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Kevin T. Merriman practices insurance law, handling a broad range of commercial, professional and surplus/excess lines issues. He provides coverage counseling and representation in complex coverage disputes involving long-tail and progressive losses (including asbestos and pollution), advertising and personal injury offenses, product liability, construction defect, public entity liability, risk transfer (additional insured, indemnification), property damage and business interruption, employment practices, priority of coverage, and bad faith/extra-contractual claims. Mr. Merriman's recent engagements have included representation of a Fortune 500 company in coverage litigation for nationwide pollution and asbestos-related claims, and in related bankruptcy proceedings involving the formation of an asbestos personal injury trust. He also represents clients in foreign and domestic insurance-related insolvency proceedings, and works with clients and their brokers reviewing insurance programs and policy wording to optimize coverage. In addition to insurance coverage disputes, Mr. Merriman has defended toxic tort claims, and has represented clients in mass tort, multi-district and class action litigation.

Mr. Merriman writes and lectures frequently on insurance law issues for the American Law Institute, Defense Research Institute, National Constitution Center, Property Liability Research Bureau, and New York State and Erie County Bar Associations. He also participates in the National Insurance Law Forum, a blog that facilitates discussion and an exchange of ideas and information among industry professionals, risk managers, attorneys, policyholders and students interested in insurance law.

Mr. Merriman is a member of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel and a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. He possesses an AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 rating from Martindale-Hubbell, and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America® and New York Super Lawyers®. In 2016, he was named Best Lawyers® Insurance Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Rochester, NY.