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# About the Insurance Practice Area Group

NAMWOLF's Insurance Practice Area Committee's ("I-PAC") mission is to introduce insurance clients to a national network of preeminent women and minority owned law firms comprised of highly skilled attorneys who are interested in their clients' issues, with the goal of fostering synergistic relationships. Member firms have significant expertise representing insurance companies relating to insurance products and personal and commercial insurance lines of business. Member firms also have experience with insurer recovery actions, and matters involving life, health, annuities and disability products and ERISA plans. Many Member attorneys came from the largest and most well-known firms and in-house legal departments in the country, and have significant experience representing Fortune 500 corporations. Through the I-PAC, NAMWOLF law firms and insurers will partner to identify potential problems, develop cost-effective solutions and explore the potential for an early resolution. If a settlement is not achievable, the Member firms have the depth of experience to try cases and handle appeals.

This booklet contains profiles of NAMWOLF firms that have significant experience working with insurance companies on a variety of matters. The firms are divided alphabetically, by practice area and by state.

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# About NAMWOLF

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Perez Morris	Connecticut   New Jersey   New York Ohio   Pennsylvania	perez-morris.com		
Paul Garcia & Associates	Texas	pgtxlaw.com		
Roig Lawyers	Florida	roiglawyers.com		
Royal, P.C.	Massachusetts	theroyallawfirm.com		
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Sutton Booker PC	Colorado	suttonbooker.com		
Torres Law	Florida	torres.law		
Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP	New Jersey   New York   Pennsylvania	walsh.law		
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Our practice is litigation, frequently trying cases to verdict. We have tried cases in Illinois (Adams, Bond, Clinton, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Sangamon, Shelby, St. Clair, Tazewell, Wayne, and Williamson counties); Missouri (Boone, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cole, Greene, Phelps, Jackson, Jefferson, Marion, Monroe, St. Louis, St. Louis City, and Taney counties); and the United States District Courts for the Southern District of Illinois and Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. Yet, we also recognize the value of resolving cases before trial and assess cases early to resolve cases at the earliest stage possible.

#### **Recognized Leaders.**

Our aggressive practice and reputation has attracted some of the largest companies in the United States as clients, including Allstate Insurance Company; American Family Insurance Group; Auto-Owners Insurance; Bed Bath & Beyond; Best Buy, LLP; Bituminous Casualty; Delaware North; Federated Insurance Co.; Founders Insurance Co.; Gallagher Bassett; Garda, Inc.; Harleysville Insurance Group; Hobby Lobby: KinderCare; Leggett & Platt; Michaels Stores, Inc.; Petco; Risk Management Services; Ruby Tuesday; Sedgwick James; Sports Authority; Supervalu; Texas Roadhouse; Wells Fargo; and West Bend Mutual. Our peers also respect and recognize our expertise in our practice. The firm is AV rated and included in the Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers in Insurance Defense, Premises Liability and Transportation Law. We are also active members in CLM, DRI, LCA (Litigation Counsel of America), NRRDA, and TLA

#### **Cost-Effective, Client-Centered Focus.**

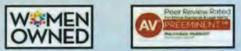
Boggs, Avellino, Lach & Boggs, L.L.C was formed in 1999 and was a woman-owned law firm from its inception. We are committed to exceeding our clients' expectations through quality legal representation, outstanding client service, and value-added, cost-effective legal services. We are also dedicated to maintaining long-term relationships with our clients. Our firm uses a team approach, with a commitment to communication, to ensure that our clients benefit fully from our collaboration.

#### Hands-On, Local Touch.

We offer over 25 attorneys with extensive connections in both Missouri and Illinois. Our partners actively manage our cases. Our attorneys are members of many professional groups, including BAMSL, Lawyers' Association of St. Louis, MODL, and the St. Louis County Bar Association, and even serve on the board of preeminent organizations, such as the Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis. We also routinely serve as faculty members for CLE programs on a local and national basis. One of our firm's strengths is its commitment to the community. In 2005, the firm's managing partner founded Step It Up, a charity committed to providing free shoes and socks to underprivileged children in the local community.

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#### INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Bush Seyferth PLLC (BSP) is a certified women-owned litigation specialty firm with substantial experience in insurance coverage matters. Leading insurers and self-insured companies turn to BSP for advice and representation in a wide variety of coverage disputes, including claims under life, health, disability, long-term care, ERISA, commercial general liability, no-fault auto insurance, and property and casualty policies, among others.

BSP has a track record of winning for our clients on summary judgment motions, at trial, and on appeal. In cases where summary judgment may be precluded by questions of fact or law, or where the circumstances dictate, BSP effectively negotiates settlements that are favorable for our clients.

#### OTHER INSURANCE-RELATED LITIGATION:

In addition to defending insurers in coverage cases, BSP's attorneys regularly litigate cases involving noncompete and non-solicitation agreements, misappropriation of trade secrets and customer information, agent misconduct and negligence, and claims for commissions. Our attorneys have also successfully represented insurers in cases alleging illegal redlining and wrongful termination of an agent.

