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Angela R. Elbert

Partner & Chair | Insurance Policyholder

OVERVIEW

Angela is chair of the firm's Insurance Policyholder practice group, a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and Immediate Past President of the American College of Coverage Counsel. She counsels corporate policyholders on complex risk management and insurance issues and develops custom strategies to maximize recovery when claims arise. With over 25 years of experience, Angela has been instrumental in recovering hundreds of millions of dollars of insurance for her clients through negotiation, mediation and, where necessary, litigation. Her nationwide risk management practice spans a broad range of capabilities, including negotiating insurance with the best terms available, providing strategic assistance on the insurance aspects of complex corporate transactions, resolving financial insolvency concerns and evaluating, preparing and enforcing indemnification agreements.

With considerable experience managing insurance coverage and commercial litigation disputes before state and federal courts and arbitration panels, Angela focuses her national litigation practice primarily on prosecuting policyholder claims for a wide array of insurance lines. Angela is a frequent speaker on insurance topics and is a former chair of the Insurance Committee of the ABA's Section of Litigation.

Her clients hold numerous, complex insurance policies, and typically need guidance to orchestrate the coverage those policies provide. After thoroughly reviewing clients' insurance portfolios, Angela assists clients in establishing necessary coverage levels and eliminating gaps that could leave their businesses exposed.



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EDUCATION

Indiana University School of Law (J.D., 1996) *cum laude*

Hanover College (B.A., 1993) *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Illinois



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Angela's enthusiasm for her work helps her build valuable, enduring relationships with clients, peers, and industry leaders, enabling her to solve challenges and close complicated deals. Ranked in various industry sources, her clients say, "She is always on top of the detail, business-focused, and her experience in insurance law is terrific." – *Chambers USA* 2017. Clients also say, "Angela is great to work with. She's extremely knowledgeable about insurance matters and is great at making deals" and "she is superb." – *Chambers USA* 2024.

EXPERIENCE

Representative Matters:

- Represents international quick service food retailer in lawsuit seeking coverage for claims by restaurant workers alleging retailer and its franchisees did not take adequate precautions to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at restaurants; court ruled franchisees' insurer had duty to defend retailer and franchisees in case that presented a matter of first impression in the jurisdiction.
- Represents international luxury hotel management company regarding coverage for business interruption losses caused by global pandemic, the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus on hotel properties, and associated government orders.
- Represents and counsels clients in a wide variety of industries regarding coverage for lawsuits filed under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act by employees and others.
- Represent talc mining company in obtaining coverage for underlying product liability claims under general liability policies including in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy
- Counsel to large retailer in seeking coverage under general liability policy for Song-Beverly Act zip capture class actions pending in California
- Represented privately-held window manufacturer as national coverage counsel in "bet the company" construction defect litigation which culminated in a global settlement of 60 underlying lawsuits and coverage issues with an assignment of rights for plaintiffs to pursue non-settling insurers
- Represented ticket broker in obtaining bad faith penalty and damages and insurance recovery for underlying defamation and contractual dispute
- Counsel to publicly held Fortune 500 company on negotiating successful complex coverage in place-type agreement on long-tail toxic tort claim
- Represented not-for-profit association in multimillion-dollar fraud action, including coverage claims for defamation counterclaims brought against association and its officers and directors
- Counsel to financial services company with captive insurer in Bermuda coverage arbitration against reinsurer involving underlying fraud lawsuit, which resulted in a multimillion-dollar award



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- Represented large pension management fund in coverage action relating to underlying lawsuits with its former officers and directors and additional alleged ERISA violations
- Defended former directors and officers of defunct physicians management corporation in coverage action involving underlying financial fraud claim
- Attorney for asbestos manufacturer in \$1 billion asbestos products and premises liability coverage action
- Counsel for large privately held company in \$400 million coverage action under crime and other policies relating to employee thefts
- Represented large technology company in coverage action relating to underlying trade secret claim and advertising injury
- Counsel for energy company in multimillion-dollar coverage action relating to underlying wrongful death claims from gas explosion
- Represented publicly held Fortune 100 company in multimillion-dollar coverage action relating to underlying environmental clean-up

RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, recommended in "Insurance: Coverage Litigation," 2008-2011, and in "Insurance: Dispute Resolution," since 2012
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, recommended in "Insurance Law" since 2011 and in "Litigation – Insurance" since 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, "Lawyer of the Year: Insurance Law," 2022, 2025
- *Thomson Reuters*, "Stand-Out Lawyer," 2023
- *Crain's Chicago Business*, "Notable Gen X Leaders in Law," 2021
- *Women, Influence & Power in Law*, "Women's Legal Award," 2020
- American College of Coverage Counsel, Thomas F. Segalla Service Award, 2020
- *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's* and *Chicago Lawyer*, Inaugural Salute! Women in Law Awards, 2020
- ABA's Women in Litigation Conference, Named among the "100 Women Who Inspire Us," 2019
- BTI Consulting Group, Client Service All-Star, 2018



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- *Crain's Chicago Business*, "Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers," 2018
- *Chicago Business Journal*, "Woman of Influence," 2015
- *Points of Light*, "Daily Point of Light Award," 2014
- *Business Insurance*, "Women to Watch," 2013
- *Diversity MBA Magazine*, Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive Leaders, 2013
- Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law, Inspiration Award, 2012
- *Today's Chicago Woman*, 100 Women Making a Difference, 2011
- Chicago Bar Association, Alta May Hulett Award, 2010
- *Law Bulletin Publishing Company*, "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch," 2010
- *Illinois Super Lawyers* (2012-present): featured as the cover story (2014); listed and included on "Best of the Best" Illinois Top 10 Super Lawyers (2013); Top 50 Women Illinois Super Lawyers (2013-2018); Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers (2013-2016); and listed as "Rising Star" (2011, 2009)
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review AV Peer Review Rated
- The International Who's Who of Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers 2013 & Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2014

NEWS & INSIGHTS

June 5, 2025 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures Rankings for Eight Practice Groups and 22 Attorneys in *Chambers USA 2025*

May 8, 2025 Firm News

Angela Elbert Appointed Immediate Past President of the American College of Coverage Counsel

March 7, 2025 Event

NGE Attends the 2025 ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar

January 30, 2025 Publication

Top Twelve Trends to Monitor in the Hospitality Industry in 2025

January 24, 2025 Firm News

Twenty-Two Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Recognized on 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers List

August 15, 2024 Firm News

60 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2025 *Best Lawyers In America*



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June 6, 2024 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures Nine Ranked Practice Groups and 23 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2024

May 9, 2024 Firm News

Angela Elbert Appointed President of the American College of Coverage Counsel

March 20, 2024 Event

Angela Elbert Joins ABA Discussion on D&O Insurance

March 15, 2024 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Law360* Article, "Towers Watson Ruling Energizes Bump Up Supporters, Critics"

January 29, 2024 Firm News

Thirty-One Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Recognized on 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers List

August 17, 2023 Firm News

55 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2024 *Best Lawyers In America*

July 10, 2023 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Law360* Article About Titan Submersible Insurance Coverage Issues

June 12, 2023 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Business Insurance* Article "Liberty Mutual must cover Illinois city in pollution suit"

June 1, 2023 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 10 Ranked Practice Groups and 25 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2023

May 16, 2023 Firm News

Angela Elbert Appointed President-Elect of the American College of Coverage Counsel

05.08.23 Event

Paul Walker-Bright and Angela Elbert Present at the American College of Coverage Counsel 11th Annual Meeting

05.01.23 Event

Angela Elbert Presents on Insuring Against a Cybersecurity Breach at the Private Investor Coalition's Annual Meeting

03.20.23 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Law360 Insurance Authority* Article "Failed Banks Should Be Covered For Class Actions, Attys Say"

December 13, 2022 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in ABA Section of Litigation Article on Business Development

December 7, 2022 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Law Bulletin Media* Article Providing Advice From Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law Leaders



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November 21, 2022 In The Media

Angela Elbert Profiled in *Law360 Pulse* Article on Turning Setbacks Into Success

October 24, 2022 Event

Angela Elbert Moderates ABA Discussion on BIPA

October 10, 2022 In The Media

Angela Elbert Mentioned in *Law360* Article on Potential Coverage Developments Following the First BIPA Jury Trial

August 18, 2022 Firm News

60 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2023 *Best Lawyers*

July 27, 2022 Event

Lifting as you Climb: Empowering for Success

June 20, 2022 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Law360* on the Year's Biggest General Liability Cases

June 1, 2022 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 11 Ranked Practice Groups and 25 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2022

May 31, 2022 In The Media

Andrew May and Angela Elbert Featured on ACC Chicago's Podcast "It's All Hearsay"

May 20, 2022 Firm News

Angela Elbert Appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the American College of Coverage Counsel

04.22.22 Publication

Six Rulings Reinforce BIPA Coverage for Illinois Policyholders

March 29, 2022 Publication

Client Alert: Recent Court Decisions Reinforce Coverage for BIPA Claims Under General Liability Policies

November 19, 2021 Firm News

Bobby Gerber, Angela Elbert and Bill Tarnow Named to *Crain's* 2021 Notable Gen X Leaders in Law

September 21, 2021 Publication

Is the Pendulum Swinging Back to Favor Policyholders for COVID-19 Business Interruption Losses?

