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Jeffrey A. Wothers brings three decades of experience litigating on behalf of major international insurance syndicates, domestic insurance carriers and self-insureds.

Jeffrey's practice is focused on Representations & Warranty (R&W) and Warranty & Indemnity (W&I) claims and coverage; insurance litigation; and commercial litigation defense involving professional liability, construction defects and premises liability. Among his many successful representations are numerous multijurisdictional matters for large, complex enterprises that involved high-dollar claims.

Recognized by Martindale-Hubbell® with its highest AV-Preeminent® distinction in insurance law, Jeffrey skillfully litigates coverage disputes and conducts arson and fraud investigations across North America. His clients include numerous Lloyd's syndicates that underwrite insurance and reinsurance coverage for companies around the world. He also serves as trust counsel to the Local Government Insurance Trust, a nonprofit organization that provides self-insurance for jurisdictions across Maryland.

Jeffrey relies on his background in economics and finance to understand the business and financial context of coverage issues. His thoughtful advice and counsel, informed by more than 30 years of coverage litigation and dispute resolution experience, are designed to provide clients with sensible strategies to resolve commercial insurance disputes.

Throughout his career, Jeffrey has taken on various leadership roles. He is on the board of LifeBridge Health hospital and is the past chair of the Audit & Compliance Committee and previously served as Chairman of the Carroll County (Maryland) Planning & Zoning Commission. He was also Niles Barton's managing partner for seven years and continues to serve on the firm's Management Committee. In each of these roles, Jeffrey is a trusted advisor who offers tempered leadership, guidance and mentoring.

Bar Admissions

Maryland
District of Columbia
New York
North Carolina
Pennsylvania
Virginia
West Virginia
U.S. Supreme Court
The U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
10th Circuit Court of Appeals

Education

J.D., Widener University School of Law, 1991

- American Jurisprudence Award, Constitutional Law

B.A. in Economics, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 1988

Related Practice Areas

Business & Commercial
First Party Property
Insurance
Insurer Bad Faith
Litigation
Reinsurance and Excess Lines
Representations & Warranties

Associations

- American Bar Association, Property Insurance Law Committee, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, 1992 – Present
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar Association
- West Virginia Bar Association

Accolades

- 2023 and 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], Litigation - Insurance
- Martindale-Hubbell[®], AV-Preeminent[®], Insurance Law
- Maryland Super Lawyers, Insurance Coverage and Business Litigation, 2008 – present

Community Leadership

- Trust Counsel to the Local Government Insurance Trust
- LifeBridge Health, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors; previous Audit & Compliance former Committee Chair
- Carroll County Planning & Zoning Commission, former Chairman
- Carroll Hospital Center, former Board of Directors Chair

News and Publications

- “A Practical Guide to Appraisal”
- “Representations & Warranties Policies: A Coverage Primer” 2019
- Arias US Seminar “Reps and Warranties: Insurance What Dealmakers and Arbitrators Need to Know” 2020
- *Corporate Disputes Magazine* “Resolving Post-Acquisition Disputes: Representations and Warranties (R&W) Claims” July-September 2021

Speaking Engagements

- 2023 “Representations and Warranties Policies [Also referred to as W&I Policies],” presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England
- 2021 “A Guide to Representations and Warranties Policies,” presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England
- 2021 “Representations and Warranties Policies: A Coverage Primer,” presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England
- 2018 “A Primer: Representations and Warranties Policies,” presented to London Market Syndicate in London, England

News & Insights

- Congratulations to Niles, Barton & Wilmer's 2024 Super Lawyers
- Niles Barton sponsors the Local Government Insurance Trust's 2023 Annual Meeting
- 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™
- Congratulations to Niles, Barton & Wilmer's 2023 Super Lawyers
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP Attorneys Attend the 35th Annual PLUS Conference in San Diego, CA
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is proud to have 7 lawyers listed in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and one lawyer recognized in the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America™.
- London and Stockholm Client Visit
- Jeffrey Wothers Presents at American Bar Association Annual Midyear Meeting
- Jeffrey A. Wothers Named Carroll County Planning & Zoning Commission Chair
- Niles Barton Welcomes Sameerah R. Mickey, Esq.
- Niles Barton Attorneys Recognized by Maryland Super Lawyers 2022
- Representation & Warranties Team at Lloyd's of London
- Niles Barton sponsors the Local Government Insurance Trust's 2021 Annual Meeting
- “Resolving Post-Acquisition Disputes: Representations and Warranties Claims”
- Twelve Niles Barton Attorneys Recognized by Maryland Super Lawyers 2020
- Representations & Warranties Policies: A Coverage Primer