Oakland County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan (Insurance and Indemnity Law Section, Chair Elect, 2010-2012; Secretary, 2009-2010; Treasurer, 2007-2009)
- American Bar Association
- DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar (Insurance Law Committee; Associate Editor, Covered Events)
- Michigan Licensed Beverage Association

Articles and Seminars

- State Bar of Michigan's Annual Meeting, Moderator, Insurance and Indemnity Law Section, Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011
- "Truth or Consequences: Are Consequential Damages Covered by a Liability Insurance Policy under Michigan Law?," The Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law, Volume 3 Number 2, April 2010

Community Involvement

- Villanova University Alumni Association, Detroit Chapter (President)
- Delta Gamma Alumni Association, Detroit North Suburban Chapter (Vice President, Communications)

Publications

- Whose Choice Is It Anyway?

News

- Plunkett Cooney names insurance attorney Pohl new shareholder