#### **INSURANCE EXPERIENCE:**

- First-Party Coverage
- Life, Health, Disability, and ERISA
- Accidental-Death Policies
- Annuity Contracts
- No-Fault Auto Insurance / PIP
- Appeals

#### **REPRESENTATIVE INSURANCE CLIENTS:**

- Tort Claims Defense
- GAP Insurance
- Credit Life Insurance
- Premises Liability
- Interpleader Litigation
- Commercial General Liability

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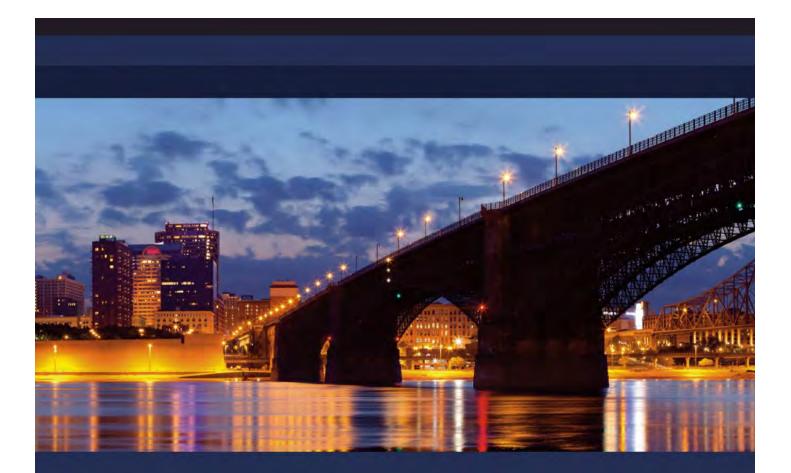
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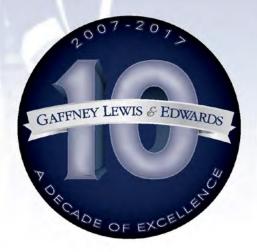
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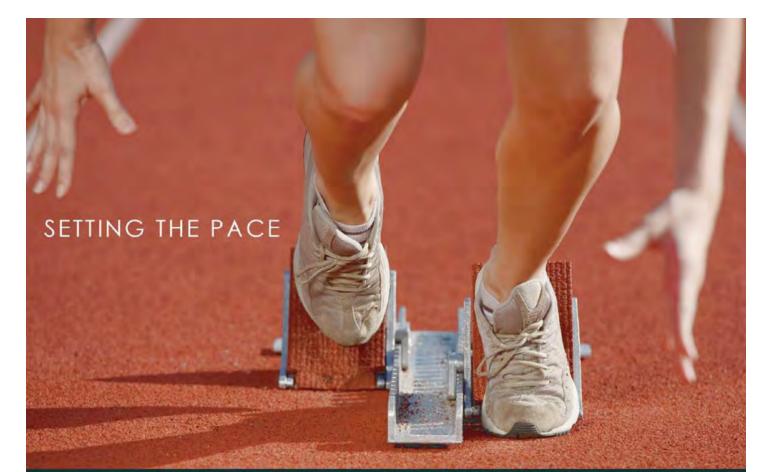
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Prior to forming SMGQ in 2007, Ms. Quesada was a partner in the Miami office of the national firm Adorno & Yoss LLP, and a senior associate in the Miami office of Hunton & Williams LLP (n/k/a Hunton Andrews Kurth), one of the largest U.S. based international law firms. Ms. Quesada commenced her legal career in private practice at Steel, Hector & Davis LLP (n/k/a Squire Patton Boggs) after completing a federal clerkship as an Honors Attorney through the Attorney General Honors Program for the U.S. Department of Justice, where she was selected from over 2,500 applicants for one of eight positions.

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Ms. Quesada served as one of 12 commissioners appointed to the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession by the president of the ABA, and was the first Hispanic appointed to the Commission from Florida. Ms. Quesada was named by Minority Corporate Counsel Association as a "Mover and Shaker" in its Diversity & the Bar magazine, and featured in Diversity Inc. magazine, Attorney at Law magazine and Law 360's "Minority Powerbroker" Q&A Spotlight. Ms. Quesada was highlighted as a Hispanic leader by Miami Today and South Florida CEO magazine, and named a Top Lawyer in Litigation in the South Florida Legal Guide. Ms. Quesada serves on panels and guest lectures on commercial litigation and insurance matters, diversity and work/life balance issues throughout the country, including the ABA's Women in Law Leadership Academy, the National Association of Minority and Women-Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) events, Latina Style magazine's Business Conference Series, Emory Law School's Trial Techniques Program, and University of Miami Law School's Clinical Trial Program. Ms. Quesada is a Fellow of the Litigation Council of America (LCA) and was awarded the LCA's Peter Perlman Service Award recognizing her community service related to the creation of the non-profit organization Friends for Fosters, Inc., which supports and benefits the disenfranchised children of South Florida who end up in foster care. Ms. Quesada is the former Co-Chair of NAMWOLF's Insurance Practice Area Committee.



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