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Michael Furman, born in Brooklyn, NY, is a partner specializing in the defense of lawyers, insurance brokers and other professionals in complex professional liability litigation in Federal and State courts. Mr. Furman has extensive trial and appellate experience, having tried numerous jury trials in both Federal and State Courts throughout his career, and argued numerous appeals involving professional liability and insurance coverage matters. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Furman served as an assistant district attorney in the Trial Division of the New York County District Attorney's Office under Hon. Robert M. Morgenthau from 1989 to 1994.

Mr. Furman is a member of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society and the Torts and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) of the American Bar Association.

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Mr. Furman is the current Chair of the Lawyers Professional Liability and Ethics Committee (Trial Lawyers Section) of the New York State Bar Association, and a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL).

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Mr. Furman also drafts insurance policies and represents insurers in coverage disputes involving financial institutions, professional liability, marine and non-marine risks. From 1997 to 1999, he worked in London for a major Lloyd's syndicate, served on various London market committees, and was co-chair of the Int'l/London Sub-committee of the Insurance Coverage Committee of the ABA Section of Litigation.

Mr. Furman has been involved in high exposure matters throughout his career, and represents the Lloyd's insurance market in the World Trade Center/September 11, 2001 liability insurance coverage litigation in the Southern District of New York.

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