

# MGC Expands Footprint into Four New England States

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*Expansion grows insurance coverage, bad faith and professional liability practice in reach and capability*

COLUMBIA, SC – Law firm McAngus Goudelock & Courie (MGC) has opened offices in Boston, MA, Hartford, CT, Manchester, NH and Providence, RI. This expansion marks MGC's growth into New England, with the capability to serve clients throughout the Southeast, Northeast, Southwest and Midwest. The firm's nearly 300 attorneys provide legal representation from 22 total offices in 12 states.

"Consistent with our strategic vision and desire to provide our clients with the best legal services, we are excited to announce our expanded insurance coverage, bad faith and professional liability team," says MGC Managing Member Jay Courie. "As we kick off 2024, we welcome nine lawyers in four new locations in the heart of New England to Team MGC. We are confident that this group embodies our firm values, ushering us into the New England market with enthusiasm and experience." Attorneys—who are admitted to practice in multiple states—include:

- [Iryna Dore](#) | Boston, MA & Manchester, NH | Insurance Coverage
- [Tim Frawley](#) | Boston, MA & Providence, RI | Litigation & Professional Liability
- [John Harding](#) | Boston, MA | Insurance Coverage
- [Alex Henlin](#) | Boston, MA & Manchester, NH | Insurance Coverage
- [Barbara O'Donnell](#) | Boston, MA & Providence, RI | Insurance Coverage
- [John O'Neill](#) | Boston, MA | Insurance Coverage & Professional Liability
- [Jessica Park](#) | Boston, MA | Insurance Coverage
- [Robert Whitney](#) | Boston, MA | Insurance Coverage
- [David Zizik](#) | Boston, MA & Providence, RI | Insurance Coverage

**Iryna Dore** | Iryna Dore's practice focuses on insurance coverage litigation, bad faith litigation and civil litigation. With nearly 15 years of experience, Iryna represents clients in a wide variety of litigation and regulatory matters. She counsels clients on their rights and responsibilities regarding various claims and diverse types of insurance policies, including general liability, commercial property, auto, D&O and professional liability coverage. Iryna provides her insight to insurance companies with evaluation and assessment of various coverage claims, negotiation and resolution of disputed coverage claims and litigation of coverage disputes when necessary. She also partners with insurance companies, defending against bad faith claims, including M.G.L. c. 93A.

**Tim Frawley** | Timothy Frawley is a seasoned litigator with more than 25 years of experience representing a variety of companies, individuals and insurers in commercial and business litigation, professional liability, general liability and corporate law. With a focus on effective, innovative and cost-efficient resolution, Tim has represented clients at all phases of litigation, including arbitration, mediation, trials and appeals, and has experience in state and federal courts in multiple jurisdictions.

**John Harding** | John Harding has more than thirty years of legal experience in the areas of insurance coverage litigation, reinsurance disputes and arbitrations as well as bad faith litigation. John represents domestic and foreign insurers on a national basis in coverage disputes under CGL, excess, umbrella, commercial property, homeowners, auto and other specialized policies. His experience includes the handling of claims arising out of underlying environmental, asbestos, products, pharmaceutical, medical device, employment discrimination, technology, construction, tort and other liabilities, as well as a range of first-party losses. John has represented both the ceding company and the reinsurer side, as well as extensive experience in trying complex cases to juries and courts, including a number of multi-phased proceedings. Additionally, he has managed numerous appeals in both state and federal courts across the nation, addressing pivotal legal matters central to contemporary coverage litigation. John has also been involved in several Bermuda form arbitrations in New York and London.

**Alex Henlin** | Alexander Henlin has 20 years of experience counseling and representing insurers and reinsurers in arbitrations, litigation and alternative dispute resolution proceedings across New England. Alex has served as lead counsel in both trial court and appellate proceedings and brings a practical perspective on intricate insurance coverage matters. Well-versed in primary and excess-layer insurance programs, encompassing both first-party and third-party risks, he frequently addresses coverage issues in general liability, D&O, E&O and professional liability policies, including emerging risks. Alex has guided both cedants and reinsurers in arbitration, handling facultative certificates and treaty programs. He routinely advises both ceding and reinsuring companies on their rights and responsibilities. Alex's experience includes the defense of consumer financial claims against lenders and loan servicers, and he has successfully defended his clients before both trial and appeals courts across the New England region, in addition to finding resolution to dozens of other claims.

**Barbara O'Donnell** | Drawing on more than 20 years of experience in resolving complicated coverage disputes and bad faith claims, as well as leadership roles held with the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel (ACCC), Barbara O'Donnell serves as regional coverage counsel for several leading property and casualty insurance companies in the New England area. Admitted to practice in the state and federal courts in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, she has a proven track record of resolving defective construction, additional insured, priority of coverage, allocation and unfair claims handling disputes for insurers throughout the Northeast. To assist insurers in effective ways to minimize exposure to extra contractual liability claims, Barbara and her colleagues regularly provide insurer clients with customized presentations on proactive measures to avoid bad faith claims and emerging coverage issues and trends.

**John O'Neill** | John O'Neill, a seasoned litigator, offers strategic counsel and advocacy in high-stakes disputes for a diverse clientele. John's practice focuses on insurance coverage, business litigation and professional liability. He navigates cases ranging from coverage and bad faith suits to commercial disputes, including consumer protection class actions, and professional negligence claims against attorneys, architects, engineers, accountants and other professionals. John also represents attorneys in disciplinary proceedings. He previously served as a disciplinary hearing officer for the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers.

**Jessica Park** | Jessica Park represents insurers and reinsurers in a broad spectrum of insurance law matters, including complex coverage cases and disputes involving bad faith, extra-contractual liability and consumer protection claims. Jessica also provides guidance to clients on insurance-related business disputes and regulatory issues, as well as consumer information privacy concerns and related matters. She has nearly two decades of legal experience and a deep understanding of the insurance industry's business issues and offers valuable and comprehensive counsel to insurance companies. With her extensive understanding of intricate policy provisions and underwriting issues, Jessica has the experience to navigate the legal landscape insurance carriers face.

**Robert Whitney** | With more than 25 years of experience in complex insurance coverage, bad faith, reinsurance, regulatory affairs and compliance as well as commercial litigation, Robert Whitney represents insurers and reinsurers to resolve disputes throughout New England, including coverage and bad faith disputes in state and federal courts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Robert's experience includes negotiating resolution of coverage claims and counseling insurance company clients on claims litigation strategy and procedure and coverage questions. He has advocated for ceding companies and reinsurers in reinsurance litigation and arbitration, navigating disputes encompassing diverse insurance coverage and bad faith claims. Robert possesses arbitration experience with facultative certificates and treaty programs, offering counsel to both ceding and reinsuring companies regarding their rights and obligations.

**David Zizik** | David Zizik has spent more than 35 years in the practice of law in service to the insurance industry. Early in his legal career, David defended insureds and self-insureds in civil bench and jury trials. Now, his practice focuses on insurance coverage and extra-contractual liability defense for insurance companies and TPA's throughout the United States. David concentrates his practice on the analysis of commercial and personal lines insurance coverage issues, drafting coverage opinions for insurance companies and TPA's, as well as litigating insurance coverage disputes and defending carriers' good faith in numerous state and federal trial and appellate courts in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and other jurisdictions.