August 18, 2021 Firm News

52 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2022 Best Lawyers

June 24, 2021 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Law360* on Proposed NY Bad Faith Bill

May 20, 2021 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 11 Ranked Practice Groups and 20 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2021



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March 17, 2021 Event

Tailoring Policy Terms and Warranties in a “Hard” Market

March 15, 2021 Video

Insurance and Indemnity Issues for Family Offices

March 11, 2021 Firm News

NGE Insurance Policyholder Group Shortlisted for *Chambers USA* Law Firm of the Year Award

February 8, 2021 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in Claims Journal on Civil Unrest Claims Lawsuit

November 4, 2020 Publication

Not So Fast – A Pennsylvania Court Opts to Wait Until the Facts Are in Before Issuing a Coverage Ruling in a COVID-19 Business Interruption Case

October 29, 2020 Firm News

Angela Elbert and Sonya Rosenberg Selected for the Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards 2020

October 22, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: North Carolina Restaurant Wins First Summary Judgment Decision on Business Interruption Coverage for COVID-19 Losses

October 5, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Policyholder Wins in Missouri and Florida Represent a Major Boon for Insureds Seeking COVID-19 Business Interruption Coverage

September 18, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Win for Policyholders in New Jersey on COVID-19 Business Interruption Losses: “Physical Loss” May Include Loss of Functionality

September 15, 2020 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in ABA Article on Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA)

August 19, 2020 Firm News

46 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2021 Best Lawyers

August 13, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Encouraging News for Policyholders Seeking Coverage for COVID-19 Business Interruption Losses

August 6, 2020 Publication

Getting Insurance Coverage for COVID-19 Business Interruption Claims: New Helpful Evidence and a Cautionary Tale

July 28, 2020 Event

Recessions & Venture Capital: How Founders, VCs, and LPs Manage Risk (and Conflicts) in a Downturn

July 6, 2020 Publication

Illinois Insurance Considerations for Losses Caused by Riots



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June 11, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Illinois Tells Insurers to “Err on the Side of the Policyholder” When Evaluating Insurance Claims Related to Vandalism, Riots and Civil Commotion

June 3, 2020 Firm News

Angela Elbert Selected for the American College of Coverage Counsel’s Thomas F. Segalla Service Award

May 8, 2020 Firm News

Olivia Luk Bedi and Angela Elbert Selected for Salute! Women in Law Awards

April 23, 2020 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 10 Ranked Practice Groups and 16 Ranked Attorneys in Chambers USA 2020

April 14, 2020 In The Media

Angela Elbert Quoted in *Business Insurance* Article on COVID-19 Business Interruption Claims

April 9, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Revisionist Insurance History for Virus-Related Damage and Losses: Don’t Believe the Insurance Industry’s Assertion That the Coronavirus Can’t Cause Physical Loss of or Damage to Property

April 3, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Maximizing D&O Insurance for Coronavirus Shareholder Claims

March 25, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Issues: An Update

March 16, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Your Insurance Checklist for COVID-19 Impacts and Losses

February 3, 2020 Firm News

Illinois Super Lawyers 2020 Recognizes 39 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys

November 26, 2019 Firm News

Three Neal Gerber Eisenberg Women Litigators Selected for ABA 100 Women Who Inspire Us

August 15, 2019 Firm News

45 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2020 Best Lawyers

April 25, 2019 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 11 Ranked Practice Groups and 20 Recognized Attorneys in the Chambers USA 2019 Edition

December 26, 2018 In The Media

Angela Elbert Interviewed by *Crain’s* on Social Engineering Fraud

November 29, 2018 Publication

A Cautionary Tale: Insurance for Social Engineering Fraud

November 14, 2018 Event

Risk Management Issues for Family Offices



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November 14, 2018 Event

Ways to Best Tailor an Insurance Policy and Warranty Statement to Fit Your Client's Needs

September 19, 2018 Event

Not a D&O claim Yet? Where's My Coverage

September 19, 2018 Event

Community Involvement, Board Service and Taking Control of Your Career

September 19, 2018 Event

Hot Topics in Insurance

September 19, 2018 Event

Damages in the Age of Regulation: The Murky Void Between Compensation and Punishment

September 19, 2018 Event

Top Tips for Top Risks: Insurance, Products and People

September 19, 2018 Event

Hot Topics in Insurance

September 19, 2018 Event

Who Knew Insurance Could Be Interesting?

