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Jaclyn Malyk is a founding partner and seasoned litigator in the state and federal courts of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Ms. Malyk focuses her practice on insurance law, including life, health, and disability and other insurance coverage litigation, insurance products regulation and general contract litigation.

Ms. Malyk has been extensively involved in litigating ERISA and non-ERISA disability and accidental death benefits claims, life insurance rescission and lapse actions, and life and annuity interpleaders. She leads the Firm's interpleader program. Ms. Malyk has also represented insurance companies in complex insurance coverage disputes arising out of environmental contamination and toxic torts. Ms. Malyk's experience includes representing companies in health care litigation, including preferred provider network disputes with health care providers, health insurance plan disputes with participants and providers arising out of denial of coverage for experimental treatment and other bases, and disputes amongst plan sponsors and third-party administrators. Ms. Malyk also has broad experience in representing corporations in various contract matters, including franchise agreements, commercial leases, property transfers, and software services agreements.

Ms. Malyk gained invaluable experience during her tenure in the in-house law department of a Fortune 100 life insurance company, which lent her greater insight and understanding about her clients' business concerns and challenges. Ms. Malyk continues to give transactional advice on state insurance and annuities regulations in connection with the development of new products and the operation of existing products. Ms. Malyk further advises on litigation readiness, and has been instrumental in fostering program-wide proactive approaches to discovery to increase success and cost-effectiveness. Ms. Malyk has been selected for inclusion by SuperLawyers from 2023-2025.

SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- On May 16, 2023, Vedant Gokhale, Michelle d'Arcambal, and Jaclyn Malyk presented a CLE for a client discussing the nuts and bolts of rescission and lapse of an insurance policy, avoiding interpleader pitfalls, and strategies to use during discovery and litigation.
- Moderator/Speaker, If You Can Make It Here, You Can Make It Anywhere – A Case Study in Interpleader and Beyond, 2017 NAMWOLF Annual Meeting
- Panel Speaker, Recent Attempts to Limit ERISA Affirmative Actions and to Expand Discovery in ERISA Benefits Cases, 2012 NAMWOLF Insurance Industry Initiative CLE Program
- Speaker, Funding Brownsfield Clean-Up Efforts Through Insurance, New Jersey State Bar Association Convention

COURTS

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Western District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado

PRACTICE AREAS

- Life Annuities & Disability Products Litigation
- ERISA and Group Litigation
- Nationwide Life & Annuity Interpleader Program
- Commercial, Financial & Banking Litigation
- General Liability Defense & Complex Tort Litigation

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law
- B.A., English and Music, Rutgers University

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania

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- New Jersey

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