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L. Andrew Watson is a Partner at Butler, having joined the firm in 2000. Andy's litigation practice focuses on First-Party Coverage and Bad Faith, which includes theft, fire, windstorm, and water damage claims in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Georgia. He is experienced in handling third-party coverage opinions and declaratory judgment actions, insurer and policyholder subrogation matters, and third-party liability defense (including premises liability, construction defect, and trucking and employment discrimination matters).

Andy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the Wharton School of Business and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communications, both in 1991. He received his Juris Doctor, *with honors*, from the University of Florida College of Law in 1994. Before joining Butler, Andy served as an in-house Trial Counsel to Nationwide Insurance Company in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to that, he served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Atlanta, representing the City's Public Works and Water Departments.

Andy is certified by the State of Florida as an instructor for insurance adjuster training courses and has co-authored numerous industry publications.

ADMISSIONS

- FLORIDA
- GEORGIA
- NORTH CAROLINA
- SOUTH CAROLINA

EDUCATION

- UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S ANNENBERG SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS
BACHELOR OF ARTS
- WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ECONOMICS

KEY POINTS

PRACTICES

- ARSON & FRAUD
- EXTRA-CONTRACTUAL
- CASUALTY DEFENSE LITIGATION
- CONSTRUCTION
- FIRST-PARTY COVERAGE
- THIRD-PARTY COVERAGE

- UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF LAW
DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

MEMBERSHIPS

- CLAIMS AND LITIGATION MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE (CLM)
- EVENT DIRECTOR, WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF CLM
- INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR ARSON CONTROL (ICAC)
- MECKLENBURG COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
- NORTH CAROLINA BAR, INSURANCE LAW COUNCIL, MEMBER (FORMER PUBLICATIONS CO-CHAIR)
- NORTH CAROLINA STATE CHAIR, ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS (ADTA)
- SOUTHERN LOSS ASSOCIATION (SLA)
- WINDSTORM INSURANCE NETWORK (WIND)

COURTS

- FLORIDA FEDERAL COURTS (SOUTHERN DISTRICT)
- GEORGIA COURTS (NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS)
- NORTH CAROLINA COURTS (EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS)
- NORTH CAROLINA COURTS (MIDDLE DISTRICT)
- SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT
- TENNESSEE DISTRICT COURTS
- WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT COURTS