



Kennell, Voses, Nassi and Matty join Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck; New partners to firm's Insurance Coverage Group

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According to Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP (KDV), one of the leading national law firms, Patrick Kennell, Marc Voses, Steven Nassi and Jeffrey Matty are joining the firm's insurance coverage group as partners. Each has at least a decade of experience as litigators and insurance coverage attorneys for U.S. and international insurers. KDV has been steadily enhancing its insurance coverage practice in its offices across the country with the addition of partners with experience in professional errors and omissions, directors and officers, commercial general liability, environmental coverage, and surplus lines, among other disciplines.

"Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck is one of the leading law firms in the world dedicated to the U.S., London and Bermuda insurance markets," said Ivan Dolowich, co-managing partner, KDV. "The addition of this quartet of versatile partners, with both a domestic and international focus, further enhances our platform and the capabilities and services we provide to our clients."

"This group complements our other highly experienced litigators and coverage attorneys attracted to KDV and its reputation as an insurance coverage powerhouse serving a domestic and international client base," said Kevin M. Mattessich, managing partner of KDV's New York office and co-chair of KDV's insurance coverage practice. The four were formerly partners in the New York office of Nelson Brown & Co.

Pat Kennell represents some of the largest global insurers in the U.S. and London, focusing his practice on professional liability, directors & officers, commercial litigation, general liability and financial institutions (FI) matters. He serves as defense counsel to businesses and professionals in civil lawsuits brought in federal and state courts, represents U.S. and London insurers in coverage litigation and provides monitoring and coverage counsel to FI insurers in class action lawsuits. The fallout of the financial crisis has brought Kennell face to face with a variety of players ranging from those perpetuating Ponzi and other fraudulent schemes, to bankers, hedge fund professionals and others.

"We were attracted to KDV's national platform, international footprint and established group of attorneys whose professional careers have focused on servicing our core client group," said Kennell. "Our goal is to compete for the most sophisticated, biggest insurance coverage cases and given KDV has established a track record as a go-to firm for insurance coverage services and litigation, we are excited about the opportunity this presents."

Kennell returns to KDV where he had previously been a partner in the firm's New York City office. Kennell earned his B.A. from Eastern Illinois University and his J.D. from Syracuse University

School of Law. He is admitted to practice in New York. He is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS). Kennell is a Volunteer Attorney for the Veterans' Consortium Pro Bono Program, representing U.S. veterans, their families and survivors in claims for federal benefits.

Marc Voses represents domestic and international insurers and reinsurers, and their insureds, in coverage and liability disputes. He is a highly respected litigator who has been called upon to address complex coverage and liability issues involving cyber, data and privacy exposures, management and professional liabilities, environmental liabilities and commercial general liability matters. Among Voses' high profile matters is the representation of an insurer in the seminal case addressing the issue of whether there is coverage under commercial general liability policies for a data breach resulting from a criminal cyber attack. He represents clients in state and federal courts and arbitral forums throughout the U.S., and in Bermuda Form arbitrations. Voses earned his B.A. in accounting from St. John's University and his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. He is admitted to practice before state and federal courts in New York and New Jersey. He is a member of the ABA, PLUS and the Defense Research Institute.

Steve Nassi represents insurance companies in complex coverage, risk management and extracontractual (bad faith) claims issues. He handles insurance cases involving commercial property and liability, environmental, errors and omissions, privacy and data breach, energy and catastrophe. He is a frequent lecturer on the insurance and reinsurance implications of hydraulic fracturing. Nassi earned his B.A. from the State University of New York, Binghamton and his J.D. from Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. He is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey. Nassi was a New York Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2014. He is a member of the ABA and Reinsurance 40's and Under Group and provides pro bono counsel for the Re/Insurance Mediation Institute and the Victims of Domestic Abuse.

Jeff Matty represents domestic and international insurers in a variety of complex coverage matters including errors and omissions, directors and officers and specialty line policies, and represents insurance brokers, , lawyers, and accountants in malpractice actions. His practice also encompasses the construction industry, where he represents architects and engineers against claims arising out of structural failures, and defends general contractors, project managers, property owners and developers against Labor Law 200, 240(1) and 241(6) claims. He also has significant experience prosecuting subrogation actions on behalf of insurance companies based in the U.S. and London, including Lloyd's syndicates, in matters involving commercial and residential property loss and business interruption claims. Matty earned his B.A. from Emory University and his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in New York. Matty is a member of PLUS and the Defense Research Institute.