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PRACTICE AREA

EXTRA-CONTRACTUAL
FIRST-PARTY COVERAGE

ADMISSIONS

FLORIDA

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BARRY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

COURTS

FLORIDA COURTS (NORTHERN, MIDDLE AND
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS)
FLORIDA STATE COURTS
UNITED STATES ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF
APPEALS

Matthew J. Lavisky is a Partner in the Tampa office. He focuses the majority of his practice on the defense of bad faith and other extra-contractual matters, first-party property claims, and insurance coverage disputes. Matt represents insurers in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout Florida. Matt has achieved considerable success for Butler's clients, including:

- Summary judgment in a "Powell" bad faith case, affirmed on appeal by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals;
- Dismissal with prejudice in a homeowner's bad faith case where the plaintiff alleged the insurer was required to pay attorney's fees in response to a Civil Remedy Notice;
- Dismissal with prejudice in a homeowner's bad faith case after a full day evidentiary hearing, affirmed on appeal by the Second District Court of Appeal;
- Jury verdict for the insurer in a third-party bad faith case, affirmed on appeal by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals holding an insurer has no duty to enter into a Cunningham agreement;
- Dismissal with prejudice in a Medicare Secondary Payer Act class action;
- Partial summary judgment in favor of insurer on issue of liability in lawsuit by insurer seeking defense and indemnity from tenant of named insured;
- Dismissal with prejudice of third-party bad faith claim based on lack of coverage;
- Summary judgment in uninsured motorist bad faith case regarding claim for attorney's fees for work done during the uninsured motorist action.

Matt is active in defense organizations. He serves on the board of directors for the Florida Defense Lawyers Association and was honored with the President's Award in 2019 and the James A. Dixon Young Lawyer of the Year Award in 2013. Matt was the chair of the first annual Florida Insurance Network Symposium sponsored by FDLA. He also served for six years as chair of the editorial board for the Trial Advocate Quarterly, FDLA's legal journal. Matt has presented at FDLA conferences and webinars. He also is involved in the Defense Research Institute. In 2019, Matt received the G. Duffield Smith Outstanding Publication Award for a publication he co-authored with Toni Frain. He currently serves as the chair of the Transportation Substantive Law Group, has published in For the Defense, and presented at the Insurance Coverage Practice Symposium.

Matt is an AV peer-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. He also is a graduate of the 2014 International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy held at Stanford University. In his spare time, Matt enjoys coaching baseball for the Palma Ceia Little League.