September 19, 2018 Event

Basics of Cyber & Privacy Issues & Insurance

September 19, 2018 Event

Shifting the Risk: Developments in Cyber Liability Insurance

September 19, 2018 Event

Raising Your Profile Through Non-Profit Board Service

September 19, 2018 Event

NGEnights: A Discussion of Trends and Legal Issues Affecting Private Companies

September 19, 2018 Event

Set Up, Design, and Tactics in Value-Driven Negotiation

August 15, 2018 Firm News

45 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2019 Best Lawyers

July 30, 2018 Firm News

Angela Elbert Recognized as One of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers 2018

July 9, 2018 Firm News

Angela R. Elbert Named Co-Chair of the American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee

July 9, 2018 Firm News

46 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2016 Best Lawyers



July 9, 2018 Firm News

Firm Represents Fonterra Co-operative Group in Sale of Interest in DairiConcepts

July 9, 2018 Firm News

41 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Listed in 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers

July 9, 2018 Firm News

Chambers USA Ranks 11 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Practice Groups and 20 Attorneys in the 2016 Edition

July 9, 2018 Firm News

45 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2017 Best Lawyers

July 6, 2018 Firm News

Chambers USA Ranks 11 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Practice Groups and 21 Attorneys in the 2017 Edition

July 6, 2018 Firm News

44 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2018 Best Lawyers

June 27, 2018 Event

Minimizing Fiduciary Risk: Best Practices and Insurance Coverage

June 26, 2018 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 11 Ranked Practice Groups and 26 Recognized Attorneys in the Chambers USA 2018 Edition

May 1, 2018 Firm News

Angela R. Elbert Recognized as 2018 BTI Client Service All-Star

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Coverage Counsel
 - Immediate Past President, Board of Regents (2025-2026)
 - President, Board of Regents (2024-2025)
 - President-Elect, Board of Regents (2023-2024)
 - Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Regents (2022-2023)
 - Policyholder At-Large Executive Committee Member, Board of Regents (2020-2022)
 - Member, Board of Regents (2020-present)
 - Fellow (2014-present)
 - Chair, Annual Meeting (2019-2020); Vice-chair (2018-2019)
 - Co-chair, Emerging Risks Committee (2020-2022) and Communications Committee (2018-2019)



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- American Bar Association, Section of Litigation
 - Division Director, Division IV (2021-2023)
 - Regional Co-chair, Illinois Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (2018-2021)
 - Chair, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee ("ICLC") (2015-2018); Vice-chair (2012-2015)
 - Co-chair, Insurance, Women in Litigation Joint CLE Conference (2019)
 - Co-chair, ICLC Women Insurance Network CLE Conference (2012)
 - Managing editor of *Coverage*, a nationally distinguished ABA publication for ICLC (2003-2010)
 - Co-chair, ICLC's CLE Annual Seminar (2008), vice-chair (2007)
- NGE
 - Member, Executive Committee (2021-present)
 - Co-chair of Women's Network's Leadership Team, a committee devoted to the promotion of business and professional development of women professionals. (2006-2011), Member (2018-present)
 - Member, Income Partner Review Committee (2015-2017)
- Chicago Bar Association
 - Chair, Insurance Committee (2009-2010), Vice-chair (2008-2009), and Secretary (2007-2008)
 - Chair, Civil Practice Committee, Division III (1999-2000), Vice-chair (1998-1999) and Secretary (1997-1998)
- Step Up
 - Chair of National Board of Directors (2014-2015); Member (2012-2018)
 - Chair of Chicago Board of Directors (2012-2013); Member (2010-2013)
- Art Institute of Chicago Auxiliary Board
 - Board Member (2010-2017); Emeritus Board Member (2017-2020)
 - Co-chair, Development Committee (2012-2014)
 - Art Institute of Chicago Volunteer (2003-2009)
- Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law



- Board member (2009-2012)
- Treasurer (2010-2011)
- Co-chair of Community Outreach Committee (2008-2010)