

# Craig R. Blackman

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Craig Blackman is a nationally recognized authority on the National Flood Insurance Program, and focuses his practice on a variety of insurance industry issues, including commercial and personal lines; environmental; cyber; directors & officers and errors & omissions (with a focus on the Mutual Funds realm); general liability; land title; fidelity and surety; and professional, employment and products liability. He has counseled clients on primary, umbrella, excess policies and reinsurance, as well as captive, self-insured and surplus lines programs; and proof of claim/coverage analyses in receivership. He also is a member of the firm's nonprofit & religious organizations practice group, representing nonprofit companies and related individuals regarding insurance needs of such entities and their boards, as well as the firm's Cyber/Privacy practice group.

Craig is a frequent lecturer and author on various issues affecting the insurance industry including but not limited to, pandemics and large-scale property catastrophes, cyber insurance, business interruption coverage and the National Flood Insurance Program.

## RESULTS

- retained by national flood insurance Write-Your-Own carriers to handle hundreds of flood insurance coverage matters under the National Flood Insurance Program nationally and regionally
- Howell, et al. v. State Farm Insurance Companies, et al*, U.S.D.C. (Baltimore, MD), Docket No. 1:04-cv-01494-BEL (putative class-action suit asserting claims under National Flood Insurance Program)
- The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, et al. v. Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America*, as successor to Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, et al., 60th Judicial District Court, Jefferson County, Texas, No. B161,903, (multisite, multistate, noise-induced hearing loss exposure matter)
- retained by major insurance company to defend large-scale coverage dispute arising out of century-plus railroad operations at an environmentally contaminated regional rail facility
- retained by major insurance company to defend coverage claims arising out of thousands of asbestos bodily injury claims related to mining and/or shipping operations

## FOCUS

Insurance Coverage Advisory & Litigation  
Complex Commercial & Class Action Litigation  
Mutual Fund Independent Trustee Counsel  
Nonprofit & Religious Organizations Litigation  
Cyber Insurance  
Appellate

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

## COURTS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Supreme Court

## EDUCATION

J.D., Temple University Beasley School of Law  
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Temple University

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association  
Former member, Board of Trustees, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia  
Former member of Executive Committee and past president, Hillel of Greater Philadelphia  
Stradley Ronon Diversity Committee  
Former member of Executive Committee and past Vice President, Tribe 12  
AIPAC, Washington Club member

## LANGUAGE

French  
Hebrew



## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Conference Organizing Co-Chair and Moderator, “Litigation Trends,” National Flood Conference
- Presenter, “Cyber Risk and Cyber Insurance. Is Your Company Protected?,” Stradley Ronon and Kreischer Miller Webcast
- Presenter, “An Introduction to Risk & Insurance,” Stradley Ronon and Conner Strong & Buckelew Webcast
- Conference Organizing Co-Chair and Moderator, “National Flood Insurance Program Legal Issues,” National Flood Conference
- Moderator, “Tip of the Iceberg: Proactive Risk Mitigation in the Age of Climate Change,” Business Insurance America’s Emerging Risks and Innovation Summit
- Conference Organizing Co-Chair and Moderator, “National Flood Insurance Program Claims: Where We Are and Where We Are Going,” National Flood Insurance Conference
- Presenter, “Cyber Threats & Basic Security: Planning for Protection & Insurance Issues,” 2018 Convocation Event
- Presenter, “Directors and Officers Insurance, Independent Liability and Cyber Insurance: What Every Mutual Fund Director Ought to Know,” Mutual Fund Directors Forum Webinar
- Presenter, “The Role of Insurance in the Fine Arts and Museum World,” The University of the Arts’ Graduate School Program in Museum Services
- Panelist, “Cyber Threats and Basic Security: Planning for Protection and Insurance Issues,” The Resource Center for Religious Institutes’ 2017 National Conference
- Presenter, “Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI): Practical Approaches to Litigation and Coverage Issues,” 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual PBI Employment Law Institute
- Conference Organizing Co-Chair and Moderator, “Current Claims Practices,” National Flood Insurance Conference
- Moderator, “What to Expect: Timeline of Flood Legislation and Its Impact on You,” Flood Risk Conference
- Moderator, “Forecasting the Future of Flood Insurance: Panel Predictions,” Flood Risk Conference
- Presenter, “How to Protect Your Nonprofit from Cyber Attacks,” Cyber Risk and Nonprofits Seminar
- Conference Planning Committee Member and Panelist, “National Flood Insurance Program Legal Issues,” Property Casualty Insurers Association of America’s National Flood Conference
- Speaker, “The Role of Insurance in the Fine Arts and Museum World,” Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts’ (CCAHA) Collections Management Workshop

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- Panelist, "Current State of the National Flood Insurance Program," Saint Joseph's University Academy of Risk Management & Insurance's Government and Insurance Symposium
- Presenter, "Catastrophic Losses – What Is Covered?," National Business Institute's Insurance Law Update: Understanding Current Coverage Trends Seminar
- Speaker, "Pandemic Preparedness: An Executive Forum on Protecting Your Business," Executive Forum
- Presenter, "Business Interruption and Insurance: In The Face of Man-Made or Natural Disasters, Are You Asking The Right Questions to Ensure Your Business Continuity?," Association of Continuity Planners Meeting
- Speaker, "When Disaster Strikes ... Is Your Business Prepared?," Executive Forum
- Guest Lecturer, "Insurance Issues Related to Museum and Gallery Administration," University of the Arts Graduate School - Museum Studies Department
- Speaker, "Hot Topics in Pennsylvania Insurance Coverage Issues," National Business Institute's Insurance Coverage Law in Pennsylvania Seminar
- Presenter, "Surety - Recent Large Losses and Their Impact on the Surety Market," Excess/Surplus Lines Claims Association Annual Conference
- Speaker, "Privacy in the 21st Century," Security Title Guarantee Corporation Spring Conference and Seminar
- Presenter, "Privacy Issues for Small Businesses in the 21st Century," Association of Corporate Counsel of America
- Presenter, "Bankruptcy and Title Insurance," Conestoga College
- Speaker, "Fair Housing Act and Title Insurance," Conestoga College

## RECOGNITIONS

- *Suburban Life Magazine*, "Top Attorney"
- *Suburban Life Magazine*, "Five-star Attorney"
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV Preeminent rating
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
- The Best Lawyers In America

## IN THE COMMUNITY

Craig is an active member of the legal community, as well as the community outside of law. He is a founding member and past Vice President of Tribe 12, a non-profit agency which connects the 20s/30s generation to Jewish life and community in the Philadelphia region. He has been a delegate to the World Jewish Congress and served on the board of directors of the Zionist Organization of America (for which he was president of the mid-Atlantic region).

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He previously served as President of the Hillel Foundation of Greater Philadelphia and sat on its Executive Committee for over 25 years. Craig was also a board member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the International Hillel Foundation. Craig also has sat on the Federation of Jewish Agencies (Philadelphia Region) Board of Trustees, where he was a founding member of JPride, the Jewish Federation's LGBTQ affinity group. Craig also is a former member of the American Board of Directors of Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem and served on the Gala Auction Committee for the Metropolitan AIDS Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance. Craig is a current Washington Club member of AIPAC.

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