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PRACTICE AREAS

- Property Insurance
- Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
- Breach of Contract
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Contingency Insurance
- Builder's Risk
- Insurance
- Pandemic Claims and Litigation
- Reinsurance
- Energy/Renewables

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: New York, Missouri, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court: Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

Isabella Stankowski-Booker's practice focuses on (re)insurance coverage, complex commercial litigation and insurance defense, as well as policy drafting. In the first-party (re)insurance context, she advises on property, energy and engineering matters. In addition, Isabella consults on (re)insurance claims in the Entertainment, Media and Sports industries, where she regularly advises clients on event cancellation/nonappearance, film production, and sports personal accident issues.

Before returning to private practice in 2014, Isabella worked as In-House Counsel in the claims and wording units with one of the world's largest reinsurance companies, both at their Munich and London offices. In that capacity, Isabella worked closely with underwriters, brokers and outside consultants on complex claims and the drafting of bespoke (re)insurance wordings, providing her with first-hand knowledge of the challenges faced by clients in these key international (re)insurance markets.

Isabella is fluent in German, French and Polish.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represent insurers to analyze claims and defend litigation concerning losses attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic under commercial property policies and even cancellation policies.

Obtained favorable settlement in dispute under event cancellation policy.

Obtained summary judgment in New York State Court dismissing suit against property insurer brought by restaurant chain.

Represented builder's-risk carrier in insurance coverage litigation involving water damage to apartment building complex in New York, and obtained summary judgment on bad faith allegations.

Represented various property carriers in coverage disputes and subsequent litigation arising out of damage caused by Superstorm Sandy.

Represented insurance market in a multimillion dollar claim under an All Risk policy arising out of alleged physical loss or damage sustained at a food processing facility when foreign materials entered the system.

EDUCATION

- Ruprecht-Karls-University School of Law, Heidelberg, Germany (Post Doctorate Studies of German and European Law); Editor, *Heidelberg Student Law Review*
- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2007, Senior Editor, *Global Studies Law Review*; Dean's List
- Duke University, B.A., 2003, double-major in Political Science & French; Dean's List

Represented insurers in subrogation evaluation arising from a partial event cancellation as the result of a loss of heat.

Represented third-party insurance carriers in complex coverage dispute involving general contractor and multiple subcontractors.

Provided insurance carrier with review and analysis of event cancellation/nonappearance policy in the context of threatened government shutdown in the United States.

Assisted in defense of artist in litigation arising under manager agreement.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

"Beyond the Bluebonnets: After the Storm: Causation Considerations for Commercial Property Insurance Claims in the Wake of Hurricane Helene" *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, October 9, 2024, co-author

"Back Off My Money Clauses! Why Choice of Law and Forum Selection Provisions Matter (More Than Ever) and How to Make Them Stick," Afternoon with Zelle in London, February 24, 2024, presenter

"Coronavirus and Event Cancellation Policies—Coverage Issues and Outlook," Zelle Webinar, April 15, 2020, co-presenter

"The Impact Of The Coronavirus On The Entertainment Insurance Industry—Preliminary Issues To Consider In The Adjustment Of Claims," April 6, 2020, co-author

"Event Cancellation Claims May Follow Gov't Shutdown," *Insurance Law360*, February 12, 2019, co-author

"Is Event Cancellation Coverage Up in Smoke?", white paper, October 25, 2017, co-author

"How Gov't Shutdowns Impact Event Cancellation Policies," *Insurance Law360*, November 23, 2016, co-author

"Legal v. Illegal Drugs in Event Cancellation Policies," *Insurance Law360*, September 8, 2015, author

"Death v. Suicide in Event Cancellation Policies," *Insurance Law360*, August 27, 2015, author

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Missouri Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

North American Contingency Association (NACA)

NOTEWORTHY

Named a New York Rising Star in 2018