



**Scott T. Schutte**

Partner

Scott Schutte is a Partner in Howrey's Chicago office and a member of the Global Litigation practice group. He practices in all areas of commercial litigation, but focuses primarily on class action defense and insurance coverage litigation.

Mr. Schutte has defended consumer services providers, product manufacturers and banks in high-exposure class action lawsuits in state and federal court throughout the United States and in the United Kingdom. Mr. Schutte also has pursued claims for insurance coverage on behalf of policyholders in a variety of industries – ranging from computer manufacturers, railroads and oil companies to specialty mineral suppliers, banks, and owners of hotels and small businesses – in the US and throughout the world, including in the UK and Cayman Islands.

Mr. Schutte has had first-chair responsibilities in several jury trials, arbitrations and mediations. His first-chair experience includes a jury trial over insurance coverage for a trade dress claim, and an international arbitration over the attempted rescission of a property policy after a hurricane loss. He also has been on the trial teams for a jury trial that resulted in one of the largest defamation verdicts ever in the state of Tennessee; an arbitration relating to insurance coverage under a directors and officers policy; and a jury trial relating to insurance coverage for alleged brain damage based on exposure to cleaning solvents.

Mr. Schutte has been ranked as a "Future Star" in *Benchmark Litigation*.

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**ADMISSIONS**

Illinois

**EDUCATION**

Chicago-Kent College of Law  
(JD, 1995). Valedictorian

*Chicago-Kent Law Review*,  
Editor-in-Chief

Illinois State University (BS, 1988)

**CLERKSHIP**

Hon. Milton R Shadur, United  
States District Court for the  
Northern District of Illinois (1995-  
1996)

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- *Cayman General Insurance Co. Ltd. v. Divi Hotels, Inc.* Served as lead counsel in an arbitration hearing in the Caymen Islands regarding policy rescission and property coverage after a hurricane; obtained a unanimous ruling that the insurer did not have the right to rescind the policy for alleged misrepresentations in the application.
- *CSX Transportation v. Admiral Insurance Company, et al.* Jury trial regarding insurance coverage for employee solvent claims.
- *Degani et al. v. The Community Hospital.* Acted as lead counsel in a preliminary injunction hearing regarding a non-compete clause in an employment contract; defeated a motion for preliminary injunction.
- *Dell Computer Corporation v. Home Insurance Company.* Served on a trial team that obtained a multi million-dollar verdict in arbitration regarding directors and officers insurance coverage.

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- *DesignPac, Inc. v. Citizens Insurance Company of Illinois*. Acted as lead counsel in a jury trial re insurance coverage for trade dress claim; the case was settled favorably just before closing arguments.
- *Marshall v. H&R Block*. Obtained a dismissal order on motion to dismiss a putative class action related to the client's e-filing fee.
- *Steve J. Friedheim v. John D. Pezold, et al.* Jury trial regarding defamation in connection with the sale of television stations.

## COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Co-Chair, ADR Sub-Committee of Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, ABA Litigation Section (2001–2003)
- Chair, Insurance Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association (2005–2006)
- Vice Chair, Insurance Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association (2003–2005)

## PRO BONO

- *People v. Andrews*. Obtained unprecedented relief of getting convictions vacated in case involving confessions obtained by torture.
- *People v. Barraza*. Texas death penalty case.
- *People v. Jamison*. Illinois death penalty case. Resolved when death sentence was commuted to life in prison.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Attorneys Advisory Council, Illinois State University, 2005-present (Secretary, 2006-present)
- Board of Advisors, DePaul University Center for Justice in Capital Cases, 2004-2006

## PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

### ARTICLES

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"How to Make a Claim for Insurance Coverage." *Chicago Bar Association Record* Vol. 18 (May 2004).

"Lights, Camera, Action: Taking, Defending, and Using Video Depositions." *Trial Practice* (2007). American Bar Association Section of Litigation.

**SPEECHES**

"Insurance Coverage Issues for Data Security and Data Loss Liability." RIMS Webinar (October 2008). Panelist. Presented with Amy J. Fink, Stephen V. Masterson, William T. Um.

"Ensuring an Ethical Defense in Consumer Class Action Litigation." ACI Conference on Consumer Credit Litigation, New York, NY (June 2007).

"New Developments in Illinois Insurance Coverage Law." CBA Insurance Law Committee, Chicago, IL (January 2007).

"ADR War Stories: How ADR Really Works in the Real World." 2003 ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting, Tucson, AZ (March 2003).

"Insurance Brokers: The Impact of Allegations of Corruption." CBA Signature Series, Chicago, IL (March 2003).

"Traditional Insurance and Cyber Risks." Third Annual Insurance e-Business Summit, Chicago, IL (September 2002).

"New Intellectual Property and Internet Liabilities Issues." Mealey's Conference on New Insurance Issues in the Northeast, New York, NY (June 2002).

"Insurance and Technology Trial Practice Session: The Use of Technology at Trial." 2002 ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Meeting, Tucson, AZ (March 2002).