

# First Party Property

Niles Barton provides legal counsel and advice to insurance companies and brokers regarding first party property matters. We are one of the few firms to have an experienced group of first party property insurance lawyers who represent insurers in appraisal, mediation and litigation in the local, state and federal courts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. Additionally, Niles Barton attorneys routinely handle administrative law matters before the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

Our first party property insurance lawyers handle coverage disputes, arson and fraud investigation and litigation, subrogation, and examinations under oath. We assist clients with first party property insurance claims involving arson, mold, asbestos, lead-based paint, contamination, builders risk, boiler & machinery, computers and media, business interruption, extra expense as well as other first party coverage issues. We also handle matters related to appraisal, bad faith and unfair claims practices. Among reported decisions we have handled are the Virginia case establishing the effect of an insured refusing to answer financial questions at an Examination Under Oath and the recent Maryland USDC opinion upholding the meaning and intent of the Concurrent Causation language in the policy.

## Related Attorneys

---

Cole E. Baker  
Mia M. Bodell  
Diane E. DiBlasio  
Michele H. Dinterman  
Emily N. Donahoe  
Cooper A. Gerus  
Joshua B. Keyser  
Melody E. McGrath  
Brendan K. McReynolds  
R. Stark Merrifield, IV  
Brian D. Muller  
Craig D. Roswell  
Jeremy M. Rountree  
Jeffrey A. Wothers  
Matthew J. Youssef

## Related Services

---

Insurer Bad Faith  
Reinsurance and Excess Lines  
Special Loss Investigations  
Third Party Insurance Defense

## News & Insights

- Parametric Insurance: A Complementary Approach to Risk and Coverage?
- Jeffrey Wothers, Chair of the LifeBridge Health CEO Search Committee
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP and Craig D. Roswell Ranked in the 2025 Chambers USA Guide
- Congratulations Michele Hayes Dinterman 2025 Leaders in Law
- Congratulations Jeffrey Wothers named to the The Daily Record's 2025 Business Law Power List
- Michele Hayes Dinterman Featured in 2025 Maryland Super Lawyers Magazine
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP sponsors the Local Government Insurance Trust's 2024 Annual Meeting
- Practical Tips for Mastering the 30(b)(6) Deposition, Michele Hayes Dinterman
- Congratulations to Michele Hayes Dinterman Honored as one of the Daily Record's Leading Women Under 40
- Michele Hayes Dinterman Selected to EnTERPreneur Mentoring Program as a Mentor
- Michele Hayes Dinterman, Esq. Named to The Daily Record's Leading Women Under 40
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP and Craig D. Roswell Ranked in the 2024 Chambers USA Guide
- Craig D. Roswell, Esq. Named to the 2024 Maryland Super Lawyers Top 100 List
- Congratulations to Niles, Barton & Wilmer's 2024 Super Lawyers
- Congratulations to Michele Hayes Dinterman, recipient of 2023 DRI Young Lawyers Committee Unsung Hero Award
- Niles Barton sponsors the Local Government Insurance Trust's 2023 Annual Meeting
- Congratulations Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP and Craig D. Roswell Ranked in the 2023 Chambers USA Guide
- Jeffrey A. Wothers to Co-Present Lunch & Learn Webinar: Claim File Hygiene
- Partner Diane E. DiBlasio, LFA Women's Forum Panelist
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is Pleased to Announce New Marketing Committee Leadership
- Craig D. Roswell, Esq. Managing Partner Honored as a 2023 Leader in Law
- Congratulations to Craig D. Roswell, Esq. Managing Partner, The Daily Record 2023 Leaders in Law
- Congratulations to Craig D. Roswell and Michele F. Hayes on their COVID-19 Case Win
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP Attorneys Attend the 35th Annual PLUS Conference in San Diego, CA
- Michele F. Hayes appointed to the DRI Young Lawyers Steering Committee as Chair of the Networking and Activities Subcommittee
- Congratulations to Matthew J. Youssef, Elected to the Boys Hope Girls Hope of Baltimore Board of Directors
- London and Stockholm Client Visit
- Women's Committee Spotlight: Lily I. MacKenty
- Niles, Barton & Wilmer, LLP is pleased to announce the new Women's Committee Leadership
- 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 announces that Diane E. DiBlasio and Michele F. Hayes have been Elected to the Partnership