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PARTNER



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, environmental insurance coverage litigation, insurance bad faith litigation, construction defect litigation, employment law (including insurance coverage), appellate advocacy, products liability defense and general insurance defense litigation.

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 reported decisions include 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 Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA v. Zurich Insurance Company, 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
- Chief Prosecuting Attorney, Sex Crimes & Child Abuse Squad, 1986-1987