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Peter E. Mueller is a partner in Harwood Lloyd's Litigation department specializing in Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith. He received his B.A. from Rutgers College in 1978 and his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law in 1981

Mr. Mueller was law clerk to Hon. Fred C. Galda, Criminal Assignment Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County for the 1981-1982 term.

Mr. Mueller was an Assistant Prosecutor in Bergen County from 1982-1987 serving as Grand Jury Section Chief, Arson Squad Chief and Chief of Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Squad

Since joining Harwood Lloyd in 1987, Mr. Mueller has concentrated his practice in complex civil litigation including arson, legal & accounting malpractice, insurance broker errors and omissions, environmental insurance coverage, insurance bad faith, construction defect, employment law (including insurance coverage), workplace investigations, appellate advocacy, products liability defense and general insurance defense.

Mr. Mueller is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New Jersey (1981), the United States for the District of New Jersey (1981), the United States Court of Appeals for Third Circuit (1994), the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1995). He has also been admitted pro hac vice in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of Maine, and the state courts of Florida and West Virginia.

Mr. Mueller's notable decisions include *Ross v. Lowitz*, 222 N.J. 494 (2015); *Franco v. Fairleigh Dickinson University*, 467 N.J. Super. 8 (App. Div. 2021); *Bldg. Materials Corp. of America v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 424 N.J. Super. 448 (App. Div.), cert. den. 212 N.J. 198 (2012); *Diaz v. Reynoso*, 468 N.J. Super. 73 (App. Div. 2021); *Hall v. Michael Bello Ins. Agency, Inc.*, 379 N.J. Super. 599 (App. Div. 2005); *Husa v. Laboratoires Servier SA*, 326 N.J. Super. 150 (App. Div. 1999); *General Security National Insurance Company v. New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund*, 2011 WL 3714982 (App. Div. August 25, 2011), *Shah v. GEICO Insurance Company*, 2011 WL 3444269 (App. Div. August 9, 2011) and *National Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, PA v. Zurich Ins. Co.*, 2011 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 747, 2011 WL 1103475 (App. Div. March 28, 2011).

Mr. Mueller is a member of the Bergen County Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, and the New Jersey Defense Association.



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EDUCATION

UNDERGRADUATE

- Rutgers College (B.A. 1978)

LAW SCHOOL

- Villanova University School of Law (J.D. 1981)

ADMISSIONS

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey, 1981

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1981
- United States Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, 1994
- United States Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1995

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Fred C. Galda, A.A.J.S.C., (1981-1982)

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

LEGAL

- Bergen County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- New Jersey Defense Association

OTHER

- Assistant Bergen County Prosecutor, 1983-1987
- Chief Prosecuting Attorney, Grand Jury Squad, 1984-1985
- Chief Prosecuting Attorney, Arson Squad, 1985-1986
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