



Michael P. Chipko

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Mike Chipko handles a variety of professional malpractice actions and defense of lawyers, brokers, accountants, medical professionals, directors and officers, and design professionals. He has appeared before professional licensing boards and represented his clients in connection with various ethical grievances. He has broad experience with complex casualty claims, construction and workplace accidents, significant automobile accidents and general liability claims. Mike also maintains an appellate practice on the state and federal levels.

In addition, Mike handles commercial litigation matters, including representing franchisors nationwide. His practice includes multi-state service for his clients in the courts, through arbitration and at mediation.

Prior to working at Wilson Elser, Mike represented a wide range of clients in the insurance defense and commercial litigation departments at an insurance defense firm. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Joseph R. Rosa in the Bergen County Superior Court.

Professional Malpractice

Mike handles professional liability matters on behalf of attorneys and accountants; doctors, nurses, hospitals and nursing homes; insurance brokers and agents; real estate agents; architects and engineers; home inspectors; and miscellaneous real estate professionals. He regularly appears before professional licensing and ethics boards on behalf of his clients.

Commercial Litigation

Mike has experience in a broad range of commercial litigation, including franchise disputes, landlord tenant matters and breach of contract actions.

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Professional Liability & Services

General Liability

In general liability matters, Mike defends insured and self-insured commercial businesses, construction companies, restaurants, transportation companies, schools, and public and private landlords, among others, against virtually every type of personal injury and property damage claim.

Design Professionals/Construction

Mike has defended architects and engineers, construction managers, general contractors and subcontractors, and others in the state and federal courts and in arbitrations and mediations. These matters include personal injury, property damage, design defect and breach of contract.

Directors & Officers Liability

Mike has experience with directors and officers liability, including defending and advising officers and directors in private and not-for-profit companies and condo boards.

Education

- Rutgers School of Law (J.D., 2011)
- University of Delaware (B.A., 2008)
 - magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- Morris Pashman American Inns of Court

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch™, 2023-2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Rising Stars for New Jersey Super Lawyers*, 2019-2021